





Rohara Arabians

THE GATEWAY TO SUCCESS

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The road to success is rarely smooth or straight. More often than not, it is full of twists and turns, obstacles and unexpected detours. The great American poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson gave us these encouraging words, "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." Roxann Hart of Rohara Arabians in Orange Lake, Florida, USA is very familiar with the road to success – she should be. Roxann not only made her own path, she also paved the way to accomplishments and acclaim for many others.

Rohara Arabians is now into their fourth decade as leaders in the Arabian community. For more than 40 years, Roxann and Karl Hart have owned, bred, showed, and marketed some of the most important and influential Arabian horses in the world. Representatives from the Rohara breeding program have won national and international championships, in both halter and performance, in North America, Central and South America, Europe and the Middle East – virtually everywhere you find Arabian horses, you will find Rohara Arabians.

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The Rohara influence reaches much further than the winners' circle of international competitions. Arabian horse breeders from around the world acknowledge the value of Rohara bred horses and have benefitted from using the proven champion producing bloodlines in their programs. The results of using Rohara bred stallions and mares in Europe, the Middle East, Central and South America and other areas outside the United States are amazing –completely unique outcrosses with even more exotic type, beautiful balance, and powerful movement are being achieved.

MT Training Center in Sweden, owned by Magnus Tingshagen and Janicke Hallkvist, offers numerous examples of success with horses purchased from Rohara Arabians. Magnus offered high praise, "I first came through the gates of Rohara Arabians in 2003 and have been back every year since. Handpicking horses from Rohara Arabians for my clients has been a very rewarding and successful experience. The Rohara bred horses have been of great importance in my development as an international handler and trainer. The number of titles won by these horses while at MT Training Center totals to date over 30 national and international championships. The Rohara imports have also produced well for their new owners. The 2009 filly NAPLES BELITZE was named 2010 Unanimous Gold Champion Filly of Sweden. It was a very special win with Naples Belitze because I showed both her parents ROHARA BACARA and ROHARA BASK MELODY to Swedish National Senior Champions in earlier years. In 2010, the mare ROHARA SHAKLANA had her first foal in Sweden. This beautiful filly, SHAMANJA, was Overall Champion Foal at the Scandinavian Open Championships. We are proud to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Guerlain of France now own SHAMANJA. One of the horses closest to my heart is the Magnum Psyche daughter, ROHARA REBECCA, owned by Naples Arabians. I showed her to 2010 Unanimous Gold Champion Mare and High Point Horse of the Show at the Danish International A-Show. I am very grateful for my friendship with Roxanne Hart and I have the greatest admiration for her knowledge, and commitment to the Arabian horse. I look forward to many more successful years with the Rohara Team."

The poet, Khalil Gibran told us, "Progress lies not in enhancing what is, but in advancing toward what can be." For Arabian horse breeders, advancing toward "what can be" takes vision, faith, courage, hard work and patience. It also requires an open mind, a desire to learn, and the wisdom to appreciate the accomplishments of others. Roxann Hart made it a practice to study the success of other breeders and their horses in order to establish a strong foundation for her own breeding program and then strengthen it with each new foal crop. Over the years, Roxann has shown an uncanny ability to visualize "what can be" in young or unproven horses – especially stallions, which is perhaps the most difficult group to evaluate. Roxann explained it this way, "I once heard that to do the impossible, you have to see the invisible. I relate to that. When I look at a horse, I see what's standing in front of me, but I also visualize what I think it could be in the future." Roxann's ability often places her at the forefront of up and coming stallions' show and breeding careers. She has the vision to see their potential, faith in her conviction, and the courage to take a risk. Roxann also does the work required to produce results and she is very patient – she knows the importance of timing in the development of each individual horse and does not rush or push a horse beyond it's ability, but nurtures it into full bloom. The internationally acclaimed stallion QR Marc is a perfect example.

Roxann Hart purchased QR Marc from his breeders when he was just a nine-month-old weanling. Even at this early age, his beauty, quality and potential were apparent to Roxann. The colt was conditioned and trained by Rohara trainer John Rannenber, and under Roxann's watchful eye QR Marc developed into an exciting young show horse. He was named Region 14 Champion Colt and US National Reserve Champion Yearling Colt – missing the National Championship title by just one single point. Even more important than the national title, QR Marc was on his way to becoming a great sire. Roxann believed he had the ability and she was committed to providing every opportunity for him to be a success. QR Marc had already settled his first mares as a two year old when Arabian horse breeder, Paul Gheysens bought him and moved Marc to Europe.



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L-R: Rohara Rebecca, Rohara Exotica, Rohara Bask Melody, Roxann Hart and QR Marc



Top: Majik of Marwan, Right: Majik of Marwan, Left: Roxann Hart and Rohara Majician by Majik of Marwan

Although Marc's journey began with his breeder, at Rohara, Roxann developed him into an international sensation, and now his future is in the hands of his caretaker, Christine Jamar and his owner, Mr. Gheysens. In 2010, Roxann visited QR Marc in Belgium. It was an emotional reunion for Roxann; "I was awestruck when I saw Marc; he literally took away my breath. He was even more spectacular than before. He just keeps getting better and better – more and more beautiful – he is an amazing creature." QR Marc no longer stands at Rohara Arabians, but Roxann continues to believe very strongly in him and is committed to continuing his bloodline in her breeding program.

Often in life, we must let go of one thing in order to receive another. While it was a very difficult decision to

let QR Marc go, Roxann knew that quietly grazing in the lush pastures at her farm was another young colt who was just waiting for the chance to prove himself. Majik of Marwan is an exquisite son of Marwan Al Shaqab and out of Lily Marlaina, an "Aristocrat Mare" of Polish and Egyptian breeding. His resemblance to his half brother, QR Marc, is – remarkable! Roxann wasted no time and began to focus on Majik of Marwan's genetic power. She wanted to test him and bred him to some of her finest mares. Majik's first foals are on the ground and the quality is such that they are headed for the 2011 Scottsdale Show – the largest competition in the world for Arabian horses. With their exquisite type, beautiful balance, showy attitudes and lively carriage, these first Majik babies will surely inspire breeders to take note of their sire.

Roxann Hart can be proud of the role she played in bringing yet another stallion into the international spotlight, the 2010 U.S. National Champion Stallion, El Nabila B (Kubinec x 218 Elf Layla Walayla B). Even a handsome, well-bred stallion like El Nabila B requires a skillful management team to help him realize his full potential. The El Nabila B Partners turned to Rohara Arabians, Roxann Hart and her team of experts to make their dreams come true. Michael Weinstein, was a member of the El Nabila B Partners and an Arabian horse breeder for over 35 years explained their choice; "I've known Roxann Hart since the late 1970's when I visited her original farm in Miami, Florida. I have always admired Roxann's breeding program, as well

as her management and marketing skills. The partners were looking for a special place for El Nabila B, a place where he would get the best care possible and a place where he would have the luxury of large pastures and the ability to spend time outdoors. We were also looking for a breeder that would make the necessary commitment to not only stand him at stud, but who would also integrate him heavily into their program. We learned that Roxann was a big fan of El Nabila and truly appreciated him. Her emotional connection and personal commitment to El Nabila convinced us Rohara was the right farm for him. We were not disappointed. Rohara was the perfect setting for a world class stallion like El Nabila B.



L-R: Michael Weinstein, Sandro Pinha, 2010 U.S. National Champion Senior Stallion, El Nabila B, and Roxann and Karl Hart

Our goal was to continue to build El Nabila's reputation as a breeding stallion. We were very, very happy with the care he received – they treated him like royalty – the absolute best of everything – including the mares he bred. El Nabila was very happy at Rohara and we could see his consistent progress. Finally! Everything came together. It was the right horse, the right environment, the right support and the right time. Roxann and her team had paved the way to present El Nabila B at the U.S. Nationals where he was named the National Champion Senior Stallion. It was a great success and a wonderful outcome for everyone. Personally, I have really enjoyed our relationship and getting to know Roxann, John Rannenberg and the other staff at Rohara. Roxann Hart was very instrumental in El Nabila's recent success and we look forward to working together in the future. There are seven El Nabila B foals expected at Rohara Arabians this spring. We're also very excited for Roxann and her young stallion, Rohara Aria Spartan; he may be El Nabila's best son in the United States and possibly the world. We will be there to support Roxann and Spartan – just like she was there to support us and El Nabila B."

Roxann is equally excited about Rohara Aria Spartan (El Nabila B x MSU Secret Vows, by Consensus, by Monogrammm); he was another young, unproven colt that she took under her wing. After a little more than a year of conditioning and training at Rohara, Spartan has become a stunning, successful show horse that is well on his way to superstar status. He is the 2010 Region 12 Champion Two-Year-Old Colt and high scoring male at the show, The 2010 Ocala Champion Arabian Breeding Stallion and the 2009 AHAF 40th Annual Thanksgiving Show Junior Champion Colt. Spartan has proven himself in the show ring and soon the results of his first breedings will give us a glimpse of his genetic ability. Rohara Aria Spartan has exceptionally fine conformation and beautiful type, he also has an extremely strong and prepotent pedigree, and so Roxann is expecting great foals from him. Spartan is continuing his show career as well, and is on his way to competing at the 2011 Scottsdale Show with his trainer, Joe Alberti, who joined the Rohara team headed up by APHA Horseman of the Year, John Rannenberg and includes the national award winning talents of performance trainer, Katie Showers.

The names of national and international, halter and performance, champions bred, managed, presented or marketed by Rohara Arabians could fill a book. Their success has earned Roxann recognition for her valuable contributions, and her breeding program at Rohara Arabians has achieved the level of global influence by becoming the foundation for other breeders around the world. Roxann attributes her success to her willingness to use good horses, regardless of their origin. She has never limited her choices to "straight bloodlines", but uses whatever horses appeal to her – phenotypically and genotypically - and that she feels will produce her desired results: beautiful and correct horses with athletic ability.



Recently, Roxann Hart won the 2010 USEF Ellen Scripps Davis Memorial Breeders Cup Award. This award, inaugurated in 1998, is regarded as the highest honor a breeder can achieve in the overall equine industry. In addition, Rohara Arabians was named the APHA Horseman's Breeder of the Year and Roxann was named Adult Amateur Halter Handler of the year.

The name Rohara has become synonymous with success. But, how do we, as members of the Arabian horse community, define success? Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Our chief want in life is someone who will inspire us to be what we know we could be." Two of Roxann Hart's greatest gifts are her ability to see the possibility of what could be and her spirit of generosity that empowers others to be all they can be. As people drive up to the gates of Rohara, they often experience a moment of wonder when they see the lush beauty of the land and the exquisite Arabian horses. Then, as the gates slowly open and allow entrance to this equine paradise, they feel a surge of energy and excitement – it is the feeling of possibility, of what can be – welcome to Rohara Arabians, the gateway to success.



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