

# 20 QUESTIONS

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



**1** What is your current involvement with Arabian horses?

*I, along with my family, own and operate Ash-Bren Equine Ltd. (former Pinnacle Arabians facility) and show 2 half arabian horses.*

**2** How many years have you been around horses?  
*All my life.*

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

*Through 4-H and Lori Galloway and her parents.*

**4** Who is or has been your favorite horse companion? *Capomar – aka Soloman.*

**5** Who has been your (horse) mentor?

*The following are people I consider to be great mentors – Lori Galloway, Ed and Pat Galloway, Pam Zimmerman, Carla Jackson, and Mike Whelihan. Wouldn't be where I am today without them.*

**6** What is your favorite horse book?

**7** What is your favorite horse movie? *Horse Whisperer.*

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

*I show half Arabian mare Western Pleasure and a half Arabian gelding in Country English Pleasure.*

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

*Winning Canadian National Reserve Champion half Arabian Western Pleasure AOTR 18 and over in 1988.*

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

*Training and showing my horses with great success and now owning a facility that lets me do it.*

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



*Every horse I have owned/trained/shown has made a dream come true for me in one way or another.*

**12** Horses are amazing teachers. What has your horse taught you that has helped you become a better person? *Patience, humility, and kindness.*

**13** What is the best thing about working and playing with your Arabian horse?  
*Their willingness to learn.*



**14** What would you say to a person considering buying a horse to encourage them to purchase an Arabian?  
*Take your time. Do your research. Visit farms. Attend shows/events. Do not rush. I believe horses "pick" their people.*

**15** What is your advice to someone, "brand new," considering becoming involved with horses?  
*Get lots of hands on experience with all aspects of horses – not just riding.*

**16** Is there a favorite reference book you'd like to share?  
*Modern Arabian horse is a great publication.*

**17** What is the one thing you'd like to do that you haven't done yet?  
*Win a national championship title.*

**18** What about 'kids' and an Arabian horse?  
*Couldn't ask for a better breed of horse for kids.*

**19** Why do you think you get such a "rush" being around or riding your Arabian horse(s)?  
*They are the most beautiful creature on this planet – to me anyways.*

**20** What are your words to live by?  
*Always be humble and kind – Tim McGraw. ■*