

20 QUESTIONS

... about your life with Arabian horses ... with KASSIE SHEEHAN



1 What is your current involvement with Arabian horses?

Showing, training and loving them! I'm also President of the Aurora Arabian Horse Youth Association.

2 How many years have you been around horses?

6 and a half years.

3 They say, "the Arabian horse finds you". How did the

Arabian horse find you?

They were the first horse I rode and I just fell in love.

4 Who is or has been your favorite horse companion?

I'm not allowed to choose favorites! Wouldn't want anyone to get offended! :)

5 Who has been your (horse) mentor?

Susan Fyfe of Keno Hills Stable.

6 What is your favorite horse book?

Black Beauty.

7 What is your favorite horse movie?

Spirit by far!

8 What are some 'Arabian horse activities' in which you participate?

Riding and caring for them.

9 What would be your most memorable experience or moment with an Arabian horse?

The day I realized I was loved back.

10 What has been your greatest achievement with your Arabian horse(s) so far?

This has been my first year showing so just getting into the ring and having a spectacular ride feels amazing.

11 Which horse do you consider to be your “dream” horse, either past or present?

Just any horse who has a great personality and loves the ring :)

12 Horses are amazing teachers. What has your horse taught you that has helped you become a better person?

Patience is key and being forceful will get you no where.

13 What is the best thing about working and playing with your Arabian horse?

When they recognize you and nicker when they see you.

14 What would you say to a person considering buying a horse to encourage them to purchase an Arabian?

I would say that they are great companions for any shape, size or age of person and not to listen to the rumors of them being “hot tempered”.

15 What is your advice to someone, “brand new,” considering becoming involved with horses?

That horses are like big dogs and not to be intimidated by their size!

16 Is there a favorite reference book you’d like to share?

No.

17 What is the one thing you’d like to do that you haven’t done yet?

Try riding western pleasure, a park horse or sidesaddle.

18 What about “kids” and an Arabian horse?

I teach younger children how to care and ride horses so I have gotten first hand experience seeing the harmony and gentleness between a young rider and their horse.

19 Why do you think you get such a “rush” being around or riding your Arabian horse(s)?

Just the absolute team work that it takes to ride and work with horses amazes me. They could easily injury us but they choose not to.

20 What are your words to live by?

The horse may only be as courageous as the rider is.

Is there anything else you’d like to add?

Be kind and careful with your horse for what you do may be forgiven but never forgotten. ■