**Majk Endurance Arabians Intro**

**My name is Keena Van Horn, and in my young adulthood, I was introduced to the sport of long distance trail riding by veterinarian Heather Hoyns and the indomitable late Maggie Price. At 18 years of age, I bought my first Arabian from Maggie, and Ramegwa Mariah and I competed and finished the 1985 Old Dominion. Mariah was a full sister to WEG medalist Ramegwa KanavyAnne, and a phenomenally talented horse. I caught the endurance “bug” at the ’85 Old Dominion, but Maggie was the inspiration behind my desire to someday breed endurance Arabians.**

**My life trajectory took me through Pre-vet studies at Rutgers and a DVM degree at Cornell. I worked as a mixed animal veterinarian in upstate NY for several years before relocating to the Pacific NW with my husband, Mike. We owned a veterinary clinic in the greater Seattle area for about 20 years while we raised our family and started developing our breeding program. I found myself unable to compete much during these busy years, but never lost the desire to return to competing in endurance. The “Majk” part of our farm name comes from our family’s name, M for Mike, A for daughters Alexis and Ashley, J for Jocelyn, and K for Keena.**

**While in WA, I met Dr. George Allen of Willomar Arabian fame. We obtained a number of excellent stock from his program, and learned valuable first hand accounts of many horses now long gone. Dr. Allen imported \*Pietuszok to Canada as well as many other influential horses (\*El Kasaka, \*Rezus) from Europe. Our foundation herd also has representatives from the programs of Roxanne Rogers, Sturgeon Creek Arabians, Pecos Valley Arabians, and Belarian Arabians, among others. Willomar played an important role in the fledging program of Sturgeon Creek Arabians and other endurance breeding programs in the 1980s.**

**Ultimately, I found the WA climate inhospitable to both myself and to saddles, and we relocated to Virginia a few years ago. Our raw mountain farm has undergone a tremendous and challenging transformation with land clearing, new fencing, water infrastructure, shelters, hay storage, new trails, Equigyms, and a covered arena during the last few years. The work is ongoing, as all horsemen can appreciate. We maintain our horses outdoors in large hilly pastures, most with natural water sources available. We stand approximately 8 stallions, and have an extensive broodmare herd that allows me to carefully make pairings that have a great likelihood of success.**

**The goal of Majk Endurance Arabians is to produce athletic animals capable of any discipline, but primarily geared to endurance. It is my dream to see my stock perform at the WEG level, and to help support getting the USA back on the podium at WEG. Our program utilizes Russian, Polish, Crabbet, and occasionally French or other lineage to accomplish our goal. I follow the Russian breeding doctrine of combining lines from different sources to produce the most athletic animal that I can. However, the most important thing is that the owners of Majk horses enjoy their equine partners and that they enjoy long productive careers. We welcome your inquiries and look forward to helping you find the equine partner of your dreams.**