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Arabian Horse Foundation
1024 K Street
Lincoln, NE 68523

Dear Arabian Horse Community Member,

I hope this letter finds you and your family happy and healthy in what has undoubtedly been a year of challenges. To say that Covid 19 and the pandemic has had an unexpected impact on our society is at best an understatement. Our world seems to be forever changed.

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Arabian Horse Foundation. As you may be aware the Foundation is an independent charitable organization that supports our youth through scholarships and also funds important research for the Arabian horse. Every year we do our best to raise money to continue to provide the important funding of scholarships and research.

In 2020 the Arabian Horse Foundation presented over \$41,000 in scholarships to the following recipients:

Madison Austin	Megan Mathews	Zachary White	Natalie Lindmark
Mary Baker	Brianna Mullen	Julia Winter	Alexa Gilbert
Mackenna Basteyns	Madison Officer	McKenna Bein	Emily Holden
Leah Blanchard	Shelby Reeser	Molly Thigpen	Peyton Blackwell
Caleigh Copenhaver	Taylor Richman	Claire Robertson	Chase Pullifrone
Lacie Cruise	Amy Sager	Gracen Fletcher	Shelby Reid
Caden Cruise	Jaimie Sevier	Karoline Lewis	Emily Stucky
Mary Grace Dudek	Jaclyn Thacker	Claire Nickelson	Ruby Dove
Hiland Emma	Katelyn Turnbaugh	Siena Krugger	Caroline Elik
Karina Kimery	Nina Vantessel	Jessica Jacobucci	Sophia Janssen- Madden

In addition, in 2007 when the research arm of the Foundation was established there were five known genetic disorders that affected the Arabian horse: SCIDS, CA, OAAM, LFS and JIE. There was but one test that had been developed to identify carriers of the genetic disorder and that was SCIDs. Since then, helped by targeted research grants by the Foundation, researchers have developed tests for CA, LFS and one form of OAAM. Some genetic disorders like OAAM and JIE have different levels of severity and/or multiple genes that influence the genetic disorder requiring further study. Commercially available tests for CA and LFS have been used to test over 20,000 horses since the advent of the tests. This has led to much better breeding decisions being made and less foals/horses that suffered a sad fate.



Inclusion of the JIE, OAAM, Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS) and equine melanoma projects in the Foundations research grants, showcase the Arabian Horse Foundation as a leader in supporting research efforts for genetic disorders not only in the Arabian breed but horses in general.

I am asking you to assist in any way you can so that we may continue to support this important cause thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathie Hart".

Kathie Hart

Arabian Horse Foundation President

Board Members: Rebecca Nash, Deborah Himmel, Pat Barton, Jim Cada, Carrie Cada, Frank Galovic, Cathy Vecsey, Nancy Harvey