

Cindy Reich | Judge Profile

I grew up on my parent's Arabian horse farm in Boulder, Colorado. I started showing at about age 6 on a half-Arabian we had called King Solomon. From there it was on to purebred halter and performance classes. I showed for over 30 years in almost every event from Equitation to Saddle Seat English Pleasure to Working Cow Horse and Trail. I raised Shorthorn cattle and Suffolk and Dorset sheep for 10 years and started my judging process at the age of 9, judging livestock. I went on to compete in judging competitions as a member of both the Colorado State University Livestock Judging Team, and the CSU Horse Judging team. At the same time, I was coaching youth Arabian and 4-H judging teams, which was very enjoyable.

After graduating from Colorado State, I started working on Arabian horse breeding farms managing their breeding programs. It was a fantastic learning experience, as I worked for people and farms such as Shelia Varian, Lasma Arabians, Aries Arabians, KEG Arabians and many others. It enabled me to work with such horses as Bey El Bey, Bay Abi, *Aladdinn, *Marsianin, *Menes, Gdansk and many, many other stellar mares and stallions. I also worked abroad with *Menes in both Holland and Belgium and had the chance to see a lot of European breeding programs. I also worked for a time back at Colorado State University at their world-famous Animal Reproduction Laboratory, where I managed all of the client mares and stallions and worked with the Assisted Reproductive Techniques department.

Wanting to deepen my knowledge of reproduction, I did a Master's Degree in Reproductive Physiology at University College, Dublin. I have continued to manage breeding programs for various farms, most recently working at the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center at Cal Poly University, Pomona, California, for the last five years. It is the oldest continuous Arabian horse breeding program in the United States and walking in the same fields and barns as W.K. Kellogg once did was a daily inspiration.

I have been judging Arabians and other breeds in both halter and performance for more than 40 years, judging the National Championship shows in both the U.S. and Canada as well as 9 other countries. I am a life-long student of judging and biomechanics and enjoy sharing my knowledge with passionate people who want to learn!!!