



Van Jacobsen

- Licensed Arabian Judge since 1982
- Judged all levels of competition and in numerous countries

I have been a member of IAHA/AHA since 1971. I competed at my first Arabian Nationals in 1973 and I just competed at the 2024 US Nationals. I have owned Arabian or Half Arabian horses continuously since 1971.



I very much enjoy judging Arabian horses at all levels of competition. And have had the honor of judging the US Nationals 11 times as well as the Canadian Nationals and the Youth Mid-Summer Nationals. I have judged the Scottsdale All Arabian show on multiple occasions, The Arabian Breeders Finals, The Arabian Breeders World Cup show, GCAT, The Egyptian Event, The Ohio Buckeye Championships as well as over 25 Regional Championships. Internationally, I have judged in Brazil, Italy, Uruguay, South Africa, Australia and Kuwait.

I have worked with many learner or apprentice judges over the years and enjoy being a part of their judging experiences.

I have been very active in IAHA and AHA having served 6 years as the Region 10 Director, Chair of the Ethical Practices Review Board for 26 years, am on the APAHA Board of Directors and serve as a board member of the Arabian Horseman's Distress Fund. I received the AHA Directors award in 2002 and was a co-recipient of the AHA President's Award in 2000. I have served in many capacities on various AHA committees over the years.





I have managed the Region 10 Championship Horse show in the past and serve in many volunteer capacities at various horse shows. I feel strongly that the Arabian Horse is a gift from God and we should all be United for the Arabian horse!

Thank you for this incredible honor!

