20 QUESTIONS

... about your life with Arabian horses ... with CARSON EHRET

1 What is your current involvement with Arabian horses?

Currently I work everyday on the family farm with beautiful Arabians. I also own, show, and have just started to breed Arabian horses.



2 How many years have you been

around horses?

23 years! Since I was born.

3 They say, "the Arabian horse finds

you". How did the Arabian horse find you? I've been with Arabians my whole life. They are really the only breed I've been around 99% of my life, but at Canadian Nationals in 2006 something clicked. I remember thinking that we are pretty lucky to do what we do. My interest in the industry was sparked, and I began really appreciating our breed.

4 Who is or has been your favorite horse companion?

There are way too many favorites over the years to pick just one.

- 5 Who has been your (horse) mentor? That would have to go to my Dad (Todd Ehret) for sure!
- **6** What is your favorite horse book?

How about Magazine? Then I would say Arabian Horse World.

- 7 What is your favorite horse movie? Secretariat gave me goose bumps!
- **8** What are some 'Arabian horse activities' in which you participate?

Besides working with them everyday, lots of shows! I am now starting to get involved with our local club as well.

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

When Joey Canda took my Dad and I to see Aria Impresario when he was a yearling, before his debut at Scottsdale that year. We got to see him before he was a star, and I was so blown away.



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

On paper it would be my 2012 Canadian National Championship in the HA Stock/Hunter Type Mare class.

- 11 Which horse do you consider to be your "dream" horse, either past or present? Marwan Al Shaqab!
- **12** Horses are amazing teachers. What has your horse taught you that has helped you become a better person?

The fact that you can't always judge a book by its cover; and LOTS of patience!

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

I think just going out to the barn and spending time with a horse in their stall can put the whole world in perspective. It's a humbling experience, and keeps a person grounded.

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

When you connect with an Arabian horse; there is no stronger bond or understanding between man and animal. There is something about the Arabian breed that just "gets" people.

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

Ask questions! Educate yourself from every angle. Don't be scared to contact trainers or schedule time at farms. Horse people love to educate "beginners". Just don't get all your advice from Internet forums.

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

I don't have one, but my Dad always tells his riders to read, Centered Riding by Sally Swift.

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



I want to make it to the Arabian Breeders Finals in Las Vegas next year!

18 What about 'kids" and an Arabian horse?

There's no better babysitter!

19 Why do you think you get such a "rush" being around or

riding your Arabian horse(s)?

Having the power of a 1-ton animal under a saddle or on a lead is aweinspiring.

20 What are your words to live by?

Believe in yourself and never quit, because failure isn't losing its giving up! ■

