



LESLIE CONNOR

Born in Joplin, Missouri, Leslie was raised with horses. Her father, Jerry Connor, was an avid Arabian horse enthusiast, and her involvement has been continuous since 1957, either as an owner, breeder, trainer, exhibitor, or judge. Leslie began riding at age four, and showing at nine. She continued to show while obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science from Southern Methodist University, in Dallas, Texas. She has owned, trained and shown many Class "A", Regional, and National winners. Competing in halter classes, and in most of the performance disciplines in the Arabian division, she has won literally hundreds of trophies and ribbons. She has won the United States Equestrian Federation overall National High Score Award in the Arabian division (the King Saud Cup) twice, and the Reserve High Score Award once. She has also won numerous MAHA state high point awards, several USEF Zone High Score Awards, and the USEF National High Score Arabian Halter Gelding Award with a horse she bred, trained, and showed.

Leslie became a licensed judge in the Arabian division of USEF in 1975. She has judged a vast number of approved Arabian shows throughout the United States and Canada (including Scottsdale), numerous Regional Championships in the U.S., Regional Championships in Brazil and South Africa, the U.S. Egyptian Event, the UK International Arabian Horse Show, ECAHO "A" Show, in Addington, England, the Emerald Trophy Show, ECAHO "B" Show, in Belgium, the Victorian Classic Arabian Show in Australia, the Arabian Horse Breeders World Cup in Las Vegas, and the Arabian US Open at the Rolex Central Park Horse Show in New York City. Of special note, at the U.S. National Championship Arabian Show, she has had the honor of judging the halter classes five times, and performance classes four times. She has also judged the U.S. Youth National Arabian Championship Show, and the National Championship Arabian Shows of Canada (twice), Sweden, Brazil (twice), and Australia.

Leslie also holds cards with USEF in the National Show Horse (R), Friesian (R), and Andalusian (R) divisions, the Gypsy Vanner Horse Society, the American Miniature Horse Registry (R), the American Shetland Pony Club, Modern (R), and Classic (R), the American Show Pony Registry (R), and the American Miniature Horse Association (Senior). She has judged the Andalusian National Championship Show, the GHR World Show, the Gypsy Vanner Nationals, Regional Championship Friesian shows, the American Haflinger Registry National Show, and many important Miniature Horse shows including the MHA of Australia National Championship, the MHC of Great Britain National Grand Championship, the New Zealand MHA Nationals, the IMHR of Australia National Championship, the ARC UK Championships, AMHA and/or AMHR shows in France, Belgium, England, and The Netherlands, several AMHA Regional Championships in the U.S., the AMHA European Championship in Belgium, the AMHA World Championship Show in the U.S. twice, and the AMHR Nationals. To date, she has judged almost 300 approved and rated horse shows on five continents, in eleven different countries, over 50 of which were Regional, World, National, or International Championships.

