



The Indiana Arabian Horse Club's Youth Group

"Hoof to Hands" Program

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As IAHC's Youth Group began this new decade, they came to recognize their blessings when compared to others. In an effort to reach out to those less fortunate, the Youth Group decided to use their mascot, WRA Summers Kiss, a straight Egyptian mare who was rescued from certain death by severe neglect several years ago. Summer's owner, Mary Weeks, made the mare available for children who, although interested, were unable to participate in horse shows. Throughout 2009, Summer attended both Class A Arabian and open horse shows, enabling her various handlers the opportunity to compete. Summer's youth handlers even garnered some very impressive wins including:

- Top 10 Arabian Mares Jr. to Handle Egyptian Event
- Top 5 in Region 13 Open Mares
- Top 10 Open Arabian Sport Horse Mares at the US National Championship Arabian Sport Horse Show.



These children recognized that because of the growing crisis with the national economy, the local communities in which they compete were struggling to meet the needs of those citizens who were suffering as a result of losses due to the economic downturn. From this realization grew, **Hoof to Hands**.

The IAHC's Youth Group is collecting canned food, horse feed and donations from the public in an effort to bring some relief, not only to the human community but also to the "equine" community. Using their rescued equine friend "Summer" as their partner, these wonderful children are collecting and donating canned goods to food banks and horse feed to rescue organizations in the local communities throughout the Midwest where they compete.

Come meet WRA Summer's Kiss and her youth handlers from the Indiana Arabian Youth Group.

Join IAHC's Youth Group in celebrating its 75th Anniversary. Dues are only \$7.50.