

MEMBER NEWS

The Arab Horse Society run an annual Performance Awards scheme based on points won at various competitions. I entered Monclare Somer Grace (Moya) for this and all was going well until I broke my leg in the August. However, I sent in my entry and was thrilled when I was advised that she had won the Anglo Arab section.

The Awards ceremony is part of the AHS National Championships held at the Three Counties Showground at the end of July. It is the biggest single breed show in Europe. More was to come. The AHS wanted to celebrate the fact that this was to be the 21st year the show had been held at Malvern. The Premium Performance Scheme committee decided to organise a unique parade of premium and performance horses from around the United Kingdom. This was by invitation only and I felt honoured when Moya was one of the 21 invited.



A commentary was given as each horse paraded around the main arena. A special brochure was published and Moya is the only mare listed with a premium. (To gain a premium a horse has either to be assessed by a panel of AHS judges or attain a high performance level - Moya has both). She has qualified on several occasions for the Anglo & Part bred UK Championships, The Show Horse Association UK Hack Championships and the Arab Horse Society British National Championships, to name but a few.

The AHS were hoping I could ride Moya into the ring for both the Parade and the Awards. People here at home thought I was completely mad to even think of riding plus the fact that she hadn't been ridden for a year either. At the Show my friends helped me get on her and I rode her albeit at a walk for both the Parade then the Performance Awards. She was absolutely brilliant. It was almost as if she knew I had a problem with my leg - she didn't put a foot wrong - and I've got it all on DVD too. She was also successfully shown in hand by one of my friends.

Moya is now turned out again with her sisters. She is in foal to an Anglo Arab premium stallion. Thus the foal will be the result of a double premium mating - quite a rarity and it is already generating interest!

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