

## *BUCK LAKE HUNGARIANS*

Hungarian Felters and Kisbers were first bred in the Austro- Hungarian Empire as horses for war. A blend of English and French Thoroughbreds, native Hungarian Mares, and Shagya Arabians produced the most sought –after horse in Europe prior to WW11. For example, Alois Podhajsky rode “Teja”, a Hungarian Felver, to introduce high level dressage to Britain and Ireland in 1949.

The Thoroughbred, Selle Francias, Trakehner, Shagya Arabian, and Felver/Kisbers all share some bloodines.

As WW11 drew to a close, the breeding programs in Europe were nearly destroyed. In 1945 and 1946, the US Army brought about 200 horses from Hungary to the USA as “spoils of war” for their Remount Program. However, the horses were sold at auction in 1949 when the Army disbanded the Cavalry.

Under the guidance of two Hungarian Countesses living in the USA, some of those horses, along with a few others imported from Hungary, were kept and bred to preserve the Breed Noteworthy horses include **Hungarian Warlock’s** sire, **Hungarian Fontos** and grandsire **Hungarian Nicsak** who won regional and national championships in Virginia, California, and Canada. They competed in **Hunter, Eventing, and Endurance** disciplines. They were also campaigned by Linda Tellington-Jones. Kerry Millikin’s mount, **HMS Dash** is another outstanding Hungarian horse.

Today, the Felver/Kisber is a rare breed at about 2000 worldwide. But, due to their strong genetics and careful breeding, they continue to be an exceptional sporthorse.

These horses range in size from 15.2-16.2 hands high. They have a generous girth and good bone and feet. They are known for their soundness, athleticism, and steady temperament.

The quality of the Breed itself, combined with the natural environment we provide for them, results in a gifted, sound, and brave horse.

They are ideal for Sport and Pleasure.

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**Figure 1. The stallion Fenek VI in Hungary circa 1940**

