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BERNIE LEADON BOLGER



**Coach, Race Horse Syndacate Manager and pedigree/bloodstock Consultant,
Breeder**

My name is Bernie Leadon-Bolger I live in the county of Wicklow known as the garden of Ireland. I coach actors to ride for the film and television industry, also providing therapy for those who may have lost their competitive edge when riding their horses.

Owning, breeding, training and also training my horses brings with it a life of joy.

I'm a successful Race horse syndicate manager and am also a pedigree / bloodstock consultant.

From the time I yearned my first dapple grey rocking horse is when my Arabian horse passion started. Throughbreds are very much in the family so perhaps I broke the mould.

When I hung up my boots riding on the race course my quest for the ideal Desert Horse began.

My dream horse came in the form of a grey colt of a lifetime Shaka by Dhakshah. The script was already written, yes I brought him, trained him, successfully showed him and thought perhaps he had the ability to become an Arabian racehorse. Alas these races did not exist in Ireland and our paths took us on another adventure.

This was to lead to Shaka becoming an International endurance horse and we competed at the World Equestrian Games in Jerez this led to an invitation to compete in Dubai.

This was truly an awesome experience to bring

Shaka to the Middle East the home of his ancestors to ride through the sands of time.

Following Shaka's hoof prints came the beautiful Nashab bred by Major Maxwell a winner on the race track in Poland who I would train to compete 160 KLM in one day.

Another Arabian Leahstreak was to give me my first four star qualification this little Arabian was kindly loaned to me by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

My Endurance days are memories now.

Showing and producing has again led to me my very special mare Alleyah Athena by the late great Stival, she portrays strength, kindness and beauty.

These qualities I would like to promote the most noble breed both here in Ireland and Worldwide. There are a very small percentage of Arabian horses here in Ireland thus we are a very specialised group.

I like to believe that by showing people fine examples of the most noble breed and how it influences other breeds too as women we can share our wisdom with generations to come.

As a woman I am very fortunate to say that once respect has been earned for my achievements in the Arabian horse World in Ireland my door is always open to welcome women who would like to learn more of the history, confirmation, temperament of our Desert steed.

**WHEN YOU BELIEVE ENOUGH IN YOUR PASSION, BUILD KNOWLEDGE
KNOW THIS AMAZING BREED THERE IS A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY
WAITING THE FUTURE OF THE ARABIAN HORSE HAS JUST BEGUN.**

AL SAYYIDA DHABIA SAMI AL BUSAIIDI



Entrepreneur, Breeder, Show Organizer

My name is Al Sayyida Dhabia Sami Al Busaidi from the Sultanate of Oman. I am an entrepreneur and recently entered the Arabian horse world.

It's always been my dream to own a horse since childhood but owning an Arabian beauty horse just takes you to another level of affection. Before taking care of my first filly I was doing a lot of research about breeding and there's so much more to learn.

It's a very proud moment for me and all the women of the Arabian world, I really didn't expect to see all the support from everyone in this industry. I am also looking forward to what's coming next.

No not really, since I've been raised to believe that nothing is impossible and if there's a will there will always be a way. Determination is key to success.

Be ambitious, strong and determined because nothing comes easy, you must work hard for it. Don't give up and keep trying with everything you've got to reach your dreams.

I hope so and a part of me would love to help and support anyone that enters this world, not that I've been in it for long but being accepted and appreciated made me feel honored. I'm really happy that our society is changing and noticing that women can also contribute in such events.

CREATE YOUR OWN FUTURE WITH COURAGE, CHOOSE THE RIGHT PEOPLE AND DON'T RUSH INTO THINGS. GATHER KNOWLEDGE FROM EVERYONE AROUND YOU AND BE SMART WITH YOUR DECISIONS. IT'S NEVER WRONG TO MAKE A MISTAKE AS LONG AS YOU LEARN FROM IT. THAT'S THE PATH FOR GROWTH IN LIFE.

GRETA BININI



Trainer

I am Binini Greta, I have always lived in Parma and for the last couple of years I have been working in a training center.

Since I was a little girl I have always had a passion for the Arabian horse, and through a friend I had the opportunity to start working in the show Arabian field.

I was not faced with what I expected to be a male way, the Arabian is a horse that needs sensitivity and gentleness, often these qualities come more naturally to women, which is why they are valued

in the riding world.

I made my passion my job, this allowed me to always be comfortable in what I was doing.

The desire to learn I think is decisive, I started by riding to find myself in a world where the saddle does not exist and I am more and more curious to discover and improve.

I hope that one day I can get to say that I have made a path that can be an inspiration to other women.

DO NOT BE AFRAID TO PURSUE YOUR DREAMS EVEN ON YOUR OWN, YOU MAY NOT ALWAYS HAVE THE SUPPORT OF OTHERS BUT IT SHOULD NOT SCARE YOU, LEARN TO GAIN CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF AND YOU WILL BE UNBEATABLE.

CINDY KEMPER BISTODEAU



Instructor, Trainer and Breeder in the Western Industry

My name is Cindy Kemper Bistodeau and I have been in the horse industry since I was five years old. Born in Tennessee USA and raised with my three sisters in a happy family, we grew up with the well known smooth gaited Tennessee Walking Horses. My oldest sister Carin and I were the ones always found in our barn sleeping at the stalls because we could not be a single night separated from our horses!

Looking back I know the love for horses was in me since I can remember. Naturally at that time the breed or blood was not of any interest, just the feeling that I had being with them made me choose my life towards horses always for the better. It didn't mean fame or money: it meant love, inspiration and passion ... at fifty-nine, nothing has really changed.

I can't tell you how many times I had to eat potatoes so my horses had good hay to eat.

Fast forward... the first horse I bought with my hard earned money was a half Arabian mare by the name of Authentic Charm by Authenticity +/- Charm was professionally trained by Jack Teague, a legend in the western Arabian Industry. Her specialty was Western Pleasure and she was smooth to ride and beautiful to look at!

Jack was well ahead in the Performance world of the Arabians in Scottsdale Arizona. Also known as the Marlboro man, he was very successful in Cutting, Cowhorse and Reining!

He would show off his purebred Arabian Authenticity +/- at the opening event of the Scottsdale Arabian Show with the American Flag like no other... spinning, sliding and changing leads! May he Rest In Peace in Heaven!

Little did I know that I would fall in love with Reining later on!

My little girl Charm learned after-all Reining and ended up winning in 1999 at Scottsdale and was qualified to compete at the American Nationals in the half Arabian Reining classes in 1999.

Today the Half Arabian Reining is the highest paying Western Stock-horse Class in Scottsdale where famous Reining trainers such as Andrea Fappani and Crystal McNutt go all out for the price money!

Eventually I decided to get into the American Quarter Horse Industry to excel in the Reining and Cowhorse world.

Showing in AQHA, NRHA and NRCHA in the last twenty years, I have learned no matter what breed or event one shows in its all about the passion and love for horses.

So far I ended up with my horse Gangsters Reflection - Top 10 in the World in Cow Horse and two times top 10 World show in Ranch Horse classes in Las Vegas. He stayed my best partner for over 8 years, because we decided to do different events and cross over to keep his mind fresh and loving to compete. Never the less there are many more bragging moments to list but at the end of the day the only thing that truly matters is to be the BEST horse-woman one can be ... true to the love and passion of horses.

I have been fortunate to meet great people and legends in the Arabian Industry! For example my friend and mentor Mr. John Blincoe, who has been a legend in the Arabian Industry for over 50 years, and who is an inspiration for me to proceed with my interest of the Arabian Performance Horse Association in Italy. John showed in the Western Pleasure classes as a child in California and understands the importance of our youth riders to have a place to show.

This was brought to me as I worked for a forage company that understood my passion and approved to support the riders and associations of many different breed shows as well as different competitions.

My main focus was the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show in Scottsdale Arizona. Largest Arabian Show in the world. Since 1955 horses have been flown in from all across the world. What an event, 10 days of halter, English and Western Performance classes! 2400 horses on site.

Incredible event to see and participate in.

Which brings me to the next subject.

Where do Arabian horses in Europe go if they do not make the cut as a top Halter horse?

Is there a Performance show in EU....?

My vision today is to establish or be part of an association for Arabian Performance Horses.

This is the future for the Arabian breed in my opinion. Here and now is the time to give these great horses an opportunity to go in different directions.

Which will involve the youth of today to learn to appreciate Arabians for their versatility and beauty outside the Halter Pen.

Develop Performance judged events based on International standards such as the AQHA and NRHA. Provide judges seminars for judges to expand their knowledge and enjoy the Arabian Horse for its versatility!

Add special needs classes for the Disabled.

Grant money for Equine Colleges world wide.

Breeding donations at onsite Auctions at main events help gain money to achieve these goals.

Make European qualified shows and start breeding for competition specializing in different categories and all around events!

This is my vision for the future of our Youth and our Arabians in Europe.

Today I have clients of all ages learning to ride in

Western Disciplines here in Italy. Such as Reining, Ranch Riding and versatility classes. The horse breeds are all different. Let's start focusing on what can be done and jump on board to grow the Arabian market for any individual that loves the breed and loves horses.

Today I am very fortunate to be part of a family owned business in the Hay industry. Starting new at Gruppo Carli I am finding that again, we are all in the Equine industry for the same reason- The Love and Passion for horses.

It always shows....what we feed our horses is how they are able to develop and perform at their best level. Gruppo Carli has been excelling in this Industry since 1960. Being based in Italy they are now opening their gates and using my knowledge to step into offering their Horse Line all over Europe. I am very blessed to be included into this journey and excited that once again I am following my dream and my love and passion for horses! Even at 59 years of age starting a new journey never grows old!

TO ALL THE THE COWGIRLS AND COWBOYS OUT THERE..KEEP RIDING THE DREAM! ITS YOUR DREAM..NO ONE ELSE'S. GET BUCKED OFF.TURN AROUND AND GET RIGHT BACK ON! YOU GOT THIS!

THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO READ MY STORY AND FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO ME ANYTIME.

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