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My Arabian horse experience began visually, through pictures in magazines. At 5 years of age my parents brought horses into our life and as a result Arabian horse magazines became a fixture in our home. Through these images a passion in me was born and it is one that still burns brightly today. Due to this exposure at such a young age I cannot say any one horse captured my imagination and steered me into this work. Rather it was all of them. Page after page, I devoured the magazines with a love and interest in every Arabian horse featured in those wonderful publications.

Having the support of my parents was, and is, an invaluable asset in allowing me to do what I have done. They loved the horses, believed in me, and allowed me to pursue this passion. In this, I owe them my deepest gratitude, for without their support my search for learning might not ever have taken on the proportion that it did. My experience started locally then on to the United States where I began what is now a long and successful relationship with Michael Byatt. That, in turn, has opened other doors around the world which has allowed me to participate in the highest levels of competition. There are so many relationships that are now part of my life which I value so much it is impossible to name just one. Imagining my life without the friends I have made in the Middle East, Australia, Europe, North and South America is unimaginable; all have enriched me on so many levels. Working in the Arabian horse business has allowed me to do what I love and love what I do. The amazing thing about horses is that just waking up and walking out my door to be with them is enough:
I get so much from this simple act.

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When people ask me what is my biggest achievement to date is I find it hard to say, the wins around the world are all important for different reasons. I like to leave it that they are all important. I look forward every year to Qatar, Dubai, Las Vegas, all the shows in Europe and the Middle East, South Africa, US Nationals, and ending of course with the World Championships in Paris. The fact that I have been successful in all of these is wonderful. I look forward to these shows in 20 and 30 years from now, that is how committed I am to the Arabian horse! I would also like to add in the area of achievements, it is much more than ribbons won that I count among my biggest success. As I walk around my property and see the horses that we are breeding, the facility that we have built, the lab, the breeding barn, the training barn, I think at 29 years of age this is really a blessing to have been able to do so much already. And with all humility I thank everyone, every owner, and especially the horses, that have allowed me to enjoy this success.

I walk down my barn aisle and am so excited to see all the possibilities that await. We have so many beautiful horses, such a beautiful farm, everything – just wait and see! I hope everyone enjoys visiting our farm and horses as much as we do.



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I thank you for this chance to speak to your readers and hope that everyone realizes what a dream it is to do what we do. Imagine loading your van up with Marwan Al Shaqab in it as we did in 2008. Or walking out your front door to see Al Adeed Al Shaqab grazing in a paddock. I use an American phrase here, "It does not get any better than that"!

