

A Tale of Two Woes and a Happy Ending

In 2012, I took my two Egyptian Arabians, Naseem and Noufous, to a local trainer to be broken for riding. They were 4 years old at the time. After 1 year, I moved the two to another trainer because they had not advanced enough to feel comfortable selling them. As a breeder, I value my reputation and would never sell a "trained" horse unless I felt they were truly trained. The second trainer told me Noufous was green broke and rideable, but Naseem was not rideable, although I had seen her ride him. She explained he did not consistently perform under saddle the same each time. I brought them home and really thought I might never be able to sell them.

Then my sister reminded me about the trainer, Shayan Richet, she had met and gave me his card. I contacted him and talked to him about my horses. He told me he could take them and do a 90 day evaluation to let me know if they were "salvageable". Although I really didn't want to sink more money into more training for them, I did want to see if there was any hope at all for them. Due to the continued cost, I concentrated on Naseem and in 2015 he went to work with Shayan.

Needless to say Shayan had to restart him a third time. Shayan and Desiree, his wonderful wife, really gave it their all. Naseem was loaded with baggage from the first two trainers, but Shayan and Desiree were so incredibly patient with him that after 90 days I could see a huge change in him. And, things only improved from there. Naseem developed a deep trust for Shayan and Desiree. Even when he was doubtful, he would do anything (eventually!) they asked. Today he is so fully trained I'm able to sell him for top dollar with full confidence he and his new owner will have a wonderful life riding trails and doing endurance runs. The things he's learned amaze me. He has many dressage moves down, will stand untied while being washed, comes to a whistle when in a herd and will stand patiently with his human without fidgeting. His transformation was so complete and awe-inspiring I decided to have Shayan evaluate Noufous.

Noufous went to work with Shayan and Desiree in 2016 and we quickly learned he really knew nothing about being ridden. Yes we could put a saddle on him, and yes he could be ridden...sort of...but he didn't know how to really do anything else. Little things like walk, trot, canter, and stop! All the basics he should have known after being with two trainers. Desiree again was phenomenal as a rider and able to get him learning what he needed to know. He, also, became such a great riding horse that he is being leased and his new "owner" is excited, as she met him before he was retrained and actually worked through that process along side of, and eventually, on him.

I could not be more thankful to Shayan and Desiree for what they've done for these two incredibly sweet horses, who never have had a grudge against anyone, but were poorly treated by humans who really didn't know what they were doing with horses, much less Arabians. It makes me really appreciate the training and patience Shayan and Desiree have.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, SHAYAN and DESIREE!

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