

## *The Mystery of the Arabian*

The Arabian horse has long been enshrouded in myths of mystery and mystique. The ethereal majesty of this noble creature from the desert sands is seldom found within our world. Childhood tales of desert intrigue and mysterious Arabian stallions further promote the aura of mystery that surrounds the Arabian horse. These animals are so unlike any other that we ponder in amazed bewilderment how such a mystical creature came to be. Almost human-like, Arabians possess a unique ability to connect with us...they are the embodiment of the Pegasus and Unicorn of our fantasies. Thus, the mysterious ambiance that has come to envelop the Arabian is no surprise.

Even for those of us lucky enough to live with these beautiful horses, there still exists a quality of mystery. Although we come to expect the extreme devotion, strong intellect, and obliging nature found within our horses, we are still at a loss to explain *why* such a powerful and intelligent animal should so willingly and fully devote itself to our (largely undeserving) selves. The childhood vision of the winged horse cloaked in mist may have been replaced by a living, breathing animal of muscle and bone, yet that otherworldly aspect still remains.

It is unlikely that the mystery of the Arabian horse will ever be solved. The combination of strength, servility, intelligence, and grace exhibited in our Arabians could never be explained in logical terms. Yet Arabian horse lovers worldwide will always know that we can depend on our horses to share these qualities with us.