

Ali Jamaal

The story behind the legend

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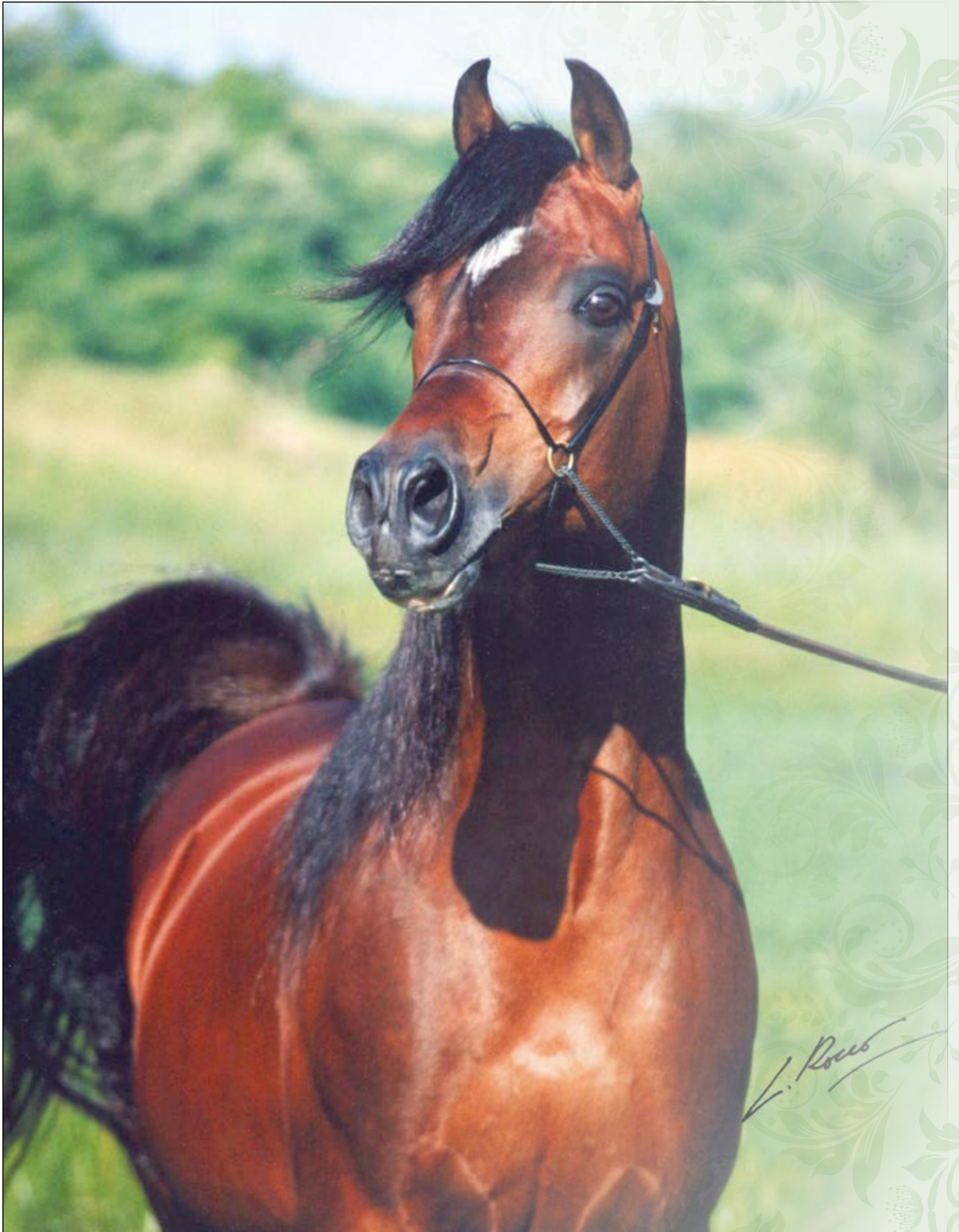
There are few names in the Arabian horse world that command the reverence and admiration of Ali Jamaal. More than a horse, Ali Jamaal was a phenomenon — a stallion whose charisma, refinement, and spirit forever changed the direction of Arabian horse breeding. This is not just a story of his victories or his

pedigree. This is a tribute to the soul of a horse who carried greatness in every fiber of his being.

Foaled on March 21, 1982, in Muskegon, Michigan, the bay colt bred by James Bergren stood out from the start. Sired by the legendary Ruminaja Ali and out of



*Ali Jamaal
after he was acquired,
as a 4 years old*



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SHAIKH AL BADI*
gr 1969
ARABIAN
VideoAHR*54456

RUMINAJA ALI*
gr 1976
ARABIAN
AHR*134937

BINT MAGIDAA*
gr 1970
ARABIAN
AHR #62907

EL MAGATO*
gr 1961
ARABIAN
AHR# 19276

HERITAGE MEMORY*
b 1971
ARABIAN
AHR*70746

HERITAGE LABELLE*
gr 1964
ARABIAN
AHR 28255

MORAFIC*
gr 1956
ARABIAN
EAO #29

BINT MAISA EL SAGHIRA*
b 1958
ARABIAN
EAO #278

KHOFO*
gr ++ 1965
ARABIAN
EAO #206 AHR #32265

MAGIDAA*
ch 1964
ARABIAN
AHR #56075

EL GATO*
b 1954
ARABIAN
AHR# 9075

MARHARETTA
gr 1955
ARABIAN
AHR 10356

FADI*
gr 15.2 1960
ARABIAN
AHR# 16761

LA DONNA*
gr 1956
ARABIAN
AHR #10659

NAZEER*
gr 1934

MABROUKA*
ch 1951

NAZEER*
gr 1934

MAISA*
b 1948

MORAFIC*
gr 1956

NABILAHH*
gr 1960

ALAA EL DIN*
ch 1956

MAYSA*
ch 1955

FERSEYN*
gr 14.3 1937

EL SIKADA
b 1942

FERSEYN*
gr 14.3 1937

IWONKA III*
ch 14.2 1936

FADIUR*
b 1952

SAKI*
gr 1950

FERNEYN*
gr 1944

WADDAANA
gr 1948

MANSOUR*
BINT SAMIHA*

SID ABOUHOM*
MONIET EL NEFOUS*

MANSOUR*
BINT SAMIHA*

SHAHLOUL*
ZAREEFA*

NAZEER*
MABROUKA*

ANTER*
FARASHA

NAZEER*
KATEEFA

ANTER*
MAHFOUZA*

RASEYN*
FERDA*

SIKIN*
EL ADALON

RASEYN*
FERDA*

IBN MAHOMET*
LYSA*

FADHEILAN*
BINT SAHARA*

FERSEYN*
FERDIA

FERSEYN*
MONEYNA*

BARAK
AMAANA*

Heritage Memory, Ali Jamaal was born into greatness. Yet no one, not even the Bergren brothers, could have predicted the profound impact he would make on the global Arabian horse community.

From the beginning, there was something different about Jamaal. His large, expressive eyes radiated intelligence and strength. His conformation was nearly flawless, his presence unforgettable. To witness him in his prime was to witness

the embodiment of equine elegance and Arabian type.

The name “Ali Jamaal” was chosen with care — inspired by basketball star Jamaal Wilkes, and saved by Tom Bergren for a colt worthy of such honor. It quickly became a name that echoed far beyond his birthplace.

In 1984, the young stallion was sent to David Gardner of Gardner Bloodstock



Ruminaja Ali



Morafic



Sbaikh al Badi



Ali Jamaal





in Texas to be prepared for the 1985 U.S. Nationals. That year, he made history, winning the Unanimous U.S. National Champion Futurity Stallion title — a moment that marked not only a personal victory, but a historic achievement for the Bergrens. They became the first breeders to produce both a Futurity Champion stallion (Ruminaja Ali) and a son who claimed the same title.

But Jamaal's destiny extended beyond

accolades. At that 1985 Nationals, his beauty captivated a man named Doug Dahmen, who immediately recognized the stallion's extraordinary potential. An initial inquiry revealed a steep price tag, but Doug's instincts wouldn't let go. A few weeks later, he returned to see Jamaal again, and his admiration only deepened.

At the same time, Doug was close friends with a relatively new Arabian



Ali Jamaal National Champion daughters



Ali Jamaal and sons, International A

horse enthusiast — Lenita Perroy. The Brazilian breeder had begun building her program with the influence of El Shaklan and was looking for a foundation stallion to shape the future of her farm, Haras Meia Lua.

During a 1986 visit to California, Lenita told Doug, “I’m ready for THE stallion.” Doug knew instantly who she needed. Lenita agreed without hesitation — but

he insisted she see Jamaal in person. She flew to Texas and then Michigan, cash in hand, having liquidated assets and even sold a farm to make the purchase. Days later, she returned home with no receipt, no paperwork, and no horse — only her confident smile. “Don’t worry,” she told a nervous Doug. “They like me.”

And indeed, they did. Within weeks, Ali Jamaal was on his way to Brazil. In



*Ali Jamaal
with Ferdinand Huemer*

November 1986, he stepped onto the land where he would become a legend.

Brazil had never seen anything like him. While some were skeptical of his outcross pedigree — linebred Nazeer on linebred Ferseyn — time silenced the critics. His foals matured into champions. The initial results, though subtle, grew into a tidal wave of admiration as his offspring aged with grace and distinction.

His first Brazilian foal crop included future greats like Nyhl el Jamaal and Ludjin elJamaal — names now cemented in the global Arabian pedigree. Breeders from Europe, South America, and beyond began seeking out his progeny.

By 1988, Doug suggested Ali Jamaal deserved one more chapter in the U.S. — not for breeding, but for greatness in the show ring. Lenita agreed. Back in

*Ali Jamaal, Greg Gallun,
Lenita after the title
Canadian Nat. Champion Stallion
won in 1989*



*Greg Gallun showing
Ali Jamaal to US Nat. Championship in 1990.
The judge, in the back, Mike Vilasenor*



Santa Ynez, California, he was prepped for a final campaign. To handle him in the ring, Doug and Lenita selected Greg Gallun, a decision made not just with logic, but instinct.

In 1989, Ali Jamaal captured the Pacific Slope Champion, Canadian National

Champion, and U.S. Reserve National Champion Stallion titles. But Greg and his brother Brad knew the crown still awaited. With gentle persistence, they convinced Lenita to try again in 1990.

And that year, before a packed and breathless crowd, Ali Jamaal became



Doug with Ali Jamaal after He Had Won The Us National Champion 1990



Ali Jamaal with bay daughters

U.S. National Champion Stallion — in what many still recall as the most competitive stallion class in history.

He returned once more to Brazil, this time to stay. From there, his legacy expanded across continents. His daughters and sons became the foundation for programs in Europe, South America, the Middle East, and beyond. His bloodlines enriched nations. His “Jamaal look” — that unmistakable presence, the arched neck, the luminous eye — became a mark of excellence.

And always, Lenita was at his side.

She gave him a life of royalty. His paddock overlooked a lake. His shelter was built for comfort. His mares, hand-picked for quality and type. She bred him

with intelligence and vision, creating not just champions but a dynasty.

Even decades later, Jamaal’s descendants fill pastures with their beauty, unmistakably carrying his spirit. In 2014, Haras Meia Lua still shimmered with the glow of his influence. One look at a mare like Jullye el Ludjin and you’d understand — Ali Jamaal didn’t just pass on traits. He passed on soul.

I had the privilege of visiting Haras Meia Lua in 2012 and 2013. Jamaal was old by then, but his power hadn’t faded. He no longer had the sharpness of youth, but his presence — regal, commanding, magnetic — remained undiminished. At 32, he still made grown men cry. You didn’t need to know his story to feel his royalty. He was the story.



Ali Jamaal with grey daughters

With Lenita's passing, and Ali Jamaal's before her, an era has closed. Haras Meia Lua — once the cradle of modern Arabian greatness — no longer echoes with hoofbeats. But the legacy lives on. In bloodlines. In memories. In every foal that bears the Jamaal spirit.

Ali Jamaal was never just a horse. And Lenita was never just his breeder. Together, they built a legacy that transcends time. A King and his Queen — now reunited — whose influence still gallops through pastures across the world.

Their story is not over. It lives on, four generations deep, in the shining eyes and arched necks of Arabian horses who carry their dream forward. ○

“The aura and mystic of Ali Jamaal is profound. There are stallions , a short list of stallions whom add credibility to a pedigree. Jamaal is one of those stallions. His beauty and courage are so rare, that’s what made him special. We are so proud to have been a part of his life and had the honor of seeing him on a daily basis. He made you know why one can fall in love with Arabian horses. The respect that he and Lenita Perroy have earned together is well deserved. He was born a king and will be one forever”

– Greg Gallun – Gallun Farms

“Since we liked Ali Jamaal as an individual and believed in its power as a stallion, my brother Vico and I have always kept in our Haras Clio a majority of horses with Jamaal blood. Among them the highlights were three colts purchased from Haras Meia Lua with ages from 5 to 11 months old. Ryad El Jamaal (x Roxana Elshaklan) was bought at 11 months of age and, after a brilliant career at the shows, was sold to Haras Vanguarda, where became the leading sire of National Champions in Brazil, including two National Champions bred by Haras Clio: the fillies Chammyra El Ryad (x Chammur) and Rywanna (x Marwan Crystal RCA). Arkane El Jamaal (x Terta Real) was purchased at 6 months of age and became National Champion Colt before being exported to the United States. The third was Yllan El Jamaal (x Acuity), chosen at Haras Meia Lua at five months of age. Yllan became a great success in reproduction and its progeny has been exported to 15 countries. We are currently using a grandson of Ali Jamaal, Aryes El Ludjin, whose daughters born in Brazil have the well known ‘Jamaal Look’ which we always like to have in our products.”

- Luiz Rocco – Haras Clio



Scala el Jamaal, owned by F. Huemer, Austrian International Champion, Res. Champion Nation's Cup



*Jiuliusz de Wic by Debowiec, (Brazilian National Champion) x Jiullya el Jamaal, x Jullye el Ludjin
A succesful sire of show ring winners, Jiuliusz is owned by Pommeroy and J. Sloane Europe*



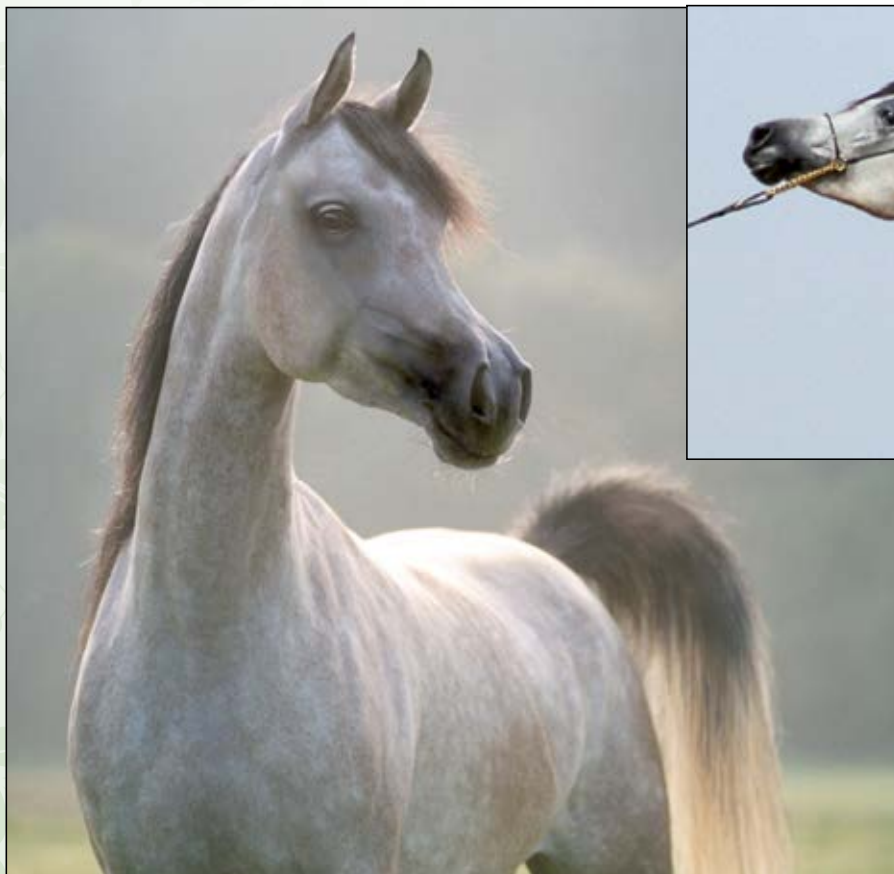
Parys El Jamaal, U.S. Res. National Champion, sire of US Res National Futurity Stallion Besson Carol, and of Sbalina el Jamaal, US National Champion Mare



Dakar el Jamaal- US National Champion x Sonoma Lady (US. Res, National Champion)



Lara el Ludjin



*Berylle el Ludjin, Brazilian National Champion filly,
x TW Bey Fantaishab (Bey Shab)*

*Lilyb el Jamaal Nation's Cup Champion
for F. Huemer. Mother of Lara el Ludjin,
Austrian Champion,
the mother of Lorenzo el Bri, European Champion,
bred by F.Huemer, owned by Mario Matt*

"I came in contact with Lenita Perroy in 1992 and bought my first horse from her in 1993 - Lilyh El Jamaal, - and many many more to follow. This first horse from Lenita did not only create a backbone for my breeding program, through her daughter Lara El Ludjin, and her grandson Lawrence El Gazal, - but also has been the start of a wonderful friendship and a most important personal relationship for my whole life with Lenita. I have been told that I own the biggest collection of Ali Jamaal get and grand get worldwide and outside Haras Meja Lua, - this is an honour and my daily job. Ali Jamaal and his best offspring are standing in my humble opinion for beauty and quality. But with Ali Jamaal beauty has not only been expressed in a beautiful face, - he has been one of the very few stallions in breeding history which gave nearly all his children an unmistakable "Look" - combined with something absolutely unaffordable which is named 'CLASS!'"

- Ferdinand Huemer - La Movida Arabians

"I was lucky enough to still see Ali Jamaal last year in November. Only few stallions ever give you the feeling of being close to a strong aura, Ali Jamaal gave me that feeling. Being around him made you feel humble and respectful, i enjoyed that. What stroke me was that none the less his age and the few ails that come with his age, this stallion is very update on the modern style and fashion we like so much today. Most stallions or mares you see back after 20 years you would say they aren't anymore what we look for today but not Ali Jamaal he was a timeless beauty. I'm glad i can work with a few of his daughters and granddaughters, having seen Ali Jamaal i have leaned to understand and respect them even more. Thank you Ali Jamaal, rest in peace in the greater greens."

- Bart van Buggenhout - Aljassimya Farm

“Ali Jamaal was my ideal. Because of my close association with him, Ali Jamaal became my foundation sire. He consistently provided me with outstanding versions of himself, both direct and line bred. I am grateful to Lenita Perroy and Ali Jamaal himself for the greatest opportunity in my life with Arabian Horses.”

- Doug Dahmen – Intara Arabians

“Ali Jamaal has inspired me to start breeding Arabian Horses. To me he is the ideal Arabian Horse and I feel very fortunate to not only have met him at his home in Brazil but also to own one of his daughters and to be surrounded by Ali Jamaal grandchildren and great grand children at my farm today.”

- Talitha Bakker - Arabian Stud Europe



*ASE Gabriella al Gazal
Gazal al Shaqab x Geraldine el Jamaal,
2018 Bay filly*



*Geraldnye El Jamaal
Ali Jamaal x Gai Natasha*



*ASE Justice el Jamaal
WH Justice x Geraldnye el Jamaal*



Renée el Jamaal
National Champion in Brazil



Miss el Jamaal.
National Champion in Brazil



Alibanna el Jamaal
National Champion in Brazil



*Tulle el Jamaal,
US Res. National Champion,
ex Talbreena*

Dakar el Jamaal



*Nibarra el Jamaal, Austria Nat. Champion
owner F. Huemer*

*Bey el Jamaal,
South Africa Res. Nat Champion
his son was Nat. Champion Stallion*



*Hileah el Jamaal,
Austria Nat. Champion
owner F. Huemer*



*Juliana el Jamaal,
Austria Nat. Champion
owner F. Huemer*





Yllan el Jamaal



Ryad el Jamaal



Nybl el Jamaal



Johann el Jamaal

*Lethyf el Jamaal
Res. National Champion*



*Nogara El Ludjin x Res. National Champion Narab el Jamaal
Important matriarch at Haras Meia Lua*



*Ermyne Nyhl, daughter of National Champion
Eloise el Jamaal
Important matriarch at Haras Meia Lua*



*Eryne el Perseus, daughter of Ermyne,
(3 times Jamaal)*

Alathea el Jamaal
National Champion in Brazil



Jureyn el Ludjin,
full sister to Jullye, Haras Meia Lua



Eloise el Jamaal
National Champion in Brazil



Arkane el Jamaal
National Champion in Brazil

*Nautis el Perseus x Nogara el Ludjin
(3 times Jamaal)
Owned by Mario Matt*



*Ninjab el Jamaal, Brazilian
National Champion*



*Electra el Perseus, daughter of Ermyne,
(3 times Jamaal)*



Ludjin el Jamaal at 20 years old. Photo Darryl



Gdynia el Perseus, owned by Santa Ventura



*Niceya el Perseus x Nogara el Ludjin
(3 times Jamaal)*



*Perseus el Jamaal, x Perfectsbahn SRA
(Bey Shab), 2002 black stallion.
One of the influential stallions
at Haras Meia Lua*



*Bianca el Ludjin,
x TW Bey Fantasy (Bey Shab)*



Tessara el Perseus x Talara el Jamaal

*Jullyen el Jamaal x Jullye
owned by Sheila Varian*

Ghydara el Perseus



*Jylda el Jamaal x Jullye,
Haras Meia Lua*



*Jaipur el Perseus x Jullye,
owned by Kirk Bardole*



*Jaya Enzo x Jullye,
Haras Meia Lua*



*Jylbert de Wicc x Jullye,
owned by Santa Ventura*



*Bogart el Perseus, Bras Res Nat. Champion colt,
x TW Bey Fantasy (Bey Shab-owned by
Flavia Torres, a very good sire*



*Jullye el Ludjin, 20 years old,
Res. National Champion
Haras Meia Lua*



*Javier el Jamaal by Juliet
(now Dubai Arabian Horse Stud)
son of Juliet*

*Jobrdan el Jamaal x Juliet el Ludjin
owned by Pedro Amaral*



Juliet el Ludjin, Haras Meia Lua



*Saudi el Perseus, now in Australia, x Silk
el Jamaal*



*Ginza el Ludjin, mother of Gdynya and Ghydara
important matriarch at Haras Meia Lua*

Johann el Jamaal x Juliet el Ludjin



Jazeer de Wic x Josephine el Jamaal 2011 Brazilian National Champion, Haras Meia Lua



Josephine el Jamaal x Juliet el Ludjin, Haras Meia Lua



Haidée el Perseus , x Harklée el Ludjin



Johara el Perseus x Josephine el Jamaal

Thank you Lenita

... for everything you did for all of us.

Your memory will live forever in us.

You and Ali Jamaal will be always

in our heart and in the hearts

of every Arabian horse breeder.

Lenita we miss you.

- Simone Leo and Tutto Arabi Team -

