





Vesuvius DPA

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Del Vacchio Arabians, based in the charming Italian region of Puglia, is a relatively new location on the map of European breeders. Eugenio Del Vacchio, the owner and founder of the stud, is an ambitious and hardworking individual with a strong desire to make his own way in the world of Arabian horses. He takes pride in both of his enterprises; a well-established family business and a newly created breeding programme. However, it is Vesuvius DPA (EF Kingston x Psymply Red VF by Psymadre), a charismatic chestnut stallion that he recently purchased from Kristi and Janel Hopp, that he considers the greatest love of his life.



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Kamila: You are the CEO of a large leather manufacturing company. How did you get involved in Arabian horses?

Eugenio: I am proud to be the CEO of Del Vacchio Leather Diffusion (www.delvacchioleather.it), a famous Italian tannery run by Del Vacchio family for generations. We strongly believe in the need to preserve the skills passed on from generation to generation and to create sustainable value for the local society and the environment in the Solofra district. I am also the CEO of Del Vacchio Immobiliare, a real estate company that organizes unforgettable stays in luxurious homes located in Puglia (www.casedifiaba.it) and soon also in the Amalfi coast. Following a loss in municipal elections in 2017, I realized that animals, Arabian horses in particular, are much more affectionate and loyal than some people.

Kamila: Where did you see Vesuvius DPA for the first time and what was so special about him that persuaded you to buy and promote this elegant chestnut stallion?

Eugenio: It was at AF Training Centre run by Antonio Fusco and it was love at first sight! His incredible

personality immediately captured my attention. His presence makes me happy and serene. I wish I could be with him all the time just to capture all the positive energy that he releases. The connection between us goes beyond any human relationship.

Kamila: If you could use only three words to describe Vesuvius, which words would that be and why?

Eugenio: Big, elegant and sweet. With his impressive height of 162 cm at the withers, I call him my Big Cuddly Toy. At the same time, his size does not stop him from floating in the air in an elegant and graceful manner. Vesuvius loves being pampered but he always gives so much sweetness and tenderness in return that you could spend your entire life spoiling him.

Kamila: Vesuvius is a predominantly Polish and Russian cross. These bloodlines have become less popular in the past few years. What benefits from using Vesuvius can you outline for potential breeders that would like to use him in their breeding programmes? Which qualities does Vesuvius consistently pass onto his progeny?

Eugenio: Combining a double dose of Padrone's Psy-



che, the horse that has made history in and outside of the USA and started a new dynasty of champions, Vesuvius carries a great genetic prepotency and passes many of his best traits to his foals. This distinctly masculine stallion with an exhilarating movement has already proved to be an excellent sire capable of stamping his get with substantial structure and an dynamic, pulse-stirring trot. From the moment they are born, Vesuvius's offspring exhibit athletic strength and undeniable charisma. In my opinion, this is what majority of breeders are looking for in a breeding stallion and, later, also in his progeny. At least, this is what I am looking for. You cannot go wrong with Vesuvius. All his foals are good-looking, healthy and having a bright future ahead of them, both in the showring and in the breeding barn.

Kamila: Which bloodlines and mare types, in your opinion, cross well with Vesuvius?

Eugenio: I would suggest Straight Egyptian mares as well as the ones descending from WH Justice and Thee Desperado lines. Their excellent type and refinement combine well with Vesuvius's athletic silhouette, dynamic movement and impressive size.

Kamila: Have there been any exciting foals by Vesuvius so far?

Eugenio: All of his foals are special to me, but I have a soft spot for the first filly by Vesuvius that was born at Del Vacchio Arabians, Alayta H (out of Anisah Star by Windsprees Mirage), a super elegant and refined chestnut filly of exceptional balance and commanding charisma.

Kamila: When describing an Arabian horse, its amazing appearance, breath-taking movement and undeniable magnetism are always mentioned in one form or another. What about the personality and disposition of a horse? Are they important to you?

Eugenio: Of course! The beauty of an Arabian horse is not only about its physical appearance, but also about its unique personality and sweet temperament. What is more, a breeding stallion should combine masculinity and athleticism with gentleness and kind disposition. Vesuvius possesses all these traits and that is why I love him so much!

Kamila: During the Menton Show, Vesuvius DPA was fourth in the strong class of 4-6 years old stal-

lions. The competition was tough, but what do you think could have been done differently for him to get a slightly higher result?

Eugenio: We strongly feel that we did our best, but we will definitely continue the hard work going forward. Vesuvius is still a relatively young stallion and he keeps maturing nicely. I am sure that he is more than capable of achieving better results in the future.

Kamila: What are your plans in relation to showing Vesuvius in the nearest future?

Eugenio: Arabian Horse World Championships 2020 in Paris will be our next stop. I prefer to stay focused on the most important event in the season, without dwelling on other shows.

Kamila: In June 2019, you supported a charity event aimed at helping humanitarian initiatives. Could you please share the details with our readers?

Eugenio: I would prefer to keep the details to myself. The only thing I can say is that we have always been very sensitive to all sorts of selfless initiatives that serve to relieve the pain of others. Being part of such a noble enterprise fills our hearts with joy.

Del Vacchio Arabians – broodmares selection:

PASSION STAR

Grey mare

Foaled in 2015

Sire: Ajman Star by Ajman Moniscione

Dam: Magic Valentina by Windsprees Mirage

Sired by Ajman Star, an exciting bay stallion by Ajman Moniscione, and out of a beautiful Windsprees Mirage daughter – Magic Valentina, Passion Star is a charming young mare with multiple crosses to many of the most legendary Arabians. Her pedigree is filled with both show champions and excellent producers, including such exquisite individuals as Padron, BJ Thee Mustafa and Thee Desperado. An exotic head, long and beautifully shaped neck, strong and substantial structure as well as phenomenal movement make this lovely mare a potential show contender and a great asset to any breeding program. She is currently in foal to Vesuvius DPA.

COCO CHANEL

Chestnut mare

Foaled in 2008

Sire: Vervaldee by Versace





Dam: Temptress MSC by Traditio

Without a doubt, Coco Chanel is the queen of the stable. With irrefutable elegance and noble presence, she is reminiscent of her namesake, the famous French fashion designer, who once said that 'a girl should be two things: classy and fabulous'. These two words are a very accurate description of this chestnut beauty. Additionally, she is one of the very few daughters of Vervaldee in Europe as well as an excellent proven broodmare.

ARETUSA LUNA

Grey mare

Foaled in 2010

Sire: TS Apolo by TS Don Brave

Dam: Eclisse DR by Magic Zair

Bold and beautiful Aretusa Luna, whose name may suggest that she shines like the Moon, is the classic white beauty that many breeders dream of. Even with her substantial size, she has not lost her feminine elegance and harmonious outline. Her classically refined head with big black eyes, pronounced forehead and delicate muzzle determine her fantastic phenotype. In addition to her refined type and balanced body, Luna's dynamic trot with an upright tail carriage add greatly to her distinct noble presence.

SATINKA

Grey mare

Foaled in 2016

Sire: JM Aramis by Stival

Dam: CS Cloris by Al Whaid el Dine

Satinka is an enchanting young mare with a highly desirable pedigree. At the Italian National Show, her splendid looks and graceful movement helped her in securing a Top Five title. She received the highest scores for her exotic head, a beautifully sculptured neck and a strong level topline. The presence of the World Champion Stallion Gazal Al Shaqab in her sire's bloodline makes her a promising broodmare. She is in foal to SG Labib (by WH Justice) for 2020.

ANISAH STAR

Black mare

Foaled in 2006

Sire: Windsprees Mirage by Thee Desperado

Dam: Luckys Majarra by BJ Thee Mustafa

Similarly to a rare black pearl, Anisah Star is alluring and enigmatic. Despite the aura of dignity that surrounds this mysterious black mare, her personality is pleasant and engaging, capable of melting even the coldest of hearts. With her impressive breeding record, she is also a proven producer of high-quality foals. □





Vesuvius^{DPA} Progeny



ARSHAN H

VESUVIUS DPA | MAGIC SORAYA
BY ANSATA SHAAMIS





ALAYTA H

VESUVIUS DPA | ANISAH STAR
BY WINDSPREES MIRAGE



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