

20 QUESTIONS

... about your life with Arabian horses ... with KEVIN JOHNSTON



1 What is your current involvement with Arabian horses?

I show in the Arabian world.

2 How many years have you been around horses?

Off and on all my life.

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

A good friend of ours introduced us.

4 Who is or has been your favorite horse companion?

Pageant+++++// (The Pioneer V x Le Fire Lace) aka Norman.

5 Who has been your (horse) mentor?

Todd Ehret.

6 What is your favorite horse book?

Arabian Legends.

7 What is your favorite horse movie?

Sea Biscuit.

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

Sport Horse Nationals, Canadian Nationals, Scottsdale in February.

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

The first time Norman and I showed in a Drive and Ride class at Sport Horse Nationals.

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

Learning to work as a team.

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

I am riding/driving my dream horse.

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

There is no question I am a better person because of my horse, he has taught me to listen and understand that things are not always black and white and most importantly that effective communication is a two way street, there is no room for dictatorships in a successful equine relationship.

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

The absolute joy and freedom I experience while I'm with him.

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

Intelligent, beautiful, willing, versatile.

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

Spend time at shows and search out the laughter and smiling faces, the social aspect is very much part of the Arabian world, it will engulf you. Don't ever rush into a horse purchase, this is a partnership, a bond like you have never experienced. Prepare to be challenged both physically and mentally, be honest with yourself and your world will become a more beautiful place.



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

Centered Riding.

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

Sport Horse Show Hack 2015.

18 What about "kids" and an Arabian horse?

I cannot think of anything better for kids than spending time with horses, we have watched "horse show" kids grow up into responsible, successful young adults.

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

I think it's the ability to communicate without speaking so subtly that sometimes I don't realize it, and understanding the reply.

20 What are your words to live by?

"carpe dieme".

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Being with my horse anywhere is one of the most comfortable things I know. ■