

## KAREN FLETCHER-GRIEVE (NEE WOELMS) ~ W.A.

Karen has been involved with Arabian horses for over 30 years. She purchased her first Partbred gelding in 1980 and the majority of horses she has owned, bred and shown since then have had at least some Arabian blood.

Karen has experience in a variety of fields of equestrian endeavour, but specializes in the training and preparation of dressage and saddle horses. Karen has owned, bred and trained Purebreds and Derivatives for the saddle arena for many years, for herself and for other people. She had the honour of owning the 1995 Australian Champion Arabian Warmblood Gelding who gave her many years of pleasure as they went on to win many top awards in Show Hunter classes, in the Derivative ring and Official Dressage to Medium level.

Karen has been heavily involved in youth projects over the years. She is an Early Childhood Teacher by profession and has spent many years instructing Pony Club. Karen is the W.A. representative for Arabian Junior Judging.

Karen is passionate about encouraging young people to become involved in the horse industry and believes that the Arabian horse is the ideal partner to carry our youth into the future.

Karen is thrilled to be involved with the 2010 Australian National Arabian Championships and looks forward to judging your horses.

When asked what her pet hates are, Karen responds that “in both halter and saddle classes, I basically look for happy, relaxed and responsive horses (and competitors for that matter!) I like a pleasant picture of horses and handlers or riders with an obvious positive rapport. I like to see a horse who moves forward freely and naturally. I do not take kindly to sour or bad manners from horses or competitors!

For saddle classes, I am more inclined to reward a simple workout that is done well than more complicated attempts which are executed poorly. I like a horse to go forward into the bit and if I have any pet hate there, it would be riders with harsh hands and horses going behind or dropping the bit - especially in double bridles.”

