

Biography

Judit Erzsébet Kovács



Judit's choice of profession was determined by her fascination towards riding and horses. She was graduated from the Agricultural University of Gödöllő as a certified engineer in agriculture with specialty in animal breeding biotechnology. Soon after the university years she also was educated as a horse riding instructor. At that time she had already had her first junior horse, a two-year-old unriden mare of the Hungarian breed Furioso of Mezőhegyes, whom she rode in herself.

At the end of the '90s she was able to live her dream: she got a job in the Arabian Stud of Bábolna as a stud-book keeper engineer and she also worked for the Society of Hungarian Arabian Horse Breeders, where she was a member of the Breeding Committee. After some reorganization and personal changes in Bábolna she left the stud, and moved to County Tolna, where she became an animal breeding inspector at the County Office of the Hungarian Agricultural Ministry.

Between the years 2003-2016 she led the County Office of the Agricultural and Rural Development Agency (Hungarian paying agency for agricultural subsidies financed by the European Union.)

Also during these 13 years she kept in touch with the Hungarian Arabian Horse Breeders Society: she was asked to judge at stallion examinations in Bábolna first time in 2001 and since then almost every year. She completed the ISG international judge course in 2006 after which she was invited to judge Shagya horses in Austria, Switzerland and at international shows in Hungary. She considers it a great honour that together with dr Walter Huber she had already judged for the PShR at the inspection-tour in the US in 2015.

From 2017 on she is the breeding-leader of the Society of Hungarian Arabian Horse Breeders.

She currently resides in SW-Hungary, in County Tolna with her horses. She still has her horses who are now 27 and 22 years old and already in pension. They are family members for their life-time. Judit found a new activity for them, by joining the topics of horses, coaching and leadership: with the assistance of her horses she supports leaders to develop their potential by experiential learning with horses.

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Marie Johnson



Born in Fontainebleau France, Marie Johnson showed an early interest in riding. She competed at the Junior International level in France in Show Jumping and Combined Eventing. After an internship at Saumur French Riding Academy, she was licensed as a Riding Instructor by the French Riding Federation.

In the United States, Marie is an 'R' judge in Dressage and an 'r' judge in Combined Eventing.

For many years, Marie's horse related activities have included teaching, holding clinics, and training, organizing shows, and judging. Marie has judged Dressage, Combined Events and Sport horses all over the United States including at the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show in Scottsdale Arizona in February 2017.

Marie continues to enjoy judging as an opportunity to provide insight and guidance to the future generation of riders and horse enthusiasts.

Marie currently lives near Madison Wisconsin and enjoys taking care of orchids and wild birds as well as spending time with her dog and horses.