

2020 Best "Behind the Barn Doors" Submission Contest

#1: Koweta Khalypso

AM Gamboling Fawn x Khemosana (by Khemosabi++++//)

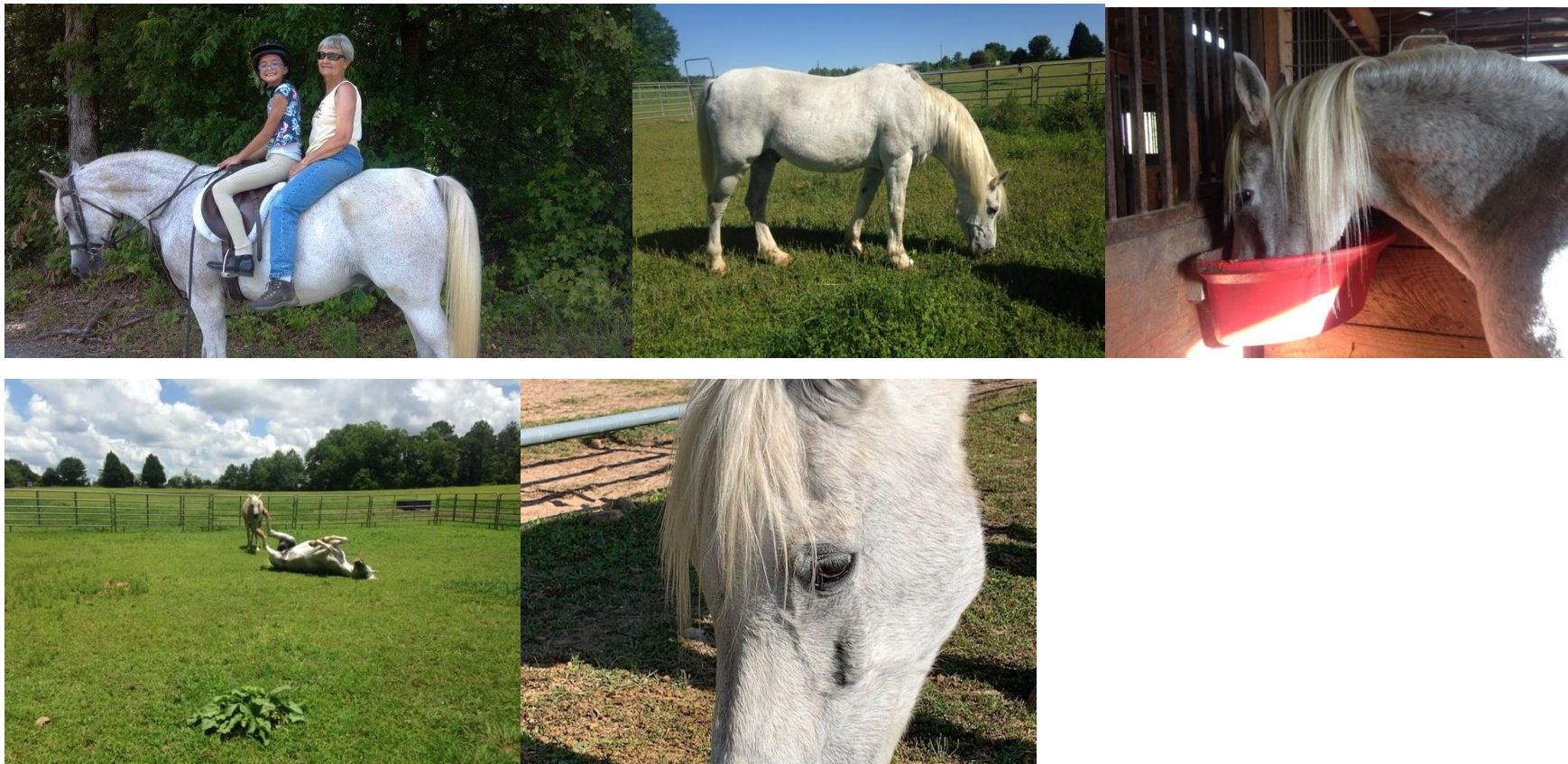
32-year-old Arabian gelding owned by GAHA Member & Volunteer Susan White

🐾 Hunter Pleasure & pleasure trail horse deluxe

👄 Khalypso likes to lick people.

❤️ Khalypso was born an old soul. He is sweet, kind, willing, strong and will never let you down. He has always been sound and has lovely gaits.

📖 "So many memories. Like when he almost did not get born. He came out feet first and no head in sight. Thanks to a wonderful Vet who got him delivered. Once I loaned him to a young girl for the Youth Jamboree. At the start of the weekend she could not canter him. At the end of the weekend they won a big Hunter Pleasure class! I loaned him to another friend so she could learn to show. He took her to a Class A Reserve Championship! Khalypso converted my husband from a QH man to an Arabian lover. He carried him on many miles of trails sometimes carrying the firewood too. Khalypso also taught a few kids to ride. He always knew how to gear himself to the level of the rider. We retired him at 29 and he is still boss of the pasture and doing just as he pleases. He has earned it!"



#2: Beyond The Seaz+ / a.k.a. "Captain"

"This amazing gelding is loved by a huge extended family, and is the heart horse of Keelin Milus. This multi-National Champion in working hunter, hunter hack, sport horse, and dressage is the gentle sweet soul who lifted my daughter from fear and anxiety riding, showed her love and taught her confidence as a rider, and now challenges her to do better everyday. Captain is her best friend, and is the farm favorite at Emerald Lion Farm! He loves the little kids, is obsessed with carrots and treats and never backs away from a fresh new pile of shavings to nap in! Captain is a true blessing to many of us!!!" - Submitted by GAHA Member Jeanne Spencer Milus



#3: SS Charleston "Charlie"

Caleb x She Can Dance PP

2004 Half Arabian gelding owned by GAHA Member Alexandra Neumann

🐾 Dressage. We started out together doing dressage and have dabbled a little bit in hunter/jumper and combined training, but dressage has always been our passion.

🍒 Charlies very picky when it comes to treats! Besides the usual apples, carrots and sugar cubes, he loves the German Horse Muffins, cherry and grape freeze pops and La Croix water! He loves to be scratched under the chin and loves his forehead and ears very gently rubbed. He'll put his head right in to my chest and rest when I rub under his forelock.

❤️ I bought Charlie has a green broke 5 yr-old from his breeder, in February 2010. I pulled him out of a field outside of Madison, WI, where he had been started under saddle several months before that. He was given a bit of time off to grow up a bit and so when I started working with him, it was a lot of fundamental work again. I leased him for six months before I decided to purchase him. I've had him for over 10 years now!

I've always felt that Charlie embodies the characteristics that we all love about the Arabian horse. He's very smart and opinionated, but with a kind and gentle soul. He'll try to do anything I ask, but he's always got something to say about it (now that he's almost 17, it's usually just a flick of the tail or ears to let me know how he feels!). He's a quick learner and while not always bold, I can trust to him to get us out of tight situations. He's gentle, kind and very affectionate. I often think he could have be one of the nomadic horses that would curl up in a tent with you in desert; guarding your back.

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🎨 With over 10 years of partnership with Charlie, it's hard to narrow down all my favorite stories and memories of him! He's taken me to countless shows - everything from schooling hunter shows to USDF Regional Championships. We've done clinics, trail rides, eventing derbies, CT events, hunter paces, GHJA Finals and been demo riders. He's my first horse - my heart horse - he's carried me through so many times. From moving from WI to GA, through my pregnancy (rode till 7 1/2 months), as well lots of laughter and heartaches through the years. He adores my 6 yr old son and follows him around like a large black puppy. They love spending time together. I'm truly very fortunate for all that Charlie has given me - and look forward to many more years together!




#4: WB Sirround Sound

By TF Sir Prize

10-year-old Arabian owned by GAHA Member Diane Huchet

 Hunter

 Apples and peppermints are definitely his favorites and if you scratch his withers, you are his friend for life.

I have owned Sirround Sound for two years, however, I have loved him much longer. At first, we just could not get together. When I was looking, he was not available, and when he was available, I was not in the position to buy him. Thankfully, two years ago the

stars aligned and we found each other. I knew it was meant to be.

🦄 Sirround Sound is always the barn favorite. He is an easy keeper and is very patient. He has a great work ethic and loves his job, which he is very good at.

🖍️ In March of this year, RBC had an Open House with an emphasis on attracting young people. We had stations set up so they could learn different aspect of caring for a horse. Sirround Sound was the anatomy station. This patient creature stood for two hours while children stuck stickers all over his body. I was never so proud of him as I was that day. Even though this year was not a complete showing year, we did have some successes. Reserve Champion at Scottsdale, Reserve and Champion at East Coast and recently an amazing time at U.S. Nationals. We made all of our cuts and had good rides in both finals.



#5: Cloud Singer a.k.a. "Cloud"

Abraxas Crown Prince x Amal Hiyati

2014 Arabian Gelding owned by GAHA Member Brandi Walker

🤔 Undecided, mostly flatwork right now. Hoping to go into dressage and hunter/jumper

👄 He'll eat anything at least once, and he loves rubs on his face and being scratched in his ears

❤️ Some magic was involved getting Cloud. My mom and I found out about a breeding barn called Paradise Arabians via a Georgia Traveler episode on tv. We signed up for their email list and a few months later they were holding a seminar about breeding Arabian horses. I went with my dad and my at the time step mom. I had never seen Arabians in real life but they had always been my favorite breed so I had the time of my life that day watching the horses be free lunged, stood up, and I handled a few myself. A month or so later Wanda Kenworthy emailed both my mom and my dad about a 2014 colt they were willing to gift us as long as we gelded him when he was ready. The day we picked him up was and always will be the best day of my life! It was June 27th, 2015. I've had him ever since and we've both grown a lot since then, thanks to my trainer Robin Brown Payton.

🦄 I think that since Cloud is my first horse and we are both green speaks for itself. He is very forgiving and kind, and isn't afraid to tell me when I'm in the wrong but does so with equal regards to my safety and wellbeing. He is playful and has a huge personality, and never fails to make my day, even on my worst days. He is versatile like every Arabian is, and so so smart, but isn't unkind when he outpaces me. I love his disposition; even from when he was 4 I could give pony rides off of him, and last year he had an infant ponied on him. He loves kids and people, and is incredibly perceptive of changes in mood. When I've been the most nervous to get on him and ride due to a fall I had a few years ago, has been when he's been the best behaved. He's put together well and he's a sturdy little guy at 14.2hh, which is fine by me since I'm 5'2 :)

📝 A few months after I got him he choked on his grain, so we called the vet out and got him flushed. It didn't take long for us to notice that he was sick however, and we called the vet again. He had gotten some of the grain in his lungs and it was causing an infection. He got a fever and dropped weight quickly, and if we wouldn't have put him on antibiotics he would've died. He made a full recovery, and is now a healthy boy! He goes bridleless, bitless, and bitted, bareback or saddle. I'm very proud to say he is very much so a hop on and go kind of horse!





#6: SO BLACK SCARLET

Abraxas Crown Prince x Amal Hiyati

2010 Arabian Mare owned by GAHA Member Jamie DeHart

💪 Scarlet's favorite thing to do is pal around in the pasture with the herd. Scarlet is a green bean who is gaining confidence on the trail. She has the athletic ability to go further one day.

💖 Scarlet is a home bred mare who was offered to me by my now husband in exchange for training three other mares. She was a long yearling when I met her.

🦄 Scarlet has a very classic Arabian look. Her perfect little head and expressive eyes invite people to give her a kind scratch or pat. No one ever notices her scar, which gave her the name Scarlet as a 4 day old foal. Scarlet and her dam were in the round pen for turn out and somehow Scarlet degloved her forehead. You can see a very faint scar left on her head and her forelock is spilt where it grew back wonky. I've noticed that she's getting grey hairs, I feel prematurely, in that area too. One thing that definitely distinguishes our horses is their good bone and unique, stocky conformation. They have a lot of heart girth. But saying that, they have the natural ability to be able to keep up with our Gaited horse friends without knocking your teeth out at the extended trot.

🖋️ Scarlet was started under saddle as a 4 year old but her training wasn't consistent due to other obligations. We had our ups and downs over the years. She much preferred staying in the herd and flying under the radar. I stood back and watched her mature. I considered putting her up for sale several times over the years but then decided to breed her. She produced the most perfect filly for us and things in general started falling into place so I had time to get back to her training. Honestly, she picked everything back up like she's been ridden all along. This year we started taking her to trail rides all over South Georgia. She seems to like it. She even crosses water without an issue, something her own mother doesn't do. lol

