



Coming to the source in the shade of **Caucasus**

1ST TERSK STUD

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Since generations Tersk Stud has been a significant name for all those interested in Arabian horse bloodlines bringing power, great conformation, spectacular movements and performance abilities. Such stallions as Aswan (by Nazeer) gifted to USSR government by Egyptian President Naser, Pesnyar – sold to millionaire Armand Hammer from the USA for 1 mln USD or Muscat – US National Champion and sire of 1000 offspring just to name few, made the name of Tersk Stud and Russian breeding famous in the world. Without it we wouldn't have nowadays such significant multi-champions and modern sires of champions as Padrons Psyche, Magnum Psyche and through them – as WH Justice (by Magnum Psyche) or Ajman Moniscione (by WH Justice) whose foals are reining the biggest arenas every season.

Established by Russian Count Stroganov in 1889 in the foothills of Northern Caucasian mount Zmiejka ("the

viper") and later reconstructed in 1921 Tersk Stud has been a source of many great horses for show and race lines for the breeders from Europe (especially Holland, Germany and Sweden) and USA. Nowadays, after being privatized Tersk Stud is officially named Closed Joint Stock Company "Tersk Stud Farm" owned by 2 shareholders represented by Alexey Sagal, president of the JSC Arnest and by Alexey Smirnov, private investor, but it's still holding the old past tradition even with bringing horses to the wide unfenced pastures of Northern Caucasus – driven there and back to the stables by assisting riders on horseback. After investing in the new website constructed by Polish friends from Arabhorsepromotion.com that follows everything new and interesting at Tersk, the management came to the idea of inviting some world authorities as well as all those who would like to have a glimpse inside the famous barns of Tersk and enjoy the power of its horses during International Race Day at Pyatigorsk racetrack.

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Together with some interesting oriental and national attractions Ist Tersk Stud Arabian Horse Festival was formed, sponsored by Arnest (providing aerosol cosmetic products), by KLUCHAVTO (elegantly picking up the guests at Mineralnye Vody airport by fancy cars), Sberbank (Savings Bank of Russia), Rosgosstrakh (Russian insurance company), Beeline (mobile operator) and others and honored for the opening by authorities and government representatives as: Valery V. Gaevsky, governor of the Stavropol kray, Alexey Sagal, shareholder of the Tersk Stud, Vladimir I. Shvetsov, vice-plenipotentiary representative of the RF President, Sergey D. Khlebnikov, Commandant of the Moscow Kremlin, Viktor V. Gavrilov, Chairman of the Sberbank Northern-Caucasus Bank. The event that started at 30th July was attended by Russian breeders and tourists enjoying Caucasian Mineral Waters this hot summer but also by the guests who travelled across

the globe for the opportunity to see the source of horses they have and admire at their homes. International group that included several people from USA, Australia, Kuwait, Holland, Denmark, and Poland had a chance to see the complete horse preview with some top producing mares with offspring, Tersk Stud chief sires and enjoy the rich program with Kremlin Riding School spectacular, traditional dzigitovka rides, show jumping competition as well as balloon and horse rides, visiting Tersk Stud museum and taste local food and drinks.

The open day at stud ended with elegant gala dinner The Arabian Night Show - oriental dances, sand drawing spectacle and the auction of one of Tersk bred stallions that sold out for 20 000 USD! Modern Russian Arabian horse breeding is currently the leader in performance horses, especially those starting at the racetracks not only in



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Tersk Museum



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Pobeditel

Russia but also abroad. The day after, on 31st July the attractions continued at famous, beautiful Pyatigorsk Racetrack holding Arabian Racing Festival Listed Cup sponsored by His Highness Sheikh Sultan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The VIP area of the lounge was elegantly prepared for the international guests. It was not only interesting experience to observe the results of current trends in modern Russian race lines breeding where Straight Russian horses compete against Russian and French blood crosses.

Some of the guests also enjoyed bidding for the nice prize money on the winners in Thoroughbred and Pure bred Arabians (6 of the races were sponsored by HH Sh. Al Nahyan with the amount of 40 000 USD). The race day included also the Arabian horse Derby 2400m where Tersk-bred and owned 3 years old colt Turin (Nonius – Tara) took the second place. Those who decided to stay one day more

had also the opportunity to come back to Pyatigorsk stables to have the preview of the horses being currently in training – both pure bred Arabians as well as Achal-Tekches, rare in the world Russian breed of extremely sportive racers. The last day ended up with farewell dinner for all international guests hosted by Tersk Stud managements in one of the best restaurants at Mineralnye Vody. After fulfilling the Russian tradition of toasts every guest was personally thanked to and had opportunity to express own impressions to the public, being presented the gift – a horse statue as well as already processed album of photos taken during the event.

Filled with a lot of memories and experiencing the past and presence of Tersk Stud we all hoped to come back there next year and observe the further development of Russian breeding program at Tersk under the ownership of new management.

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Horses at Belov Stud



A GLIMPSE ON THE MODERN RUSSIAN ARABIAN VISITING THE PRIVATE FARMS IN RUSSIA



The group visiting Belov Stud

After leaving impressive Arabian Horse Festival at Tersk the international group led by Igor Bochkarev - President of Arabian Horse Breeders Society in Russia, left to discover how Russian private breeding is developing nowadays. The schedule was planned to see the best from the best and started with big sport kick with huge place of Alexander Belov – owner of former government owned agricultural farm, nowadays privatized and lent by private owners for horse breeding purposes. Most of big private horse operations we visited were organized this way. Alexander Belov is currently one of most entitled breeders of race horses in Russia. His stallion Dostatok (Status –

Dupona) is on the top of racing horses at Warsaw Sluzewiec racetrack in Poland (record holder for 2400 meters distance), and several other horses bred at this place are beating strong competitors across Russian tracks. It was a great pleasure to watch around 50 horses in perfect conditions being kept close to nature, grazing daily on 50 hectares of unfenced land. We had a chance to see beautiful dam of famous Dostatok with her 2011 filly produce as well as full sister to epochal sire Pobeditel, Russian National Reserve Champion Mare - Pumba and watch the sunset chewing fresh homemade honey being surrounded by horses that just went out for the pasture...

Lada Konsul horses



Vivat



Kanon



Danpas



Kamelek



Merreg



Lada Konsul

Next day trip continued to Samara area - Equeline Stud (formerly known as Lada Konsul) – the farm established in 1998 with some of best show producing mares – like Epika, half sister to famous sire of international champions - Balaton. Nowadays 105 horses herd is one of most professionally managed (by Mrs Marina Romanova) horse studs in Russia where amongst the chief sires there are some Tersk-bred best stallions as Kanon (Aromat – Kaluga) sire of many brave racers and – Elixir (Sarkazm – Epika) - National Champion and Reserve but also ¼ Egyptian blood Ghazal Al Hummar (Shamekh Al Shaqab [Ansata Sinan] – Reem Al Nasser) gifted by Princess Alia Al Hussein to Igor

Bochkarev. First offspring of this stallion standing for his second season at Equeline are the best proofs that a cross of Egyptian blood with Russian one is a good way to produce both exotic type and powerful stamina.

Upon the visit, thanks to the hospitality of Equeline managers and owners the group was brought to the amazing place located close to Black Sea – the riding club with internationally known (ex. St Petersburg Open Arabian International Show performances) horse theater “KSK Rossia”. The place hidden by the small road was probably the greatest surprise we could have expected in this trip.



Jan Calis, Alexander Belov, Igor Bochkarev



Visiting winery in Southern Russia



KSK Rossia Riding Club



KSK Rossia Riding Club



Troika at Khrenovoie Stud



Khrenovoie Stud

After passing the elegant VIP parking one see a huge...Trojan horse wooden statue facing castle-shaped arena and stable area where the riding school and horse theater team have its seat. After visiting beautiful barns with some most amazingly conformed Orlov trotters, Arabians and painted ponies we were invited to the indoor arena that many Western European countries could envy for. Professionally designed and equipped it is a perfect place for the evening spectacle for tourists visiting this place almost every night to watch one of few theater programs. Kossack spectacle held especially for our group that night with almost one hour breathtaking speed best dzigitovka rides I ever saw was unforgettable.

The day after most of the group participants couldn't help the pleasure of own horseback rides on Equeline horses and later left the area of Black Sea heading north to Khrenovoie Stud – home of traditional breeding. It was not only the opportunity to have a look into the barns and breeding program of mostly spread and entitled race Arabian horses across Europe but also a nice break to visit a private winery with delightful fresh homemade wine! What more to say to recommend next 2012 Arabian horse days in Russia...?