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Black Beauty

from Poland

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In 2013 at the Polish division of the Saudi Arabian Al Khalediah Stables – Al Khalediah Stud Poland, located in Nowe Wroniska – a black colt was born, Nadi Al Khalediah, the third produce of the black Nada Al Khalidiah from the damline of Rodania d.b. ~1869, a mare sired by the also black Abha Ifni. Władysław Guziuk, the then Stable Manager of Al Khalediah Poland (currently retired), recalls that the colt immediately drew attention with his type, short head and small, ideally shaped ears.

“Yes, those shapely, perfect ears of his are, beside the beautiful black coat colour, a recognisable trademark of Nadi”, confirms Krzysztof Dużyński, co-owner of the horse. “I remember when I first saw him at the Służewiec Racetrack where I went to talk with one of the trainers about training conditions. When I was walking through the stables I noticed a beautiful, dark head with a dished profile looking at me over the stall door. That was the moment that Nadi stole my heart”.



photo by Katarzyna Dołńska-Wilkowska

Nadi Al Khalediah

2013 Homozygous Black
Stallion
CA & SCID clear

		MAHMOUD AL-SAYED b. 1965	PADRONA PAVLO b. 1988	PADRON KATHA
	ABMINGAUM di 1998		ALANCI MEROULI b. 1999	SANAKI MIDINA AZHARVA
		LEBESLOVE SONG di 1990	AL MUHNA LOHO b. 1990	AL MUHNA GAMMAKA
ZUMALHUSNA pg. 2005			ENDLESS LOVE b. 1987	GAMMAK ABHINA
		ROSSNY b. 1996	ANSAI YUNHAI ME b. 1958	NAZIER HAIHA
	ZIHOORBY pg. 2053		SANSA b. 1960	SID ABOHOM YASHMAK
		GABRIEL b. 1972	HUSA b. 1969	WILDAZ BALAMKA
			GATA b. 1959	ERZON GUELI
			MAGRICI AMAL ME b. 1992	ALFAMAL THE DREAMSINER
		RAMIRIA b. 1995	DEA ALFAK b. 1984	BEYSAH EWALINA
	ABHATANI b. 1990		ABHATANI b. 1985	GALCON SAALIDA
		ABHATANI b. 1990	ABHATANI b. 1990	GAMIP GAMIP
NADIA AL KHALAF b. 2003			HAVALI BEY b. 1990	RAYAN NAGANKA
		RAYAN b. 1970		
	ZABRINTO ZAVAM b. 1998		SUNSHINE b. 1970	BASK LANS
		LEOPOLD ZAVAM b. 1995		
			ALFAMAL b. 1992	REHNAVAL HURAGI MAMUZY
			SEWELL b. 1988	SABIK GUEWINDSINER



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Black Beauty Partnership

As a three year old, in accordance with the Polish breeding program, Nadi underwent racing training for one season. Earlier, as a two year old, he participated in the Polish National Show in Janów Podlaski, where he was a top five in his class (4th place), despite the fact that black horses do not have an easy task at shows and are usually omitted by the judges. After completing his racing trial he was to return to his home stud to take up the duties of sire. But that's when he caught the eye of Krzysztof Dużyński who did all he could to persuade the owners to sell the horse. "It was not easy", he says, "though Al Khalediah Stud Poland had already been using the four year older full brother of Nadi, Najm Al Khalediah and in 2016, when Nadi completed his racing training, another son of Nada had already been born. But I was stubborn. In moments like these it is good to have the support of friends who share your enthusiasm. There were people willing to believe in Nadi and invest in his further career. And so the Black Beauty Partnership was born".

Homozygous black

Nadi was not yet tested and it was not known whether he was homozygous, meaning that there would be a guarantee that with black mares he would give black foals. "When I told our friend who is veterinarian that we are waiting for the test results of Nadi that were to come from a German lab, she only smiled", recalls Krzysztof Dużyński. "If it turns out that he is homozygous then you had hit the jackpot. But don't count on it, this is extremely rare". There wasn't much hope in winning the golden ticket in this case, because Nadi's sire, ZT Maghossny, is grey and his closest relatives also don't have a black coat colour. But when the results came it turned out that not only is the stallion CA and SCID clear, but he is additionally a homozygous black! Already Nadi's first breeding season showed that the demand for a black, handsome and homozygous stallion is huge. In 2018 the first foals in Poland, Germany, Czech Republic and Slovakia are awaited. This breeding season Nadi is stationed at Michałów Stud, in the European Reproduction Centre and there are many questions about purchasing breedings to him not only from European breeders, but also from places very far away from Poland.*



Al Khalediah Stud Poland

Władysław Guziuk, former Stable Manager
at Al Khalediah Stud Poland



Nadi's first foal was born in February of 2018 at Zalia Arabians Stud, the stallion's lessee. It is a black filly out of Negma Al Khalediah by Forteynas Magic, a mare bred at the same stud as Nadi. "We are more than pleased", says Katarzyna Dołńska-Witkowska from Zalia Arabians. "We were counting on Nadi to pass on type and beauty and we couldn't wait for the foal's birth. The filly fulfilled our hopes. She is not only black, but also typey, correct and has a pretty head with small, beautiful ears and a long neck".

As Nadi's lessees say, the stallion causes no problems, is very well behaved and readily works with man. "We liked him very much when he was standing with us in 2017", says Robert Witkowski. "I think he was comfortable with us and we were with him. We will happily welcome him back".

His sire: ZT Maghossny

Nadi's sire, the born at the late Count Federico Zichy-Tyssen's Argentinean stud ZT Maghossny (AB Magnum – ZT Horuby/Hossny), bears a name that channels superb ancestors on both sides of his pedigree. "Mag" reflects AB Magnum and his sire, Magnum Psyche, the best son of Padrons Psyche, whose influence on world breeding cannot be overestimated. "Hossny" comes from the stallion Hossny, a Straight Egyptian son of Ansata Ibn Halima and a grandson of Nazeer. The mating of the American Hossny with Brazilian National Champion Mare and one of Count Zichy-Tyssen's favourites, daughter of the epochal

Polish Bask – Gai Ruby – resulted in Maghossny's dam, ZT Horuby. When mated with the son of Magnum – US National Champion AB Magnum, sire of champions on four continents, she produced ZT Maghossny, who as a two year old became junior champion of the international show in Al Zahraa, Egypt (2005). ZT Maghossny is grey, but when we reach further into his pedigree we will find brown and black horses. The black stallion Niga (born 1957, out of Galena by Phantom), bred by W.R. Stephens, Jr., Edina, Minnesota, son of the also black Nitez (born 1952, out of Nafa by Raseyn), 1953 California Res. Champion Stallion and 1954 Minnesota Champion Stallion and grandson of the famous Polish Witeź II (Ofir – Federacja/Burgas), can be found in ZT Maghossny's genealogical tree twice. Niga, the sire of the brown Gamaar (out of Gay-Rose/Ferzon), great-grandfather of AB Magnum, has often sired black horses (Count Niga, EDS Witez, El Nigadin, Ibn Niga, Kal-Niga, Niga Con, Nizaun, Val-e-tez) and Gaamar himself, who was the sire of more than 300 get, including show champions, sometimes also passed on the black coat colour (for example in Pistoleero).

ZT Maghossny is stationed at Al Khalediah Stud Poland since its inception in 2008, when a group of horses from Al Khalediah Stables arrived in Poland. Apart from Galba, World Champion from the Salon du Cheval in Paris in 1999 (died in 2014), ZT Maghossny served as chief sire at the stud during all those years. "ZT Maghossny passes onto his get type and beauty, but most of all a beautiful, dark eye and correct build with a good topline", states Władysław Guziuk.

His dam: Nada Al Khalidiah

Very interesting is the pedigree of Nadi's dam, the black Nada Al Khalidiah. She is a daughter of the born at Marieta Salas' Ses Planes Stud (Spain) black stallion Abha Ifni. He is well remembered by Władysław Guziuk, who often had a chance to ride the stallion during his work at Al Khalediah Stables in Saudi Arabia. "He was a horse of good calibre, robust, 158 cm tall", he says. "Unfortunately he left only several get, because he was purchased as a mount for Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud and was not used as a sire". Luckily he was able to sire Nada Al Khalidiah, whose genetic potential was fully revealed in her sons. From his grandfather Nadi Al Khalediah inherited his height: he is 155 cm tall in the withers.

Abha Ifni is the son of the black R Ali Bey and the mare Abha Zenobia (by Abha Tabir), generally considered the best mare at Ses Planes and the half-brother to the owned by Al Shabania Stud Abha Raipur (by El Perfecto), who became US National Three Year Old Champion Mare and twice Scottsdale Senior Gold Champion Mare; and Abha Gali (also by El Perfecto), US National Reserve Champion Mare, owned by Dubai Arabian Horse Stud. The dam of Zenobia, Abha Hamir, is a Spanish National, US National and Canadian National Champion Mare. Let's also add that Nada Al Khalidiah inherited the black coat colour not only from her sire, but also her dam, the Brazilian-bred (Jose Alves Filho, Haras JM) Fairest of Jamaal by Bey Shah. This mare was exported

from the USA to Saudi Arabia in 1998. "I remember her as a phenomenal black beauty, a superb dam. Nada turned out to be a worthy daughter", concludes Władysław Guziuk.

The year 2018 is the second season in the breeding career of Nadi Al Khalediah. There is definitely a rather huge chance for him to be positively remembered by breeders, not only Polish ones, because he has more to offer than just the often desired black coat: he also has type, beauty, height, correctness, good movement and finally a friendly nature. Already now Nadi is enjoying quite a large group of faithful fans: his Facebook profile is followed by about 2600 people. □

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*CA & SCID clear means that the horse is not a carrier of genes responsible for CA (Cerebral Abiotrophy) and SCID (Severe Combined Immunodeficiency). The carrying of genes responsible for these diseases is quite common in the Arabian horse population.

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