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## Half-Arabian DNA Testing Required for Halter Futurity & Performance Futurities and Maturities at 2015 National Shows

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**(20-March-15 – AURORA, CO)** – The Arabian Horse Association's (AHA) Board of Directors (BOD), at their March 2015 Board Meeting, passed a motion that requires mandatory DNA testing for all horses competing in the Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Halter Futurity classes at Canadian and U.S. Nationals; as well as all horses competing in the Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Performance Futurity and Maturity classes at U.S. Nationals, in 2015.

Half-Arabian horses entered in the aforementioned classes must have the purebred Arabian parent on permanent record with the AHA Registry and there must be proof that the horse qualifies as an offspring of the stated purebred sire or purebred dam through DNA type testing in order to compete.

The required DNA testing will be at the owner(s)'s expense and must be on file with the AHA office before the horse will be eligible to compete in Halter Futurity or Performance Futurity and Maturity classes. If the DNA is not on file at the time of the class, the horse is ineligible to be shown and all nomination fees will be forfeited. Find more information on DNA testing fees [here](#).

AHA also reserves the right to do random DNA testing at any AHA National Show by collecting hair samples (or blood samples if necessary) from all purebred, Half-Arabian, and Anglo-Arabian horses. All samples will be collected under the overall supervision of the Registry Services Department.

Please note that the required DNA testing will also include the Arabian English Performance Association's (AEPA) Halcon Furniture \$50,000 Half-Arabian Futurity class at the 2015 U.S. Nationals and the Arabian Western Pleasure Association (AWPA) Half-Arabian Futurity class at the 2016 U.S. Nationals. Further information can be found in the 2015 National Show Omnibus.

For more information or to obtain your DNA Kit, please contact Registry Services by calling 303-696-4500, #2.

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