

Equiborn K&A

From Belgium With Love

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Europeans have always set the standard for fashion, style and elegance. Surely it was Paul and Ria Gheysens' eye for beauty that drew them to Arabian horses and inspired them to not only acquire

some of the world's most important stallions and mares, but to establish their world-class breeding farm, Knocke Arabians, situated in the charming seaside city of Knocke, Belgium.





Equiborn KA (QR Marc x Espadrilla)

Equiborn *K.A.*

2012 grey, stallion

		GAZAL AL SHAQAB* b 15.3 1995 ARABIAN AHR*528133	ANAZA EL FARID* b 1988	RUMINAJA ALI* BINT DEENAA*
	MARWAN AL SHAQAB* b 15.3hh 2000 ARABIAN Video		KAJORA* b 15.2 1979	KABORR* EDJORA*
		LITTLE LIZA FAME* b 1987 ARABIAN AHR 383742, QASB 736	FAME VF* b 1982	BEY SHAH* RAFFOLETA-ROSE*
QR MARC* b 2005 ARABIAN AHR #615773			KATAHZA* b 1981	AZA DESTINY* AFHAR RAHZA
		MAGIC DREAM CAHR* br 15.1 1992 ARABIAN Video	ALI JAMAAL* b 15.1H 1982	RUMINAJA ALI* HERITAGE MEMORY*
	SWETE DREAMS* ch 1995 ARABIAN AHR #522153		THE DREAMSPINNER* b 1984	ARISTO KOSSAK* MYRILINAN ACLEDO
		KOUREAM DE MENT* b 1986 ARABIAN AHR*368905	KOUROS* b 1983	MARHABA* KISSIE
			RAWHIDES AMENDA ch 1971	BAGDAD OF RAWHIDE RAWHIDES NAKOTA
		NEGATRAZ* b 1971 ARABIAN AHR*71491	BASK* b 1956	WITRAZ* BALALAJKA*
	MONOGRAMM* ch 15hh 1985 ARABIAN AHR*338583		NEGOTKA* gr 1967	NEGATIV* BIGOTKA*
		MONOGRAMMA* ch 14.3hh 1963 ARABIAN AHR*244335	KNIPPEL* ch 15.1 1954	KOREJ* PARFUMERIA*
			MONOPOLIA* b 153cm 1956	PRIBOJ* MAMMONA*
ESPADRILLA* gr 1997 ARABIAN		EUKALIPTUS* gr 15.0 1974 ARABIAN PASB*3007	BANDOS* gr 1964	NEGATIV* BANDOLA*
	EMANACJA* gr 1986 ARABIAN PASB*4437		EUNICE* b 1959	COMET* EPIGONA
		EMIGRACJA* gr 1980 ARABIAN	PALAS* gr 14.3 1968	ASWAN* PANEL
			EMISJA* gr 1974	CARYCYN* ESPADA*

The Gheysens' dream was to create their ideal Arabian horse; a creature of breathtaking beauty, alluring charm, elegance, and grace; a horse of the highest quality that could win anywhere in the world and ultimately, make their mark on the history of the breed. In 2012, Paul and Ria welcomed an extraordinary colt they named Equiborn

K.A. From his first moments of life, it was apparent that Equiborn was the fulfillment of their dreams.

Equiborn's parents, World Champion and Leading Sire of Champions, QR Marc (Marwan Al Shaqab x Swete Dreams) and the aristocratic Polish mare Espadrilla (Monogramm x Emanacja),





are evenly matched in beauty as well as genetic strength, as both descend from the most prolific champion producers in the history of the breed.

Equiborn K.A. carries two straight Egyptian lines. The first comes through the stallion Gazal Al Shaqab, by Anaza Al Farid, by Ruminaja Ali. The second comes through the mare Swete Dreams; a granddaughter of Ali Jamaal, also by Ruminaja Ali. Equiborn K.A. also carries strong Russian lines through the mares Kajora and The Dreamspinner. In addition, Equiborn K.A.'s sire, QR Marc, possesses lines to classic Polish

breeding, which are unequaled for producing beauty and motion.

Equiborn's dam, Espadrilla, was among a group of Polish mares the Gheysens leased expressly for QR Marc. Espadrilla is one of the most remarkable mares produced when Michalow Stud, leased Monogramm for its breeding program. However, Espadrilla's brilliance is a mirrored reflection of her dam, Emanacja, a daughter of Eukaliptus and one of the most important Polish broodmares of all time, Emigracja. Espadrilla's bloodlines are priceless as they are a combination of the most





important ever bred by Michalow and Janow Podlaski State Studs. It is Equiborn's irreplaceable dam line that makes him so unique and sets him apart from every other son of QR Marc. It is also the reason he is such a tremendous asset to breeders around the world.

A gift like Equiborn K.A is meant to be shared with others. In November of 2018, David Boggs met with Paul Gheysens and Tom Schoukens of Schoukens Training Center, Belgium for a presentation of horses including Equiborn K.A. David was awestruck by the pearl white stallion. Mr. Gheysens expressed his desire to position QR Marc's best sons around

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the world and to make them available to breeders everywhere. Plans were immediately made to bring Equiborn K.A. to America.

David Boggs cannot contain his excitement about this special stallion, “We are honored to represent Paul and Ria Gheysens, Knocke Arabians, and Equiborn K.A. at Midwest Training and Breeding Centre. We are so proud to present him to breeders here in America. Equiborn K.A. has a great pedigree and most important, he embodies all the great horses in his pedigree —stallions and mares—which is critical for breeding. He has so many wonderful traits: big, beautiful eyes, great ears, correct conformation, a well

laid-back shoulder, a naturally high tail set and great movement; he should get 20’s for movement!

“Equiborn has been very well received here in the United States by judges and breeders. He’s been shown on a limited basis, due to his breeding schedule. However, he has already won important titles including Arabian Breeders World Cup, Las Vegas Bronze Champion Stallion and Gold Champion Stallion at the Arabian Breeders National Finals in Scottsdale. Breeders will have more opportunities to see him during the upcoming show season. Most important, we look forward with indescribable excitement to his first foal crop arriving in the spring of 2020.







“A stallion with the beauty, quality, structure, and breeding of Equiborn is a gift. A gift that is meant to be shared – with the world – because he makes it a better place. To learn more about

Equiborn, people can visit his page on our website to see photos, his pedigree, offspring, and of course, we welcome inquiries for his services.” □

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