



My name is Kesleigh Lehman and I am a seventeen year old resident of Washougal, Washington. I am currently a Senior at Washougal High School. I have always loved animals: horses in particular beginning in my younger years with a stick horse named Rodeo.

My mom, Mary Lehman, has loved horses since she was three, and so I naturally caught “the bug” from her. When we moved from Portland to Washougal my family finally had property so that we could own horses.

Since then my family has had several horses come and go, and even a couple of mules.

Our farm currently includes Miraj(Arabian), Burley(Morgan-Arab), Luna PFF(Shagya Arabian) and her filly Lentina. I mostly trail ride up at the local motocross track where there are several trails and open fields. I finally began taking lessons only two years ago, when Washougal High School added an equestrian team as a part of its sports/club medley. Because of the equestrian team, I have been able to compete in several events both performance and gaming, and hope to add new ones this year. I have been WHS E-Team Secretary for two years. My duties included taking official minutes of team meetings and helping the coaches and parent advisors with mass e-mails of various topics.

To be completely honest, I wouldn't know a single fact about Shagya Arabians if it wasn't for the interest of my mom. Her quest for the perfect horse ended in White Salmon at Paradise Flat Farm, owned by Nancy Skakel, with the discovery of Luna PFF. Our family saw her as a foal, and finally purchased her as a three year old. We lovingly call her Shandy. September of 2006 my mom and I took a nearly seven hour drive up to Chelan, Washington, to have Shandy approved for breeding at Denis Atam's beautiful home. She blessed us in June with a beautiful and very sweet filly, Lentina, (Bold Bravo x Luna PFF) whom we call Tina for short.

I am familiar (with help from my mom and Nancy Skakel) with some of the very rich history of the Shagya breed. I have also kept up with some of the ongoing politics of ASAV, ISG, and NASS. I find interesting the angles individuals and groups use to achieve various goals. I believe that the best interest of the Shagya Arabian should always be at the heart of decisions made in each organization and program that pledges its support to the Shagya, so that the breed's rich history may continue well into the future.

As Youth Program Director I will do my best to bring new ideas to the table as well as expand upon established ideas. I am willing and prepared to use my skills, and learn new ones, to help create and run a youth ASAV program. I have four younger siblings, ages six to twelve, and so have experience appealing to a younger demographic, as well as my own. I can also give ideas to help to market the parents of potential Shagya owners. I have high hopes for this program, and look forward to and will enjoy working with all of you to make it as successful as possible.

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