

# The unforgettable Gazal Al Shaqab

## A living legend



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There are places I remember  
All my life, though some have changed  
Some forever not for better  
Some have gone and some remain

All these places had their moments  
With lovers and friends I still can recall  
Some are dead and some are living  
In my life I've loved them all

But of all these friends and lovers  
There is no one compares with you  
And these memories lose their meaning  
When I think of love as something new

Though I know I'll never lose affection  
For people and things that went before  
I know I'll often stop and think about them  
In my life I love you more...

*John Lennon & Pau McCartney*





**F**or each of us, there are certain events, certain individuals in our lives that we will never forget. Ask anyone the name of their first love, or, in our world – their first Arabian horse – and chances are they will remember immediately. My introduction to the Arabian horse came from the cherished storybook, “King of the Wind”, by Marguerite Henry. At the age of nine, I discovered this book at my small local library. I took my treasure and snuggled into a big red leather chair in a room that was bathed with sunlight streaming in through the great arched windows. I remember studying the cover art of a bay stallion with his black mane flying back, his curved ears, his big dark eyes, his deep full jaw, his flared nostrils tinged with delicate pink and the elaborate fringed bridle he wore. I remember thinking it was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen. As I opened the book and began to read, I was transported to an exotic world in a far away land. With each page I read, I fell deeper in love. Perhaps it was that first love that drew me so strongly to a stallion I believe personifies the handsome Arabian stallion in the book and brings the dream to life, the living legend, GAZAL AL SHAQAB.

Although the story is fiction, the horse was real. History shows that the stallion Shams, later named The Godolphin Arabian, lived from 1724 to 1754. Through a series of events he was brought to England where he became a foundation



Gazal Al Shaqab

sire and made a huge impact on horse racing that continues to this day. The Godolphin Arabian is universally recognized among Arabian horse breeders, as well as Thoroughbred horse breeders, as a true legend.

In the story, we learn that Shams was a tribute or gift to the French King Louis XV (15 February 1710 – 10 May 1774). This was a common practice at the time and one way in which the Arabian was introduced to horse breeders around the world. Equine experts from Poland, Germany, England



Gazal Al Shaqab



**Gazal Al Shaqab**  
1995 bay, stallion



	<b>SHAIKH AL BADI</b> AHR*54456 Grey 1969	<b>*MORAFIC</b> AHR*32261 Grey 1956	<b>NAZEER RAS</b> *247 Grey 1934 <b>MABROUKA</b> EAO*12 Chestnut 1951
		<b>*BINT MAISA EL SAGHIRA++</b> AHR*23220 Bay 1958	<b>NAZEER RAS</b> *247 Grey 1934 <b>MAISA</b> EAO*213 Grey 1948
<b>RUMINAJA ALI</b> AHR*134937 Grey 1976	<b>BINT MAGIDAA</b> AHR*62907 Grey 1970	<b>*KHOFO++</b> AHR*32265 Grey 1965	<b>MORAFIC</b> EAO*29 Grey 1956 <b>NABILAH</b> EAO*166 Grey 1960
		<b>*MAGIDAA</b> AHR*56075 Chestnut 1964	<b>ALAA EL DIN</b> EAO*352 Chestnut 1958 <b>MAYSA</b> EAO*519 Chestnut 1955
<b>ANAZA EL FARID</b> AHR*423140 Bay 1988	<b>*ANSATA IBN HALIMA++</b> AHR*15897 Grey 1958	<b>NAZEER RAS</b> *247 Grey 1934	<b>MANSOUR RAS</b> *111 Grey 1921 <b>BINT SAMIHA</b> RAS*133 Bay 1925
		<b>HALIMA RAS</b> *420 Bay 1944	<b>SHEIKH EL ARAB</b> RAS*228 Grey 1933 <b>RAGIA</b> RAS*317 Chestnut 1938
<b>BINT DEENAA</b> AHR*200068 Bay 1979	<b>*DEENAA</b> AHR*50733 Bay 1967	<b>SAMEH IOHB</b> *139 Grey 1945	<b>EL MOEZ IOHB</b> *8 Grey 1934 <b>SAMEERA</b> IOHB*103 Grey 1934
		<b>DAHMA II</b> EAO*224 Grey 1950	<b>NAZEER RAS</b> *247 Grey 1934 <b>FUTNA</b> RAS*403 Grey 1943
	<b>*NABORR</b> AHR*25472 Grey 1950	<b>NEGATIV</b> RASB*377 Grey 1945	<b>NASEEM</b> RASB*5 Grey 1922 <b>TARASZCZA</b> RASB*108 Grey 1937
		<b>LAGODNA</b> RASB*167 Grey 1939	<b>POSEJDON</b> PASB*332 Grey 1916 <b>OBRA</b> PASB*569 Grey 1933
<b>KABORR+++</b> AHR*69270 Grey 1970	<b>BINT KHOLAMEH</b> AHR*20176 Chestnut 1961	<b>ADIBIYEZ++</b> AHR*11933 Bay 1957	<b>ZITEZ</b> AHR*4977 Chestnut 1948 <b>ADIBIYEH</b> AHR*2217 Bay 1942
		<b>KHOLAMEH</b> AHR*5645 Chestnut 1949	<b>WARDAMAR ALLA</b> AHR*2539 Chestnut 1943 <b>KHOLEY</b> AHR*716 Grey 1929
<b>KAJORA QASB</b> *722 Bay 1979	<b>EXELSJOR</b> SAHR*26 Grey 1963	<b>AQUINOR</b> PASB*1408 Grey 1951	<b>MIECZNIK</b> PASB*273 Grey 1931 <b>AMNERIS</b> PASB*939 Grey 1940
		<b>ELEONORA</b> PASB*1028 Bay 1944	<b>WITRAZ</b> PASB*901 Bay 1938 <b>ZMORA</b> PASB*826 Bay 1937
<b>*EDJORA++</b> AHR*94009 Grey 1968	<b>EDESSA</b> SAHR*22 Bay 1961	<b>PIETUSZOK</b> PASB*2033 Bay 1954	<b>PRIBOJ</b> RASB*313 Chestnut 1944 <b>TAKTIKA</b> RASB*254 Bay 1943
		<b>ELLORA</b> PASB*1388 Bay 1950	<b>WITRAZ</b> PASB*901 Bay 1938 <b>ELZA</b> PASB*921 Bay 1942

and other countries quickly recognized the superior qualities of the Arabian horse and that it could be used to improve their existing herds. Soon European and American breeders travelled to the deserts of the Middle East and North Africa in search of Arabian horses. Many of these early imports became foundation horses. A few truly elite individuals became legends and are remembered for their important contributions even to this day. In fact, more than 100 years later, the names of many of these early Arabian horse legends appear in the pedigree of one of the most influential sires of the 21st century – Gazal Al Shaqab.

In the early days of Arabian horse breeding, there were no shows or competitions to prove a horse's superiority. They were tested on the battlefield and in the breeding stables – it was the survival of the fittest. The success of Gazal Al Shaqab's ancestors went far beyond any show ring. Their greatest achievements were the contributions they made through their get, grand get and through their offspring. Thus, they

influenced the breed in a significant way and became the legends we recognize today.

This is the lesson history provides; an objective perspective of the facts and accumulated data that show exactly what a horse has accomplished. In the past, it could take a very long time for breeders to recognize the true impact of a horse's breeding career. However, today we have the luxury of technology that allows us to study the results of a horse's show and breeding career as it develops. It no longer takes decades for us to recognize the significance of an individual. We saw Gazal Al Shaqab crowned the National Champion Colt of Qatar as a yearling, his victory at the Salon du Cheval where he was named Champion Arabian Stallion of the World. We saw the emergence of Gazal's sons and daughters and watched as they took the world by storm winning national and international championships and then producing their own champion sons and daughters. With each generation, Gazal Al Shaqab's influence grows and at 17 years old he truly is a living legend of the Arabian breed.



## The Origins of the Legend Gazal Al Shaqab

*I have often heard knowledgeable breeders state that when they evaluate a horse and project its possible breeding ability they look to see how strongly the individual resembles its pedigree. If the horse's physical characteristics closely match those of the animals in its pedigree, then breeders believe there is in fact a very high probability that the horse will be able to reproduce those same qualities and traits with a good amount of consistency. Arabian horse expert Michael Byatt, who knows Gazal Al Shaqab intimately, repeated this statement when he spoke about Gazal Al Shaqab, "An early indication of Gazal's strength was the fact that he looked almost exactly like what I would expect from his pedigree. Physically, he has the best qualities of his sire and his dam, as well as recognizable traits from other horses in his pedigree. But he also possesses intangible qualities such as character, temperament, intelligence, kindness and heart. He truly is one of the nicest horses to be around and that is a quality I love. He is everything his pedigree says he should be – and more."*

*If there was a star in the sky for every Arabian horse legend in Gazal Al Shaqab's pedigree, the night would be as bright as day. Gazal Al Shaqab's sire was ANAZA EL FARID. Through Anaza El Farid, Gazal inherited an incredibly strong sire line. Without exception, each stallion in this line is recognized as a leading sire of the breed. The strongest line traces as follows: Gazal Al Shaqab\_Anaza El Farid\_Ruminaja Ali\_Shaikh Al Badi\_Morafic\_Nazeer. This sire line obviously continues further, but for many contemporary breeders, the straight Egyptian stallion Nazeer, bred by the Royal Agricultural Society of Egypt, is considered the most important source of excellence in these bloodlines. Nazeer's importance as a sire of significant sons and daughters cannot be overstated. His contributions, as well as those of his offspring – including those that appear in the pedigree of Gazal Al Shaqab – are well documented and solidify Nazeer's place of honor in the history of the breed. Gazal's pedigree has five lines to the great Nazeer.*

*Genetic strength is not achieved exclusively through a strong sire line. There must be a balance and the mares in Gazal Al Shaqab's Egyptian heritage contribute their own legendary excellence. This is indeed a rare phenomenon. It is almost impossible for a mare to achieve the same level of stature as a stallion simply because mares are much more limited in the number of offspring they can produce. Many of Gazal Al Shaqab's paternal dams are among the most widely recognized aristocratic mares of the breed: Mabrouka, Maisa, Bint Maisa El Saghira, Magidaa, Bint Magidaa, Halima, Dab-*

*ma, Deena and Bint Deena – their names create a melody of exotic beauty and harmony of inner strength.*

*There are two sides to every pedigree and each is equally important. The sire side of Gazal Al Shaqab's pedigree is straight Egyptian and brings with it the strong, close ties to his desert origins. Gazal Al Shaqab's dam is the regal U.S. National Champion Mare KAJORA. Her extraordinary beauty earned her a national championship title, but Kajora's ability as a broodmare brought her international acclaim. Kajora's pedigree is more diverse than that of Gazal's sire Anaza El Farid, but no less aristocratic. Kajora's pedigree brings a potent combination of rich and robust Russian, Polish and Crabbet bloodlines. Historically, these lines have been blended and overlapped to create masterpieces of living, breathing art. Kajora's family members are valued for their aristocratic character, their bold and graceful carriage, and their majestic beauty.*

*Numerous stallions in Gazal Al Shaqab's maternal line are found in the AHA Arabian Horse Data Source list of Leading Sires of the World including Kaborr, Naborr, Negativ, and Witraz. Other significant sires in Gazal's maternal line that are universally recognized as legends of the breed include Priboj, Pietuszkok, Excelsior and others. Kajora's dams are no less impressive. They contributed their lifeblood, which is rich in history that spans centuries of carefully selective breeding. The tail female line of Kajora\_Edjora\_Edessa\_Ellora\_Elza\_El Zabibe\_Karima\_Rusalka\_Polenta traces back eight generations to the foundation mare Polenta, foaled in 1895 at the Chrestowka Stud in Poland. Given Poland's fractured history, it is nothing short of amazing that the breeding of purebred Arabian horses continued so strongly. Today, the Polish Arabian horse breeding program, the oldest continuous program outside the Middle East, has renewed and strengthened its ties to the Middle East through Gazal Al Shaqab.*

*Many of Gazal Al Shaqab's international ancestors were imported to the United States during the late 1950's and 1960's by world renowned breeders such as; Donald and Judi Forbis of Ansata Arabians, Douglas and Margaret Marshall of Gleannloch Farms, Anne McCormick of McCormick Ranch, and Sheila Varian for Lloyd Bryant of Bryant Arabians. These and other American breeders used the imported horses with great success to create new legends of the breed including Gazal Al Shaqab's ancestors Shaikh Al Badi, Ruminaja Ali and Kaborr, as well as his sire Anaza El Farid and his dam Kajora. Each of these horses is acknowledged throughout the Arabian horse community as individuals of extraordinary quality and superior breeding ability.*

*Al Shaqab purchased the mare Kajora in February of 1994. She was a part of Millfield Stables' Gucci herd, which was being dispersed and managed by Michael Byatt Arabians. During the same time, Michael was also managing the straight Egyptian stallion Anaza El Farid, owned by the Farid Group. Michael was a member of the group and part owner of Anaza El Farid. Michael Byatt made the divinely inspired choice to bring Kajora and Anaza El Farid together. When Al Shaqab purchased Kajora, she was in foal and carrying an unimaginable treasure. On May 15, 1995, Kajora foaled a handsome bay colt; he was named Gazal Al Shaqab.*

*Almost immediately, Gazal Al Shaqab was a show ring sensation. His career, which he began as a yearling, was stellar with national, international and world championship titles in the United States, Europe and the Middle East including five championship titles in Qatar. Perhaps one of the most poignant moments in Gazal's show career came at the 2001 Salon du Cheval in Paris, France when he was named World Champion Arabian Senior Stallion and his son, Marwan Al Shaqab was named World Champion Arabian Junior Colt.*

1996 Qatar International Arabian Championships - Champion Colt  
 1997 US Egyptian Event - Reserve Supreme Champion Male  
 1997 US Egyptian Event - Champion Colt  
 1999 Qatar International Arabian Championships - Champion Stallion  
 1999 Middle East International Championships - Champion Senior Stallion  
 2000 Qatar International Arabian Championships - Reserve Champion Stallion  
 2001 Qatar International Arabian Championships - Reserve Champion Stallion  
 2001 World Arabian Horse Championships - Champion Stallion  
 2004 Qatar International Arabian Championships - Reserve Champion Stallion  
 2005 Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show - Reserve Champion Stallion  
 2005 US National Arabian Championships - Reserve Champion Stallion

*As impressive as Gazal Al Shaqab's show ring achievements are, the trophies and titles he has won express only the judges' opinions. They selected him as champion for his conformational excellence. However, the opinions that matter most are those of breeders; they choose Gazal Al Shaqab for his superior physical traits as well as his breeding potential. His proven ability to sire offspring with exceptional type and quality, as well as genetic strength, has made Gazal Al Shaqab a true living legend.*





## Gazal Al Shaqab His Amazing Offspring

*The goal of every Arabian horse breeder is to create the absolute best horse possible and to maintain that level of quality or improve upon it with each generation that follows. It's almost impossible to imagine a stallion of more extreme quality than Gazal Al Shaqab. The challenge was to use his exceptional qualities to enhance those of the mares he bred, to bring out the best in them, and to create an equal or even better resulting offspring.*

*Gazal Al Shaqab stood his first breeding season in 1997. The following year his first foal crop was somewhat small, but impressive. It takes a leap of faith to use an unproven young stallion – but those early breeders were rewarded with outstanding foals. Among those first foals was Gazal's first national champion offspring; STAR GHAZAL, out of C*

*Starlite Bey, by Ray Dor Echo and out of the Bey Shah daughter Moonlite Bey. Star Ghazal was named the 2004 Canadian National Champion Stallion. Today, Star Ghazal is owned by Tarrance and Jacqueline Floyd of Silver Lake Arabians and stands at Shada Arabians, Inc.*

*Although Gazal's first foals were impressive, only time would tell how they would mature. His second foal crop in 1999 had just six registered foals and although his foal crop the following year was his smallest, it included his most successful offspring to date. Al Shaqab selected their mare Little Liza Fame, by Fame VF, for Gazal Al Shaqab. The result was the great MARWAN AL SHAQAB, foaled in 2000. Marwan's unimaginable beauty and quality made believers from many of those who questioned if Gazal Al Shaqab was capable of reproducing his own glorious qualities – Marwan Al Shaqab crushed any doubts. He is the son who crowned his father as king.*

2012 Mediterranean and Arab Countries Leading Sire  
2012 Qatar International Arabian Horse Leading Sire  
2011 World Arabian Horse Leading Sire  
2011 Mediterranean & Arab Countries Leading Sire  
2011 Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show Leading Halter Sire  
2010 World Arabian Horse Leading Sire  
2010 Qatar National Leading Sire  
2010 Qatar International Arabian Leading Sire  
2010 Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show Leading Halter Sire  
2009 World Arabian Horse Leading Sire  
2009 Qatar International Arabian Champion Stallion  
2009 Qatar International Arabian Leading Sire  
2008 World Arabian Horse Leading Sire  
2008 World Arabian Horse Champion Senior Stallion  
2008 All Nations Cup Champion Stallion  
2007 World Arabian Horse Leading Sire  
2005 US National Arabian Unanimous Champion Jr Stallion  
2003 US National Arabian Unanimous Champion Jr Stallion  
2003 Region 9 Unanimous Champion Junior Stallion  
2002 World Arabian Horse Champion Colt  
2002 European Arabian Champion Colt  
2002 All Nations Cup Champion Colt  
2001 World Arabian Horse Champion Colt  
2001 Qatar International Arabian Champion Colt



*Gazal Al Shaqab*



Star Ghazal

*Marwan Al Shaqab's show record includes the highest accolades in the Arabian horse world with national and international championship titles in every country he has been presented. He won the hearts of judges for his beauty, conformation and charisma. Breeders also appreciated Marwan's qualities, but again they questioned if he had the capacity to sire that same level of excellence. It didn't take long for Marwan Al Shaqab to prove his abilities. Marwan's stunning success as a show horse is totally eclipsed with his achievements as a sire. At the age of 12, Marwan Al Shaqab is already among the top five on AHA's list of Leading Sires of the World and that rank does not include all his offspring registered in other countries.*

*Marieta Salas of Ganaderia Ses Planes is one of the renowned breeders who has enjoyed Marwan Al Shaqab's siring contribution. Marieta leased Marwan for his first breeding season in 2002. She believed in his potential and used him with some of her very best mares. The results have been nothing less than stellar. Marwan Al Shaqab sired numerous national and international champions for Ses Planes and now his offspring there are producing new generations of*



Marwan Al Shaqab





*champions. The quality of the Ses Planes Arabian horses is among the best in the world and breeders everywhere value them like jewels. Many of the Ses Planes horses – recognized by the Abha prefix – have been acquired by international breeders who have enjoyed success with these magnificent horses in the show ring and also in their breeding programs. In this way, Marwan Al Shagab has expanded the Gazal Al Shagab global reputation for excellence and contributed to the superiority of breeding programs around the world for generations to come.*



*Marwan Al Shagab*







*Abba Palma*



*Marwan Al Shagab*



*Abba Qatar*



*Abba Raipur*



*Abha Qalams**Abha Myra*

### **Outstanding Marwan Al Shaqab offspring from Ses Planes:**

**Abha Maharani**, 2003 mare, out of Abha Ghazali by El Perfecto, 2005, Spanish National Junior Champion Filly, 2011 Spanish National Gold Champion Mare

**Abha Mesha**, 2003 mare, out of Abha Excelsir, born in 2003, Junior Champion Filly, Bordeaux, France.

**Abha Myra**, 2003 mare, out of ZT Ludjkalba, 2004 Unanimous Jr. Champion International Show Arabesco and Spanish National Champion; 2005 Scottsdale Champion Two-Year-Old Fillies and Reserve Junior Champion Filly, World Championship Top Ten Junior Filly, Salon du Cheval, Paris, France; 2006 US National Reserve Champion Junior Mare; 2012 Scottsdale International

Arabian Breeders Gold Champion Mare.

**Abha Mysia**, 2003 mare, out of Abha Vinca, 2004 Arabesco Intern. Second Place Yearling Filly, after Abha Myra.

**Abha Midas**, 2003 stallion, out of CM Faylla El Shaklan, 2004 Spanish National Reserve Junior Champion, 2005 Spanish National Junior Champion Colt and Arabesco Reserve Junior Champion Colt.

**Abha Mahdi**, 2005 stallion, out of Alisheeba by Ali Jamaal, 2006 Arabesco Reserve Junior Champion and Unanimous Spanish National Junior Champion Colt

**Abha Mudira**, 2003 mare, out of Abha Fetiye, dam of U.S. National Champion Mare Abha Qalams.

**Abha Palma**, 2006 mare, out of Abha Ghazali, 2009 U.S. National Reserve

Champion Junior Mare, 2008 European and World Champion Junior Mare **Abha Peshawar**, 2006 stallion, out of ZT Ludjkalba, 2007 Spanish Nationals Reserve Yearling Colt, 2009 Arabequus International Bronze Champion Colt, 2009 Spanish National Bronze Champion Junior Colt, 2011 Spanish National Silver Champion Stallion

**Abha Qatar**, 2007 stallion, out of ZT Ludjkalba, International Champion Stallion

**Abha Qalamas**, 2007 mare, out of Abha Mudira by Marwan al Shaqab, 2010 U.S National Champion Junior Mare.

**Abha Shadir**, 2009 Stallion, out of Abha Ghazali, 2010 Spanish National Junior Champion Colt, 2011 Spanish National champion Two-Year-Old Colt and Spanish National Gold Champion Junior Colt.

*In 2003, Marwan Al Shaqab arrived in the United States. His reputation as an international champion preceded him and American breeders welcomed him. They were anxious to introduce Marwan to their mares and quickly put him to work. The following year Marwan Al Shaqab had 27 registered foals. From that first group there were six national, reserve national and international champions including the beautiful U.S. National Champion Junior and Reserve Supreme national Champion Mare, Star of Marwan, Marajj, Marhaabah, NYN Hisani, Marquis CAHR, and EKS Bey Al Gazal. Every year, every foal crop, Marwan Al Shaqab sires more champions. The list seems to be endless. Marwan Al Shaqab's champion offspring are found in almost every country of the world. Their exceptional conformation earns them international acclaim and their ability to consistently produce high quality foals proves they are valuable breeding horses as well. Without question, Gazal Al Shaqab endowed his son Marwan with the gift of genetic greatness. In return, Marwan Al Shaqab and his offspring pay tribute to their patriarch by increasing Gazal Al Shaqab's global influence.*



*Shakhir El Marwan*



*Fai Al Shaqab*



*Abha Sadiky*



## Gazal Al Shaqab & The Breeders of Poland

In 2001, *Gazal Al Shaqab* made history. He was presented at the World Championships at the Salon du Cheval and was named World Champion Arabian Senior Stallion. His son, *Marwan Al Shaqab*, was named unanimous World Champion Arabian Junior Colt. It was an incredible achievement for both father and son. All eyes were on *Gazal Al Shaqab*, including the representatives from the Polish State Studs. The directors of the stud farms requested a lease agreement and in 2002, *Gazal Al Shaqab* was warmly welcomed to Poland. The Polish breeders are extremely serious and focused. Their horses are everything to them. After more than 150 years of breeding Arabian horses, the Polish breeders will not compromise on quality. They gave *Gazal Al Shaqab* their best mares and in return, he gave them priceless sons and daughters.

Among *Gazal Al Shaqab*'s first Polish-bred foals, born in 2003, was a beautiful bay filly that has been described as ethereal, exquisite, perfect, a model for Arabian horses... her name is *PLANISSIMA*. Janów Podlaski, a name synonymous with Arabian horses of the highest quality, bred this breath-taking beauty. After more than 150 of history, *Pianissima*, out of *Pianosa* by *Eukaliptus*, may not be the best mare ever bred at Janów Podlaski, but she is certainly among the most elite to have been born on those hallowed grounds. *Pianissima* is a true gem in the crown of the Polish breeding program.

*Pianissima*'s show ring accomplishments confirm her conformational excellence and her extremely high level of Arabian type. Some of her many awards include 2012 Dubai International Senior Gold Champion Mare, Dubai; 2008 Al Khaleidiah Arabian Horse Festival Senior Champion Mare, Riyadh, KSA; Polish National Senior Champion Mare & Best In Show, World Champion Mare, Nations Cup Champion Mare, European Champion Mare, 2006 U.S. National Champion Arabian Junior Mare, Scottsdale Champion Mare Two-Years and Over; 2004 Bialka Spring Show Junior Champion Mare and Best In Show, Junior Champion Mare & Best in Show, Falborek, Poland, Polish National Junior Champion Mare & Best In Show, All Nations Cup Junior Champion Mare, Aachen, Germany; European Junior Champion Mare, Moorsele, Belgium; and World Junior Champion Arabian Mare, Salon du Cheval, Paris, France.

That same year, 2003, *DRABANT*, a stallion out of *Demona* by *Monogramm*, was born. He went on to win 2009 Polish National Senior Reserve Champion Stallion, 2008



*Pianissima*

Polish National Senior Reserve Champion Stallion, and 2004 Polish National Junior Champion Colt. *Drabant* is a worthy son of *Gazal Al Shaqab*. Also born in 2003 was the stallion *EQUIFOR*, out of *Equivria* by *Pers*. He was named 2011 Polish National Senior Silver Champion Stallion, Scandinavian Open Senior Gold Champion Stallion, Blommeröd, Sweden and 2005 Polish National Junior Reserve Champion Stallion. The handsome stallion *HUN*, out of *Hula* by *Pentbagonn*, was born in 2003. Among *Hun*'s titles is 2010 U.S. National Top Ten Stallion.

The 2004 foal crop was equally successful for the Polish breeders. Among the most notable was the mare *EJRENE*, out of *Emocja* by *Monogramm*. She was 2011 Polish National Senior Silver Champion Mare, International Senior Gold Champion Mare in Wels, Austria; Bialka Spring Show Junior Champion Mare, Poland and Polish National Junior Champion Mare. The *Gazal* daughter *PINGA*, out of *Pilar* by *Fawor*, also born in 2004, had an even more international show career. Her wins include 2010 Scottsdale Arabian Show Senior Reserve Champion Mare, Scottsdale, USA; Polish National Senior Gold Champion Mare & Best in Show, Junior Champion Mare & Best in Show, Belzyce, Poland; Junior Champion Mare & Best in Show, Falborek, Poland; Polish National Junior Champion Mare & Best in Show, Janów Podlaski, Poland.

One of the brightest stars of the 2004 foal crop is *EMANDORIA*, out of *Emanda* by *Ecabo*. *Emandoria*'s show re-



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cord spans shows from Europe to the United States. Her titles include 2010 World Senior Silver Champion Mare, Salon du Cheval, Paris, France; European Senior Gold Champion Mare, Moorsele, Belgium; All Nations Cup Senior Gold Champion Mare, Aachen, Germany; Austrian International Senior Champion Mare, Wels, Austria; 2009 Arabian Breeders World Cup Senior Champion Mare, Las Vegas, NV; Polish National Senior Champion Mare & Best in Show, All Nations Cup Senior Silver Champion Mare, Aachen, Germany; World Senior Bronze Champion Mare, Salon du Cheval, Paris, France; and European Senior Bronze Champion Mare, Verona; 2007 U.S. National Champion Arabian Junior Mare, 2006 Bialka Spring Show Junior Champion Mare and Best In Show, Poland; Polish National Junior Reserve Champion Mare; European Junior Champion Mare, 2005 World Junior Champion Mare, Salon du Cheval, Paris, France; Polish National Junior Reserve Champion Mare, Bialka Spring Show Junior Reserve Champion Mare, Poland; and European Junior Reserve Champion Mare, Verona, Italy.



Emandoria

Other exceptional mares from Gazal's 2004 foals include PI-STORLA, out of Palmira by Monogram, 2011 European Senior Silver Champion Mare, Verona, Italy; 2008 World Senior Top Ten Mare, Salon du Cheval, Paris, France; 2007 All Nations Cup Junior Top Five Mare, Aachen, Germany; European Junior Champion Mare, Verona, Italy; as well as 2007 & 2006 World Junior Top Ten Mare, Salon du Che-





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val, Paris, France. *WILDA*, out of *Wilga* by *Ekstern*, was Polish National Senior Reserve Champion Mare and Junior Reserve Champion Mare at *Falborek*, Poland. *WKRA*, out of *Wyborna* by *Monogramma*, was *Wrocław* Arabian Horse Weekend Senior Silver Champion Mare, *Wrocław*, Poland; Polish National Senior Top Five Mare and *Scottsdale* Senior Top Ten Mare, *Scottsdale*, AZ, USA.

Perhaps *Gazal*'s most successful son, in terms of show ring success and the number of titles earned, is the multi-talented phenomenon, *GEORGETOWN*, out of *Georgia* by *Monogramm*. *Georgetown* has won more than 58 championships in halter and performance including 2012 South Africa National Senior Champion Stallion, South Africa National Reserve Supreme Champion Stallion and South Africa National Champion Show Hack. Also among the 2004 foals, was the stallion *LISSAR*, out of *Larissa* by *Eukaliptus*, he was the 2011 Danish National Champion Senior Stallion.

Even after *Gazal Al Shaqab* returned to the United States, the Polish State studs continue to use him and his offspring in their breeding programs. A recent winner by *Gazal Al Shaqab* was the beautiful and powerful mare, *ALABAMA*, a 2006 mare, out of *Altona* by *Eukaliptus*; she was the 2011 Polish National Senior Bronze Champion Mare and a tribute to her sire. *POMLAN* is a 2010 stallion by *Gazal* and out of *Pilar* by *Farvor*. This handsome colt was the 2011 *Bialka Spring Show* Junior Gold Champion Stallion.

An exotic grandson of *Gazal Al Shaqab* is also being used by the Polish breeders with tremendous success – *QR MARC*, by *Marwan Al Shaqab*, by *Gazal Al Shaqab*. Few breeders could believe the images of this exquisite bay colt; many thought his extreme beauty was the result of computer technology rather than good breeding. However, to see *QR Marc* is to believe in him. Remarkably, the Polish breeders have been able to capture *Marc*'s extreme type and create a new generation of superstars including the 2011 Polish National Gold Champion Colt and Champion Two-Year-Old Colt, *POGROM*, out of *Petla* by *Visbaden*. *Pogrom* was bred by *Janow Podlaski State Stud*. He is being leased by *David and Terry Anne Boggs* and the *Sloan Family*, *Mr Jeff Sloan*. *Pogrom* is standing at *Midwest Station II*. *QR Marc* also sired the high selling lot of the 2011 *Pride of Poland Sale*, *PLACENZA*, out of *Primavera* by *Emigrant*, who brought \$425,000.00 for her breeder, *Janow Podlaski State Stud*.

*Gazal Al Shaqab* has strong family ties to Poland. Many of Poland's most legendary sires and dams appear in his pedigree. Through the dedication of the Polish breeders and the generosity of *Al Shaqab*, Member *Qatar Foundation*, *Gazal Al Shaqab* fulfilled his destiny to return to the land of his ancestors and to honor them with the gifts of his precious sons and daughters. As long as there are Arabian horses in Poland, *Gazal Al Shaqab* will live on through his descendants.

## Gazal Al Shaqab Past, Present & Future

*In May of 2004, Gazal Al Shaqab returned to the United States and Michael Byatt Arabians. From the very beginning, Michael has been emotionally invested in Gazal's career as a show horse and as a sire. However, Michael's concern goes far beyond the stallion's accomplishments. For the past nine years, Michael's priorities have been ensuring Gazal's happiness, health and well being, which he manages with close personal attention.*

*For Michael Byatt, overseeing Gazal Al Shaqab and his son, Marwan Al Shaqab, is an honor, a privilege, a labor of love. Michael is completely open about his feelings for these special stallions and shared his thoughts about Gazal Al Shaqab. "What can I say other than that I am incredibly blessed to have Gazal in my world. He has enriched my life, and the lives of so many other people, in ways that I cannot describe or define.*

*I am constantly traveling and everywhere I go, I find Gazal's influence in the show rings and breeding programs. In South America, Gazal's presence is seen through his grandchildren and their get including the wonderful stallion FA EL SHAWAN, a son of Marwan and a daughter of ZT Shakfantasy. Shawan was Brazilian National Champion Stallion, U.S. National Champion and AHBA World Cup Champion Stallion. The Marwan son, MATISSE FM, out of a Furno Kamal daughter, bred by Cathy Wright is doing very well in Brazil as well. In South Africa, I saw the Gazal son Georgetown. The Michalow Stud in Poland bred Georgetown. He is out of their Monogramm daughter Georgia, which seems to be a very successful cross. Georgetown has been an absolutely phenomenal show horse and he is doing very well as a sire in that country. Gazal is popular with Australian breeders too. Mularwa Arabian Stud has bred at least ten direct Gazal offspring including the Gazal daughter Glamour MI. They have, and continue to incorporate, both Gazal and Marwan, as well as the Gazal grandsons Aria Impresario and Abha Qatar into their long established and highly successful breeding program.*

*I think Gazal's popularity there will increase significantly when other breeders see the foals. I see Gazal's influence through Europe and the Middle East; at every show I attend and many breeding farms I visit there are Gazal's get and grand get. Gazal has directly influenced the Polish breeding program and now they are using his grand get with excellent results. Of course, I love to visit Marieta Salas' farm, Ses Planes where Gazal Al Shaqab's influence continues.*



*Migracja, Gazal Al Shaqab x Mandala, 2012 Swedish National Show awarded 93.67 points. Bred and owned by Vicky Philip-Sørensen, Blommerød Arabian Stud*



*Maranta, Gazal Al Shaqab x Margotka, 2012 Swedish National Show awarded 92 points. Bred and owned by Vicky Philip-Sørensen, Blommerød Arabian Stud*

*Here in the States, Gazal's influence is deep. The list of his get and grand get that have earned national championship titles is too long to even try to mention. It seems that all the top trainers in the country have Gazal offspring in their show string. I am genuinely touched – overwhelmed – by all the comments I hear about Gazal from breeders, owners and trainers at nearly every show I go to. Recently, I was at a show and Jerry Schall from Shada Arabians and I were talking. Jerry told me that almost every horse in their barn – show horses and breeding horses – is related to Gazal Al*





*Gazal Al Shaqab*

*Glamour MI*

*Shaqab. That was amazing! Most important to me, is the fact that the Gazal sons and daughters in this country are producing some really fantastic babies – I love to see those babies!*

*It makes me very happy to have Gazal at my farm and to see him so fit and happy. At 17 years old, he looks great – he*

*looks like a five year old! I try to give him the very best of everything – he deserves it. It's the least I can do in return for everything he has given me. Gazal has changed my life. His children and their children have changed the lives of many people here in the United States and around the world. They have allowed us to live better; our personal and professional lives are better because of them. Everyone who participa-*

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tes with Gazal and his family is touched in a positive way. When I think of that kind of influence, it gives me pause. It makes me ask myself, "What am I contributing?" Every time I look at Gazal, or think of him, I thank him.

*Al Shaqab has become a leader in our industry. I believe their commitment and dedication will continue to enhance the lives of many people for generations to come. That's quite a legacy."*

Today, Michael Byatt is making sure that all of Gazal Al Shaqab's physical and emotional needs are met, thus creating the possibility for him to fulfill his deepest potential, which is contributing to the breed through his progeny. There is a long list of Gazal Al Shaqab offspring bred in the United States that are proving to be superstar show horses as well as important breeding horses. These offspring, and their descendants, will take Gazal Al Shaqab into the next century.

**STAR GHAZAL** - 2004 Canadian National Champion Stallion - foaled 1998, out of C Starlite Bey, by Ray Dor Echo and out of the Bey Shah daughter Moonlite Bey; bred by Montebello Arabian Bloodstock, owned by Tarrance and Jacqueline Floyd of Silver Lake Arabians, standing at Shada Arabians Inc.



NW Siensei



Bellissimo DPA





Jullye Al Gazal

*BELLISSIMO DPA* – 2009 U.S. National Reserve Champion Stallion, AOTH – foaled 2006, out of Caro Lynn DPA by Form Carillon, bred by Janel and Kristi Hopp, owned by Mohamed Al Abdulfattah.

*BRIXXIA* – 2009 Canadian National Champion Futurity Colt – foaled 2006, out of Bella Versace by Versace, bred by Richard DeWalt of Illusion Arabians, owned by Christine Bruce and John Hilliard of HB Arabians, standing at Shada Arabians, Inc.

*NW SIENSEI* – 2008 U.S. National Champion Yearling Colt – foaled 2007, out of NW Siena Psyche by Padrons Psyche, bred by Ruth and Michael Doe, owned by El Gabry Stud and Al Baydaa Stud, Egypt.



SF Veraz



Soul of Gazal

*SSANTANA* – 2008 National Champion Futurity Gelding & National Champion Gelding AAOTH – foaled 2005, out of \*Hafati Savanna by RSD Dark Victory, bred by Southern Star Arabians, owned by Sherwin and Elaine Miller.

*SF VERAZ* – Canadian National Champion Top Ten Stallion – foaled 2006, out of Veronica GA by Versace, bred and owned by Patti and Mike Scheier of Scheier Farms, standing at Ted Carson Training at Butler Farm Arabians. SF Veraz is the sire of CONVICTION CA – 2011 U.S. Natio-



*Stival*

*nal Champion Yearling Gelding & U.S. National Supreme Champion Juvenile Gelding – foaled 2010, out of Denalia by Besson Carol, bred by Edwin Crain, owned by Kent or Kentley Dean. SF Veraz also sired JULLYE AL GAZAL XX – 2012 Scottsdale International Champion Yearling Filly & International Gold Champion Junior Filly – foaled 2011, out of Beautiful Juell V by Jullyen El Jamaal, bred and owned by Larry Schopf.*

*STIVAL, U.S. National Top Ten Yearling Colt, foaled 2006, out of Paloma de Jamaal by Soho Carol, bred by Jennifer and Michael Wilson, owned by Perilee Wilson. STIVAL is the sire of TRUSSARDI – 2010 U.S. National Reserve Champion Yearling Colt – foaled 2009, out of Precious As Gold*

*by El Shaklan, owned and bred by John Brown and Robert Williams of Rojo Arabians, standing at Rojo Arabians. Trussardi is the sire of TRUSE, a 2012 colt out of Julia B by Justify, bred and owned by Bob and Janene Boggs of Midwest Station I. Trussardi also sired TRULI PRECIOUS, a 2012 filly out of Bella Satinata by Versace, bred and owned by Gene Reichardt and Dean Meier. STIVAL stands at Gallun Farms, owned by Nancy and Greg Gallun.*

*STIVAL is also the sire of BARZAN AL SHAHANIA – 2011 Scottsdale Champion Yearling Colt, Scottsdale Junior Champion Colt, ABWC Champion Yearling Colt, ABWC Gold Junior Champion Colt, U.S. National Champion Yearling Colt, U.S. National Supreme Champion Juvenile Male,*



*2012 Scottsdale Champion Two-Year-Old Colt, Scottsdale Junior Champion Colt, ABWC Champion Two-Year-Old Colt, and ABWC Gold Junior Champion Colt. – foaled 2010, out of NW Siena Psyche by Padrons Psyche, bred by Ruth and Michael Doe, owned by Al Shabania Stud. BAR-ZAN AL SHAHANIA stands at Gallun Farms, owned by Nancy and Greg Gallun.*

*SOUL OF GAZAL SF, 2011 stallion, out of Veronica GA, bred by Patti and Mike Scheier, owned by Soul of Gazal Partners, Ltd. standing at Arabians International, owned by Sandro Pinha and Gil Valdez.*



*Barzan Al Shabania*



*Truli Precious*



*Truse*



*Trussardi*

## Gazal Al Shaqab The Legacy Of A Legend

*Al Shaqab, Member Qatar Foundation is the owner of the great sire Gazal Al Shaqab and will be the main force directing his future. Al Shaqab has become an international leader in the Arabian horse community through the success of their breeding programs and through their contributions to the Arabian horse community. Mohammed Al Sulaiti, Al Shaqab Breeding and Show Manager shared his thoughts about Gazal Al Shaqab and their role as industry leaders, "At Al Shaqab, our goal is focused – to preserve the breed at the highest level. For us, community is the key word. While our goal is simply stated, it is literally a significant challenge. We believe in cooperation; it is important for the breed and we are extremely proud of the cooperation we have within the global Arabian horse breeding community."*

*Al Shaqab has established one of the most influential breeding programs in the world. It is a large responsibility to maintain that high level of success and to guide it forward into the future. Mohammed Al Sulaiti explained the role of Gazal Al Shaqab in the future of their breeding program and the global community, "In the pursuit of breeding there are many factors to be considered; characteristics, conformation, economics and personal goals may be among the most significant. When making breeding decisions at Al Shaqab, we place a high importance on perpetuating a good temperament. Genetics and numerous circumstances can influence a horse's temperament, but a good temperament is a valued characteristic of the breed. We are blessed by Gazal's ideal temperament and that he and his offspring consistently reproduce this desirable trait."*



*Amir Al Shaqab*

*Gazal Al Shaqab has sired national and international champions for breeders around the world including his homeland. Gazal's son Marwan Al Shaqab is his most successful offspring, but Gazal has sired other sons and daughters that are contributing their own unique and valuable qualities to the Al Shaqab program.*

*How do they compare? Mohammed Al Sulaiti gave his candid reply, "Within Al Shaqab it is difficult for the younger sons of Gazal to emerge from the ever-growing shadow of Marwan and his accomplished sons. However, a group of promising Gazal sons are represented at Al Shaqab.*

*AMIR AL SHAQAB (Gazal Al Shaqab x Amira Madrona), a 2007 stallion, is among the leaders with an impressive international show record on limited outings. As a sire, Amir is excelling. His first foal, SULTAN AL SHAQAB (x Abha Al Shaqab), a 2010 colt, was named 2012 Menton Champion Yearling Colt. This is a prestigious title considering it was his first exhibition at just nine months of age. Like his show ring accomplishments, Amir has bred on a limited basis and to Al Shaqab mares only. There is significant competition, within the Al Shaqab breeding program, for all of the junior stallions and we are now dedicated to helping Amir achieve his full potential.*

*SALAF AL SHAQAB (Gazal Al Shaqab x Venetzia), a 2010 colt is another son that exhibits potential and he will be given the opportunity to test his breeding ability. BI-*



*Saiaf Al Shaqab*



*SHER AL SHAQAB, a 2011 colt (from SWF Valencia), and HADIDI AL SHAQAB, a 2011 colt (from White Silkk, the dam of 2012 Scottsdale Champion Colt, HARIRY AL SHAQAB), are two young stallions also worthy of mentioning. Despite their age, they are promising individuals and like Saiyf, sons of valuable mares.*

*GAZALA AL SHAQAB is among the most prominent breeding daughters of Gazal. With just two foals born, both*

*outstanding colts, Gazala has proven to be among the best at Al Shaqab. Her eldest son, GHASHAM AL SHAQAB (by Al Adeed Al Shaqab), a 2010 colt, was shown twice to date and named 2011 U.S Egyptian Event Silver Champion Colt and 2012 U.S Egyptian Event Gold Champion Colt. GHALIB AL SHAQAB (Kabil Al Shaqab x Gazala Al Shaqab), a 2011 colt is double Gazal in pedigree and is among the finest from s (Kabil Al Shaqab's) first crop of eight foals."*

*Gazala Al Shaqab*



*Raghad Al Shaqab*



*Faraa Al Shaqab*



*Ghasham Al Shaqab*

*The great Gazal Al Shaqab is recognized around the world as a living legend. How will Al Shaqab use this super power stallion in their breeding program? Mobammed Al Sulaiti gave us a look into the future, "Gazal is prioritized now and he will continue to be prioritized in the Al Shaqab breeding program as long as he is physically able to participate. We have prepared for that circumstance and at that time, he will be utilized via frozen semen. As Gazal is such a significant*



*Wadee Al Shaqab*

*Khabil Al Shaqab*



*Ruby Al Shaqa*







*Rahaf Al Shaqab*



*Ghalib Al Shaqab*



*Ghalib Al Shaqab  
(head & neck photograph)*

*foundation at Al Shaqab, the majority of the maiden mares are bred to Gazal for their first foal. Upon birth, the foals are evaluated and this is how we begin to make informed decisions for each mare's breeding future and the future of the Al Shaqab breeding program."*

*Attention to detail, planning, constant evaluations, more planning, working, dreaming of new possibilities – a breeder's work is never done. The team at Al Shaqab is totally dedicated and committed to continuing the legacy of their living legend – Gazal Al Shaqab. q*



*Rodah Al Shaqab*