

DAWN BROWN

Amadeus Mozart Ara-Li (Morgan Stallion)

Dawn and her husband, Walter, own and operate Ara-Li Acres stable at their home in Collina, NB, near Sussex. The pair breed Morgan horses with their award-winning stud, Amadeus Mozart Ara-Li.

It's official..

Dawn is well known throughout the region as an Equine Canada Official Senior Steward and Medium Dressage Steward officiating at sanctioned shows several weekends each season.

Personally speaking..

Dawn was lured into the world of horses by a high school friend, Donna Bower-Ensor. She went on to the NS Agricultural College where she graduated from the Horsemanship Program and acquired an Animal Science Technician Diploma.

Before settling in NB, Dawn spent several years working for Sam-Son Farms Thoroughbred race track division in Ontario as head groom and shedrow foreman under trainer Jim Day.

Although she never had a formal coach, she has taken lessons throughout her life. Now, with her focus on driving, she trains with Robin Groves at the annual clinic sponsored by the NB Morgan Horse Assoc.

She spends as much as 35 or more hours a week with her horses: looking after their stable,

grooming and feed needs; training them for riding, driving and competition; and enjoying watching them interact with one another in the pasture.

Accomplishments & Goals

Best competitive accomplishments so far? "Receiving Moe's 'Supreme' designation from the Canadian Morgan Horse Association and winning a Morgan Hunter Seat Pleasure Championship Class in 2010."

Best non-competitive accomplishments? "Selling three homebred Morgans to good homes (see Factoids below)."

Short-term goals? "To get our 5-year-old Morgan Ara-Li Royal Nathaniel driving this year. and spend more time driving. In 2011, to attend two Morgan competitions, competing in Carriage Driving."

Long-term goals? "To reach the Platinum level in the CMHA Versatility program with Moe and to enjoy the horses."

Obstacles, Heros and Future Plans

"Being located here limits the number of Combined Driving Events or Horse Driving Trials available to attend, affordably.

"I don't have heros other than my parents, but I greatly respect some people; Francine



Driving Duo!

White and Robin Groves are high on that list.

Dawn plans to keep riding and driving, possibly adding some distance riding into the mix and, when her husband retires, travel and visit some of the Morgans they have sold.

Dawn has an interest in singing, participates in the local choral society and enjoys a variety of music.

Quotable notes...

"I am fortunate to have been blessed with a wonderful husband. He supports and takes part in the equine activities. I know many women whose husbands discourage such activities. Walter and I enjoy sharing the horses and everything that goes with that.

"My biggest fear is what would happen to the horses if anything happened to Walter or me. The horses are dependent on us, especially Moe. It is hard to place a stallion."

Factoids

- Current horses - Amadeus Mozart Ara-Li, Minelda's Memory, Ara-Li Royal Nathaniel; and two leased horses - Coachlight's First Impression (Teddy) and Blackstream's Rhiannon
- Greatest joy - family
- Secret indulgence - food, science fiction TV shows and 'General Hospital'

More...

- Competitive disciplines - Driving, Breed Sport Morgan
- Previous horses - Neddexter (QH); Home breds - Ara-Li Amber Mint (sold to Shelley Lawley, Halifax, NS); Ara-Li Black Pearl (sold to Bill Davis, Rolla, Missouri); and Ara-Li Dyberry Doc (sold to Marcia and Sue Geil, Las Vegas, Nevada)

And More...

- Hobbies / interests - singing
- Favourite book - 'The Complete Training of Horse and Rider', Alois Podhajsky
- Favourite music - choral music, the old standards and many other varieties of music.