



NK NABHAN

NK Nadeer x NK Nerham



Milestones of Straight Egyptian Breeding

The Influence of the NK Stallions and their contributions to worldwide Egyptian Arabian breeding

Everyone talks about the stallions, everyone knows the names of the good ones, they are the face of the big stud farms in the media, on the racetrack and in the show ring. But how important are stallions really in Arabian breeding?

Scientifically speaking, the stallion contributes the semen during fertilisation. The mare contributes the ovum with its cell nucleus, cytoplasm and mitochondria, which also transport genetic material to the foal. The colt benefits from this, but does not pass on the mitochondrial DNA to its offspring. A filly, however, passes on these genetic traits, which is why the female lines can be traced back into the past of breeding. The mare's hereditary potential therefore dominates that of the stallion. Nevertheless, the use of stallions in breeding is much more significant, because the number of foals a stallion can produce makes all the difference. The best sons, in turn, broaden the influence of successful stallion lines and can dominate a breeding programme.

When Dr Nagel first visited the El Zahraa State Stud in Egypt in 1963, he found around 50 mares and a total of 12 stallions there. Nevertheless, this visit was a 'revelation', as he wrote in his publications. "I saw a lighter horse, with fine bones, not so tall, with a dry expression, smaller hooves, some with a dish and a fine mouth."

Among the many mares and stallions presented to him at El Zahraa, there were two in particular that he could not get out of his mind: the snow-white Morafic and

the chestnut Alaa El Dine. Both were seven years old and each had his own remarkable type. Both were sons of Nazeer, the leading stud stallion at the state stud farm in Egypt.

At that time, it was impossible to know how each of these two stallions would develop as breeding stallions. Many years later, this hidden secret became apparent: Morafic was the clear winner in producing magnificent sons and dominated Egyptian breeding for years, together with the famous Ibn Halima by Nazeer. Alaa El Dine, on the other hand, produced daughters of great quality. They were the best ever born at the El Zahraa stud farm with such consistency.

Dr. Nagel bought his three outstanding broodmares, Hanan, Mahiba, Lotfeia, as foals at that time; all were daughters of Alaa El Dine. To this day, they have remained the three foundation mares of his entire breeding herd and have had the greatest influence on the development history of the Katharinenhof. On the sire's side, Dr. Nagel only used the line of Nazeer, with Nazeer's son Ibn Halima having the greatest influence.

Over the next 60 years, Nagel's breeding strategies were guided by a clearly defined goal: to preserve the historical type of Arabian horse he had first seen in Egypt. To this day, this type has never been lost and is still represented in the most famous stallions of NK Arabian breeding, which can be found in renowned breeding programmes of Egyptian stud farms worldwide.

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SALAA EL DINE

Ansata Halim Shah x Hanan



SAFIR

Salaa El Dine x Aisha



ADNAN

Salaa El Dine x Ghazalla



JAMIL

Madkour I x Hanan

ASFOUR

Malik x Hanan

The most famous stallions born at the Katharinenhof

- **Jamil** (Katharinenhof Stud and Ansata Arabians, USA) – (Madkour I x Hanan)
- **Asfour** (Simeon Stud, Australia) – (Malik x Hanan)
- **Salaa El Dine** (Katharinenhof) – (Ansata Halim Shah x Hanan)
- **Safir** (Al Rayyan, Doha) – (Salaa El Dine x Aisha)
- **Adnan** (Ajmal Stud, Kuwait) – (Salaa El Dine x Ghazalla)
- **Mubarak** (Iran) – Salaa El Dine x Myrna)
- **NK Qaswara** (Ezzain Arabians, Kuwait) – (Salaa El Dine x NK Nariman)
- **NK Hafid Jamil** (Katharinenhof, Al Nakeeb Stud, England) – (Ibn Nejd x Helala)
- **NK Nizam** (NK Hafid Jamil x NK Nadirah)
- **NK Amal El Dine** (NK Nizam x NK Abla)
- **NK Nabhan** (Katharinenhof, Doha Stud Qatar, Al Adiyat Stud, Kuwait) – (NK Nadeer x NK Nerham)

NK HAFID JAMIL

Ibn Nejdi x Helala



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NK AMAL EL DINE

NK Nizam x NK Abla



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NK NIZAM

NK Hafid Jamil x NK Nadirah

NK NABHAN

NK Nadeer x NK Nerham



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