





Polish Arabian Horse Sport League

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Primastella Stable located near the capital city of Poland - Warsaw, has come up with a bold and much needed initiative to promote the Arabian horse in sport for the fourth time. It is a response to the demand of the breeding community to manage a large number of horses and also to the expectations of its owners who want to start their adventure with competition on horses of this breed and from year to year appear at the competitions organised by the owner of the Primastella Stable - Bogdan Maślanka, in increasing numbers. Organised for the last three years, the series of competitions is held from April to September in various disciplines and is called the Polish Arabian Horse Sport League. Every year it gathers about 21-25 pairs, and riders on Purebred horses have competed in various competitions a total of more than 40 times, which, on the scale of Poland, where riding Arabian horses is not popular, is quite an achievement. The Arabian Horse Sport League is an excellent chance for those who, for various reasons, do not want to compete in overall horse competitions, as well as for those who are just starting out in competitions in general. It was not uncommon for horses known for winning medals at shows to make their debuts under saddle in the Polish Arabian Sport League.

In the 2024 season, in addition to the Sport League, Primastella Stables organised the Amateur Handlers' Championship for the first time, which was a consequence of organising training courses for amateur Arabian horse handlers for a long time.

As there is a growing interest in both the participation in Arabian horse sport events and training in various fields by people who so far have been dealing with the breed

completely amateurishly, owners of individual horses or small stables Primastella Stables intends to organise competitions and training on a larger, also international scale, from the next season on. This is an important initiative because there are few such activities in Europe in general. And the production of horses is still high and not every horse has the chance to become a champion in shows, flat races or endurance. On the other hand it is important for breeding to promote the use of the Arabian horse as an intelligent companion animal, family friend.

In order to meet the demand of breeders and owners of Arabian horses, Primastella Stables intends to include in its calendar also breeding oriented classes - like covering and insemination, preparing mares for breeding season or selecting stallions. Yet another initiative that will start in the 2025 season thanks to the organisers from Primastella Stables will be the organisation of the Children's Riding League - promoting horse sports among the youngest, but also among the older ones who want to try their hand at professional competitions, not only on Arabian horses.

The passion and commitment of the organiser, Bogdan Maślanka, has found great recognition not only among the participants but also among large breeders and companies that see the importance of organising such events and are more and more willing to join as sponsors of the events at Primastella Stables, although the organiser himself is still responsible for the biggest costs and commitment. Thanks to sponsors and organisers, everyone leaves the competition with a trophy or a gift, which, apart from the satisfaction, reward the effort of preparation and the courage shown. As its initiator and





organiser, Bogdan Maślanka, emphasises, it is courage that the League is all about. The cyclic competitions are meant to encourage and mobilize all lovers and owners of Arabian horses, who would like to publicly present the effects of their work and friendship with these unusually intelligent and sensitive horses.

However, not everyone has the courage to compete in national championships or in competitions for horses of other breeds - and this is why an alternative has been created, which from an intimate competition is slowly becoming an initiative attracting the interest of the community from all over Poland, and perhaps in the long term - also from beyond.

At this point, on behalf of the organiser, we would like to thank all previous sponsors, donors and volunteers, without whose contribution it would not have been possible to organise the previous editions and plan the next ones - of even greater scope. We warmly invite you to participate and support this initiative! □

