

EAO Nationals

El Zahraa-Cairo



Salem Bin Laden



by Pat Canfield ■ photos by Erwin Escher

The Egyptian Nationals were held for the 15th year at El Zahraa Stud Farm in Cairo on November 13th and 14th to a large crowd of excited new breeders, familiar faces and foreign visitors. Nearly 200 horses were presented in competition over the two days with another 150 in the following two day International Show. The Event had a new look this year with more VIP tables and crisp white drapes forming frames for the sections. Everything in the set up and the Farm looked fresh and renewed.

El Zahraa has recently been reorganized under names well known and respected in the horse world. Ahmed Hamza has been named Chairman for the Egyptian Agricultural

Organization which holds responsibility for El Zahraa. Mr. Hamza brings a wealth of experience and knowledge with a lifetime spent with the Arabian horse at his Hamdan Stables which was one of the three original registered farms in Egypt.

Mr. Hamza is forming a multi-pronged program that he hopes will make El Zahraa the true center for the Arabian Horse in Egypt. His goal is to make the Stud a place where breeders will come for advice in breeding, medical issues, nutrition and basic horse care. Eventually, he wants to be able to hold workshops and seminars in the issues important to the breeders. "The primary tool is education", Mr. Hamza said. "I am working toward making El Zahraa

the place where all breeders are welcome to find the right people to advise them on what they need to learn. Of course they also need to read and travel to see what is happening in the larger world of Arabian horses" He realizes this is a long term program but is hoping to see results soon.

Dr. Ibrahim Zaghloul, former Director General of El Zahraa has recently returned from the Royal Stables in Bahrain and is a member of the Board of Trustees for El Zahraa.

Dr. Nasr Marei, internationally respected ECAHO judge and the owner of the world renowned Albadeia Stud was Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the Show and brought all of his experience into putting on a smoothly run professional event. Dr. Marei is also heavily involved with the new directions at the EAO. One of his goals in organizing this show was to encourage the breeders to participate and learn from the experience. "The important thing", Dr. Marei said, "is that the breeders come with an open mind. They are here not only to win but to learn and add to their experience. Sometimes the hardest thing is to be objective but this is how we all learn and improve our own programs". The feed back from the show was very positive and encouraging for what they will plan for next year.

The Judges for the Nationals are all well known for years of participation in the shows in Cairo. They were: Mrs. Christine Jamar – Belgium, Dr. Francesco Santoro – Italy, Mrs. Christine Chazel – France and Mr. Ferdinand Schewstermann – Switzerland. Head of the Disciplinary Committee was Mrs. Barbara Pfister – Switzerland and Main Ring Steward was Mr. Hassan Valsan – France. It was noted at the end of the show that there was a strong consistency in scoring which validated the results.

Through the years, in addition to more participation, there has been a noted change in the appearance and condition of the horses. There has been a strong mixing in with the old Egyptian blood and the lines that have been brought back from outside. Overall it is felt that the careful and knowledgeable breeders are making the best of the blend while still trying to maintain the traditional look.

The first class of the day: Fillies born 1/10/2006 – 30/9/2007 was broken into two sections with 19 in each group. Three of the top placements had a similar score of 90.33 and in the second group; the fillies had to be brought in for re-judging because of the tie. All of the winners were bred by their owners. In section

(A) placements were 1st Farah Al Bawady (Sheikh Mahboub x Hedeyet Al Bawady), 2nd Nefisa Badrawi

(Al Mokhtar Saqr x Wasfia Badrawy). In section (B) the rejudging resulted in 1st place going to Kamar Omar (Gamil Saqr x Ghalia Al Rayan) and 2nd Shabrazad Bebo (Saqr Shageel x Agboor).

Class 2 was also broken into two segments with a total of 25 entries. In the first section, the three top placements had a score of 89.33 with the first place winner Ghazala Hoor (Baly x Waha) and in second place Hamamah Tabook (Ajmal Sinan x Bedayet Tabook). The second segment went to two daughters of winning parents. Both fillies were tied with 91.33 with the eventual winner being Khorafa El Gabry (Ajmal Sinan x Gawharet Aal Hanafi) with a higher score in movement. The sprightly chestnut bred and owned by El Gabry Stud later took the Junior Female Championship. Second in the class was the beautiful grey Hayfaa Albadeia by the Champion Simeon Sharav out of the Champion mare Simeon Safir bred by Albadeia and owned by Asayel Stud

The class for Fillies born 2004 – 2005 had nine entries. The winner of the class was a beautiful grey mare owned and bred by Mila Khamis by her stallion Ali Zafir out of Malameh. The powerful grey filly showed off her beautiful crested neck netting two 20's in head and neck which contributed to her score of 91.67. Second in the class went to a charismatic grey filly Anbar Noor by Ibn Arabia Saqr out of Hams El Koloub Noor bred by Noor Stud and owned by Rabab Stud. The classic grey filly is familiar to Egyptian breeders with wins of Reserve Champion Filly at the Egyptian Nationals 2006, the EAO Nationals 2007 and also this year – 2008.

Following the lunch break, the crowd was treated to a presentation of thirteen EAO mares and fillies. Opening the show was Tee the Adl daughter out of Bint Ibtisam. The 13 year old mare is still a queen of the old Egyptian lines with the presence, looks and movement that signify who she is. It carries through in the 11 month old filly presented with her, Arousat El Zahraa. The elegant liver chestnut Azmeralda '97 was shown with her daughter Zomorrod by Tagweed who is one of the new star stallions at EAO. The El Ragel daughter, Mouradah '00 is more along the look of the original horses and was shown with two of her foals who are full sisters by Baydoun. Rashdan's smooth action came through easily in his daughter, Raghdanah '02 and in the chestnut Fakherah '93. Awasef '02, the powerful chestnut daughter of Serag El Din and the scopey Ragdaa '98 by Gad Allah completed the presentation of famous blood lines still strong at the EAO.

The Mare classes began with another win for El Gabry Stud. Nawal El Gabry by El Basha Saqr out of

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Farida Hedeyah followed by 2nd place for Hebet Allah Al Bawady by Ibn Arabia Saqr out of the mare Houboub bred and owned by Al Bawady Stud

In Class 5 for Mares born 2000 – 2002, the winner was Roeyah Albadeia (Nasr Albadeia x Momtazat Albadeia) who with great elegance and conformation went on to win the Reserve Championship. Second place by 1/3 of a point went to Nelly Ghabour by Watef out of Azamah bred by Ghabour Stud and owned by Rabab Stud. With high scores for movement, the mare was third in the championships.

Last class of the day was won by the dynamic Moghab Saqr by Imperial Madori out of SES Marah. The mare always shows with great grace and charisma. She took five 20's in scores. Moghab is one of the many Madori get to win in shows as evidenced by her EAO Championship this year as well as at the '07 show and Reserve at the Egyptian Nationals in May '08. Second place went to the exquisite Halawa Saqr also by Imperial Madori out of Ansata Helwa. The beautifully balanced mare with large soft eyes was bred by Saqr Stud and is owned by El Gabry Stud.

Friday as always is the day for stallions. The opening class for colts born 2006 – 2007 was broken into two classes with fourteen entries in each. Section (A) went to El Kaherah Stud with high scores of 91.67 and 91.33 in 1st and 2nd place. A tall chestnut colt, Sohayl Al Kaherah (Ahmus x Muzdalifah) took 1st with three 20's in Head and Neck and Moez El Kaherah (Mirajh RCA x Moonira) took 2nd. The winner of section (B) Seef Al Farida a son of Said Hafid El Chamsin out of Loaloah A also scored 91.67. He went on to win Reserve Champion colt for Al Farida Stud. Second place went to Amirhom El Sheruk a leggy grey colt by Adham El Sheruk out of MB Marlona). Nine out of ten of the colts placing in the class were bred and are owned by the original farm.

In Class 8, with 12 entries the winner was Nawawy Al Masaeed by Khaled Saqr – the second place winner in his class later in the day and out of Lolowa El Mousa with a score of 92.00. He is bred and owned by Shomookh Al Masaeed Stud. Second went to Sayyar Al Khaled by El Thay Khemal Pasha out of Samara El Naarah owned by Khattab and Tabani Stud. The next class for colts born 2004 – 2005 had 13 entries. The winner was Salama Gawdat (Adham Gawdat x M.S.Fadidi bred and owned by Gawdat Stud which had a number of winners this year and has been a long time supporter of the EAO. Second place went to Shabrayar Al Sharafeya with a beautiful crested neck. He is a son of Saqr Shageel out of Nooran Adam bred and owned by Al Sharafeya Stud.

The next highlight of the day was the presentation of eight EAO Stallions and Colts. It opened with Rawwah '97 a son of Rashdan who shows quite clearly the look of his sire.

He was presented with his son Wassaf who looks a lot like him but with a lower croup. Two sons of Gad Allah carry the aristocracy of El Zahraa and are two of the best producing stallions at the EAO. The pure white Baydoun '98 out of Bint Ibtisam and Tagweed '04 the still darkly dappled stallion out of Tee showed themselves beautifully. Tagweed is quickly becoming one of the most sought after breedings at the farm and showed why with his crested neck, floating trot and high flying tail. The oldest stallion to be shown was the grand Serag El Din '92 by Mourad out of Safinaz.

Class 10 the first stallion class was handily won by Farouk Saqr '03 (El Habel x Desperado's Fancy. His score included three 20's in type and two 20's in head and neck. He went on to win the Stallion Championship adding on to his record of Junior Champion EAO '06 and Most Classic Head at the Egyptian Event Europe '07. His very proud owner, Prince Saud bin Sultan said that while most people admire Farouk primarily for his exquisite chiseled head, Saud has always responded to the stallion's overall conformation and charisma. Farouk Saqr will be standing at Darius Arabians for the coming breeding season. Hayil Bebo a son of Horoob out of the lovely Classic Alidaara bred and owned by Bebo Stud took second place.

In Class 11 for stallions born 2000 – 2002, a tie for first place ended with the winner of the class Mashkour El Maha (Il Nasek x Kholoud Albadeia) bred by El Maha Stud and owned by Al Saadah Stud. Second place went to an Imperial Madori son, Salah El Din Badrawi out of Gannet Al Aadeyat, bred and owned by Badrawi Stud.

The last class of the day was won by two sons of Imperial Madori. The class winner and Reserve Champion was Kenz Noor out of Naksh El Koloob Noor. The flashy bay stallion owned by Rabab Stud recently returned from Europe where he was Reserve Champion Stallion at Frankfurt and Italy in 2008. At the EAO this year, Kenz also was presented with the WAHO Trophy for highest score for males in the Show and won Most Classic Head for males in the International Show. Khaled Saqr bred by Saqr Stud out of the mare SES Marah and now owned by Shomookh Al Masaeed Stud won a clear second place over another half brother.

Over all it was considered to be a highly successful show and a number of the horses shown in the Nationals went on to the Internationals the following two days. Some of the major breeding farms held extravagant Open Houses each night following the Show. Presentations were made at: Bebo Stud, Albadeia Stud, El Gabry Stud and El Farida Stud giving the guests an opportunity to see all of their horses and to enjoy Egyptian hospitality.

After a few days to rest and recover, the committee began to evaluate the results and plan for next year's event. □



Dani Barbari, Dr. Nasr Marei



Judges: F. Schewsterman, C. Chazel, F. Santoro, C. Jamar



Salem Bin Laden, Sh. Mutlaq Ben Mushrif



Essam Abdulla, Mr. Willy Luder



Champion Fillies Khorafa El Gabry

(Ajmal Sinan x Gawharet Aal Hanafi)

Owner & Breeder: El Gabry Stud



Res. Champion Fillies Anbar Noor

(Ibn Arabia Saqr x Hams El Koloub Noor)

Breeder: Noor Stud. Owner: Leila – Rabab Stud



Champion Mares Moghah Saqr

(Imperial Madori x SES Marah)

Owner: Khatab & Tahani Stud. Breeder: Saqr Stud



Res. Champion Mares Roeyah Albadeia

(Nasr Albadeia x Montazat Albadeia)

Breeder: Albadeia Stud. Owner: Ismail Stud



Champion Colts Sohayl Al Kaherah

(Ahmus x Muzdalifah)

Owner & Breeder: Al Kaherah Stud



Res. Champion Colts Seef Al Farida

(Said Hafid El Chamsin x Loaloah A)

Owner & Breeder: Al Farid Stud



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Champion Stallions Farouk Saqr

(El Habiel x Desperado's Fancy)

Breeder: Saqr Stud. Owner: Al Mamlkah Stud



Res. Champion Stallions Kenz Noor

(Imperial Madori x Naksh El Koloub Noor)

Owner: Rabab Stud. Breeder: Noor Stud



11th International Championship

Egypt



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The 11th Annual International Championship was held on November 15 – 16 2008 at the EAO in Cairo to a truly international crowd of visitors. One hundred and seventy horses out of the 374 total from the two shows were entered. They had been bred in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Germany, Italy, Brazil, U.S.A. and Egypt. As with the first two days of the EAO National Show, the organization ran very smoothly under Dr. Nasr Marei who was Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

Dr. Marei was extremely encouraged by the attitude of many of the breeders who participated. "They understood", he said, "that they very well might not win. They wanted to participate to show support of the overall EAO program as well as to learn what it is like to show with big time competition". He had specific goals for the organization of the ECAHO – B Show one of them being to lay the groundwork for making it an "A" show in 2010. Dr. Marei was greatly encouraged with feedback coming from International officials who said that the EAO show

was comparable to many of the major European and US events.

Mr. Ahmed Hamza, the recently appointed Chairman of the EAO kept everything running smoothly while greeting the many VIP guests and all the long established breeders as well as the new farms that make up the 350 farms now under the supervision of the EAO. Mr. Hamza who is well known and respected as the owner of one the earliest major breeding farms in Egypt, Hamdan Stud, has many plans for the coming years at EAO.

"Primarily", Mr. Hamza said, "I want to return the EAO to its days of glory. I want El Zabara to re-emerge at the Soul of the Arabian Horse. It must become the place where people come to get the best horses". Mr. Hamza realizes that he has a daunting task ahead of him with a need for education and services for all the breeders. He is in the process of setting up the various aspects of the overall program at EAO to affect the medical care, breeding decisions and show training for the breeders.

The overall appearance of the show this year was crisp and clean with the stands framed by sheer white curtain separations. There were more VIP tables this time extending down onto the grass and the terraced effect allowed for better viewing.

Judges for the Internationals were: Mrs. Joan Lowe – United Kingdom, Dr. Marek Trela – Poland, Mrs. Titty Gagliani – Italy and Ms. Deirdre Hyde – United Arab Emirates. Steward in the main ring was Mr. Hassan Valsan and Head of the Disciplinary Committee was Mrs. Barbara Pfistner – Switzerland.

Class 1 for fillies born 2006 – 2007 was broken into two sections of 13 each. Section (A) was easily won by Sham-maa Al Khalediah with three 20's in Head and Neck as well as one in Type and five 19's. The bright bay filly clearly took a lot from her sire F Shamaal as well as her Polish Egyptian dam Wieza Wiatrow. Her half sister Anessat Al Khalediah by F Shamaal out of FS Premirra took second place. Both were bred by Al Khalediah Stud KSA. The two fillies went on to win the Championship and Reserve in the same order.

Section (B) of the first class was won by one of Al Farida Stud's entries: Queen of Royal a bay filly by Royal Colors out of Flaxman's Raja was bred in Italy. A grey filly by Ajmal Sinan out of Vi-schnja – Al Mazyouna won second place. She was bred in Kuwait and is owned by Asayel Stud in Egypt.

Class 2 had fourteen entries and a tie

that was broken by a 20 in Type for the bay filly Ghayat Al Khalediah (AJA Sangali x Faaina TA) bred and owned by Al Khalediah Stud KSA. Second place went to Dalia KA the grey daughter of Marquis I out of Georgia KA with high scores in movement. She was bred in the USA and is owned by Al Farida Stud.

One of the smallest classes in the show was for Fillies born 2004 – 2005 with only 6 entries. The winner of the class was a bay filly bred in Germany, T.B. Shadiya by Bayfyre out of Shauma R III now owned by Khattab & Tabani Stud. In second place was Anbar Noor by Ibn Arabia Saqr out of Hams El Koloub Noor. The usually dynamic grey filly was having an off day and placed second in the class. She is owned by Leila – Rabab Stud.

The following class was for Fillies born 2007 – 2008 and was for ranking only. Two sections had thirteen entries in each. As evidence of the interest in farm programs, all twenty six fillies were bred in Egypt by their owners. Section (A) was won by Hamees Tabani an Ezz Ezzain daughter out of Serene Bana Al Daira bred by Tabani Stud. In second place was a filly with some similar breeding. Roma Assayel is a daughter of Amberah Ezzain by AJA Sanagor bred by Asayel Stud. In Section (B) first place went to Fayrouz Al Hamd (Anubis Ra Al Qusar x Belkeis Al Hamd) bred by Ahmadeyat Al Hamd Stud in Egypt.

The first class for Mares those born in 2002 – 2004 had a number of strong entries. These were mares who had competed successfully in previous shows. The clear winner with three 20's in Type was Jamilla Al Zobair (Ashbal Al Rayan x My Silk Stocking) bred in UAE and owned by Al Khalediah Stud KSA. The filly who also has wonderful movement was Reserve Junior Champion at the EAO Internationals in '06 and was third in the judging for Champion at this show. Imperial Baalanah, the striking daughter of Imperial Baarez out of Imperial Orrapha came in second place. She was bred in the USA and is part of the Imperial program brought to Al Farida Stud. Baalanah also won Most Classic Head Females at this Show.

Class 5 for Mares born 2000 – 2002 had some exceptional mares. The winner was the outstanding Kharelle (Dakar El Jamaal x Khemoselle) with three 20's in Type as well as in Head and Neck. The pure white mare captured everyone's admiration with her beauty and substance. She was bred in the USA and is owned by Al Khalediah Stud KSA.

She was named Reserve Champion Mare although many who liked her presentation were a bit surprised that she was not Cham-

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pion. Second place went to Loredana K a smart moving chestnut mare easily identifiable by her three white socks. She was bred in Brazil, a daughter of Barsalino K out of Bryelle NA and is owned by Al Khalediah Stud KSA.

The last class of the day for Mares born 2000 and older was easily won by the big scopey bay mare Victoria II HPS also bred in Brazil. She was sired by RSD Dark Victory out of Hillah NA. The elegant and refined sixteen year old mare was World Champion in Paris in the late 90's and won the Senior Mare Championship here at the EAO this year. Second place went to Nermen El Sheruk (Shah El Sun x Wardah) bred and owned by El Sheruk Stud.

The fourth and last day of the two show event belonged to colts and stallions. Class 7 was for Colts born 2006 – 2007. The clear winner was Jareer Al Khalediah by the multi champion Padron's Immage out of Barah Al Khalediah. The highly scored bay colt had three 20's in Type and was named Reserve Junior Champion Colt for the Show. In second place was Salman Al Khalediah by the champion F Shamaal out of Thee Evening Star. The bay colt had been Champion Colt at Lanaken in 2008 but came third in the championship judging at EAO. Both colts were bred by Al Khalediah Stud KSA.

Class 8 with ten entries was won by El Palacio VO. The very typey grey colt proved himself with three 20's in Type and one 20 in Head and Neck. All 19's in Top line and Movement gave him a score of 92.67. He then won Junior Champion Colt for the Internationals with another win for Al Khalediah Stud KSA. Second in the class went to another import of Al Farida, Awwal Al Amaar by Amaar Al Rayyan out of the Champion Mare Farid Nile Dream. He was bred in the USA.

In the last colt class, another group of ten entries was won by GR Lahari who was Champion Colt at the EAO Internationals in 2006. The charismatic grey colt is maturing well as a son of the great Al Lahab out of GR Marianah. He was bred in Germany and has been owned since early on by Rabab Stud. Second place was won by the Brazil bred Fahrenheit GAT by El Nabila B out of Hannah K. The chestnut colt with light roaning is now owned by Athba Saud KSA.

The class for Colts born 2007 – 2008 for ranking only had 14 entries. First and second places went to half brothers by the stallion Amir Al Baidaa. First place was won by Magd Al Baidaa out of Magda Saqr while second place went to Amir Al Baidaa out of Kereemah Saqr. The colts had similarities but it was much too soon to determine their eventual look. Both were bred by Al Baidaa Stud.

The first stallion class was quite small but was won by another son of AJA Sangali – Ashsal Al Khalediah out

of Psyche's Kyss. The high flying grey stallion had three 20's in movement – the only such score in the show. He was bred and owned by Al Khalediah Stud KSA. Second in the class is another bright example of Imperial breeding – Imperial Kagaan by the renowned Imperial Al Kamar out of Imperial Baahiyah now own by Noor Al Sabah Stud, Egypt. The following class was even smaller in entries. The winner of Class 11 for Stallion born 2000 – 2002 was Hodhod Bebo (Tarek Saqr x Hedayat Alba-deia) bred and owned by Bebo Stud. Second place went to Al Khalifa Noor by Tallahsman out of Naksh El Koloub Noor bred and owned by Noor Stud.

The last class of the show for Stallions born 2000 and older was highlighted by the two Champion stallions for the International Show. In first place and the Senior Champion was the multi champion F Shamaal who is well known to the crowds in Egypt with his Championships at the EAO Internationals in 2006 and 2007. The always graceful and refined chestnut stallion by Maysoun out of Saramena was recently Champion at the Baden Baden Arabesque Show in '08. He was bred in Germany and is now owned by Al Khalediah Stud KSA.

The Reserve Senior Stallion, Shafe Psuede by Padron's Psyche out of Focus Shalia was also Reserve at the EAO in 2006. The grey stallion is obviously a very different type from Shamaal with the substance of his sire. He was bred in the USA and is owned by Al Khalediah Stud KSA.

This year all of the Championships in the Internationals were won by Al Khalediah Stud KSA. This makes a total of twenty eight Championships so far this year for the Farm. Sh. Mutlaq Ben Mushrif, the Director of Al Khalediah Stud was asked about his personal favorites among all the winners he has had. He said that for him, Dakharo is the ultimate stallion. "When I see him", he said, "I see a real stallion with all the male type and charisma. This horse puts it in his head to win and he does". Among the mares, he favors Robin K for the same reasons. "She is the mare for the show ring", he said, "in the box she is lovely and quiet but when she goes into the ring, she wants to win".

Even though the Championships went to Saudi horses, it reinforced what Dr. Marei and Ahmed Hamza are trying to instill in the local breeders. They both emphasize that shows are to be a learning experience for the horses and the breeders. The horses will become more comfortable in the ring and will understand what is being asked of them. At the end of the day there is only one winner per class and one champion per category. "Breeders must learn as we did", Mr. Hamza said. "You go to a show to add to your knowledge. You lose and then you win and the cycle continues. There is an old expression that holds true for the show ring 'No guts – no glory'. We are going to help the Egyptian breeders get to the glory". □



Salem Bin Laden during the dancing horse performance



Ahmed Hamdi Soliman, Salem Bin Laden, Hank DeShazer



Sh. Khaled Bin Laden, Nasr Marei, Emad Zaghloul, Dr. Ahmed Hamed



Show organizers and Judges for Internationals



VIP table including Sh. Khaled Bin Laden, H.E. Amin Abaza, Sh. Mutlaq Ben Mushrif, Mr. & Mrs. Ahmed Hamza



Tarek Soliman, Dr. Francesco Santoro



Champion Fillies Shammaa Al Khalediah

(F Shamaal x Wieza Wiatrow) Owner & Breeder: Al Khalediah Stud KSA



Res. Champion Fillies Anessat Al Khalediah

(F Shamaal x FS Premirra)

Owner & Breeder: Al Khalediah Stud KSA





Champion Mares Victoria II HPS

(RSD Dark Victory x Hillah NA)

Breeder: Brazil. Owner: Al Khalediah Stud KSA



Res. Champion Mares Kharelle

(Dakar El Jamaal x Khemoselle)

Breeder: U.S.A. Owner: Al Khalediah Stud KSA





Champion Colts El Palacio VO

(Al Lahab x El Dorada)

Breeder: U.S.A. Owner: Al Khalediah Stud KSA



Res. Champion Colts Jareer Al Khalediah

(Padron's Immage x Barah Al Khalediah)

Owner & Breeder: Al Khalediah Stud KSA



Champion Stallions F Shamaal

(Mayoun x Saramena)

Breeder: Germany. Owner: Al Khalediah Stud KSA



Res. Champion Stallions Shafe Psuede

(Padron's Psyche x Focus Shalia)

Breeder: U.S.A. Owner: Al Khalediah Stud KSA