

Sold in Poland, victorious abroad

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Perfinka

(Esparto – Perfirka/Gazal Al Shaqab)

bred by Białka State Stud in Poland

sold at 2020 Pride of Poland Auction for 1 125 000 Euro

The annual Arabian horse auction in Janów Podlaski is an event that has been permanently marked in the calendar of breeders, owners and lovers of this breed all over the world. Although Arabian horses can be bought all year round at tenders at state studs and from private owners, the best specimens are offered at the famous Pride of Poland auction. It is not without reason that this event has been called the “pride” of Poland for over twenty years. The horses sold at this auction are true pearls of Polish breeding, which have repeatedly brought glory to their new owners, winning numerous trophies and titles for them. Though there are many such cases in the 52-year history of the auction, we will look at the most recent ones, i.e. the successes of horses purchased at the Pride of Poland in the last ten years.

The star of the 2011 Pride of Poland was PIACENZA (QR Marc – Primawera/Emigrant), sold for 475 thousand euro. Bearing the colours of her new owner she won the silver medal of the 2014 Arabian Masters Championship in Bordeaux, the gold medal of the 2019 Tulip Cup in the Netherlands and the bronze at the 2021 Qatar National Show.

In 2012 two queens graced the auction stage: EJRENE (Gazal Al Shaqab – Emocja/Monogramm), purchased for 440 thousand euro and ETNOLOGIA (Gazal Al Shaqab – Etalanta/Europejczyk), secured for 370 thousand euro. In 2014 EJRENE reached for two medals – a bronze at the Tulip Cup and a gold at the Arabian Horse Weekend in the Netherlands. Whereas ETNOLOGIA spread her successes over a course of a couple of years: in 2013 she won the silver medal at the All Nations Cup, in 2016 the gold medal at the European Cham-

pionships and in 2018 the gold medal at the Al Khalediah European Arabian Horse Festival and the title of Best in Show.

The 2013 Pride of Poland Sale changed the ownership of the following horses: EL SAGHIRA (Galba – Emira/Laheeb, 500 thousand euro), EKSPULSJA (Gazal Al Shaqab – Elandra/Monogramm, 400 thousand euro) and PALATINA (QR Marc – Palmeta/Ecaho, 90 thousand euro). Later in EL SAGHIRA reached for the silver at the International Sharjah show (2015), two bronzes at Abu Dhabi and Sharjah (2017), EKSPULSJA grabbed two bronzes at the All Nations Cup and the European Championships (2017), a gold in Ströhen (2017), a gold at the Al Khalediah European Arabian Horse Festival and the title of Best in Show (2019), while PALATINA – the silver of the All Nations Cup (2015) and the gold at the Polish National Championships (2016).

The year 2016 turned out to be a chance to acquire the future bronze medallist from Deauville (2015) - ALABAMA (Gazal Al Shaqab – Altona/Eukalptus, 165 thousand euro), silver medallist from the Al Khalediah European Arabian Horse Festival – CENOZA (Ekstern – Celna/Alegro, 240 thousand euro) and the phenomenal NORMA (Gazal Al Shaqab – Nina/Monogramm, 250 thousand euro), who in 2015 won the silver in Menton, the silver at the European Championships, the gold in Qatar, the gold at UKIAHS, in 2016 the bronze at PSAIAHF, in 2017 the silver in Dubai, the silver at KAAHC and the gold at PSAIAHF once again.

Clients that made their purchases in 2015 made good investments. ADYGA (Kahil Al Shaqab – Amiga/Piaff, 130 thousand



Equator
(QR Marc – Ekliptyka/Ekstern)



Kwestura
(Monogramm – Kwesta/Pesennik)



Norma
(Gazal Al Shaqab – Nina/Monogramm)



Pepita
(Ekstern – Pepesza/Eukaliptus)



Etnologia
(Gazal Al Shaqab – Etalanta/Europejczyk)

euro) reached for the bronze medal at the Al Khalediah European Arabian Horse Festival (2017), ALTAMIRA (Ekstern – Altona/Eukaliptus, 250 thousand euro) acquired the silver at the All-Polish Championships in Radom and two golds from the European Cup and the Inter Cup in Prague. In 2017 BERENIKA (Eden C – Belgica/Gazal Al Shaqab, 75 thousand euro) added a double bronze to her list of achievements first during the show in Ströhen and later in the Inter Cup. Her next success was a silver secured at the European Cup in Prague. PISTORIA (Gazal Al Shaqab – Palmira/Monogramm, 625 thousand euro) is a champion from shows in the UAE and Abu Dhabi (2018), WASA (WH Justice – Waresa/Empres, 252 thousand euro) – Qatari National Champion (2018) and International Qatari Silver Champion (2019). WIEŻA RÓŻ (Ekstern – Wieża Babel/Laheeb, 270 thousand euro) won the bronze at the Arabian Horse Weekend in the Netherlands (2017), while WKRA (Gazal Al Shaqab – Wyborna/Monogramm, 260 thousand euro) acquired the title of KAAHC Senior Gold Champion Mare in Saudi Arabia (2015). We also can't forget about the record-selling Pride of Poland horse of all time – PEPITA (Ekstern – Pepesza/Eukaliptus), sold for 1.4 million euro. In the following years she was awarded with a silver at the AHO World Cup in Chantilly (2017), a gold at the Elran Cup a gold at the KAAHC, Dubai and Sharjah (2019) and a gold at the PSAIAHF (2020).

The mare SEFORA (Ekstern – Sawantka/Pepton, 300 thousand euro), purchased in 2016, three years later went on to gain the gold medal of the senior mares at the international show in Qatar.

The purchased in 2017 PRUNELLA (Abyad AA – Pradera/Hlayyil Ramadan, 150 thousand euro) won the bronze at the Al Khalediah European Arabian Horse Festival and two golds at the European Cup and Inter Cup in Prague (2019).

The 2018 Pride of Poland sale enabled the purchase of the later Polish National Senior Gold Champion Mare PILAROSA (Al Adeed Al Shaqab – Pilar/Fawor, 133 thousand euro) in 2020 and the Bronze Champion from Ajman, PROSARIA (Kabsztad – Prosna/Grafik, 35 thousand euro) in 2019.

Among horses offered for sale in 2019 one could buy the future bronze medallist of the Inter Cup in Prague from 2020 – ANAWERA (Piaff – Altamira/Ekstern, 57 thousand euro), as well as the silver medallist from the Elran Cup (2020) and European Senior Gold Champion Mare (2021) – PRIMERA (Eden C – Preria/Ararat, 90 thousand euro).

During the next sale – the 2020 Pride of Poland – the mare PERFINKA (Esparto – Perfirka/Gazal Al Shaqab) was sold for the staggering amount of 1.25 million euro. This highly decorated mare added another trophy in 2022 to her already large collection – the gold medal of the senior mares at the International UBAYYAH show in Saudi Arabia.

With a winning bid of 250 thousand euro at the auction 2021 BRODNICA (Pogrom – Bambina/Kahil Al Shaqab) brought her new owner a gold medal... just three weeks after her purchase, during the show in Bruges. Whereas the greatest star offered at the sale over the last decade, EQUATOR (QR Marc – Ekliptyka/Ekstern), sold in that same year, was honoured four months later with the title of Platinum World Champion Stallion in Paris. All it took was 450 thousand euro.

While we're on the subject of Platinum Champions it is worth to mention – although she exceeds the period described in this article – the sold in 2008 mare KWESTURA (Monogram – Kwesta/Pesennik) for a then record price of 1.125 million euro. Under the flag of her new owner she won the gold medal of the senior mares in Menton, the gold medal of the European Championships and the gold medal of the World Championships (2009), the gold medal in Dubai (2010), the gold medal of the All Nations Cup (2014) and as the crowning of her career – the title of Platinum World Champion in Paris in 2014.

As you can see from the above, short description, the Pride of Poland auction has always been a trendsetter in the world and a source of great breeding and show potential. Horses that changed owners easily reached for new titles and were successful in the colours of the new owners. Perhaps this year's auction list also hides future champions - which one will you choose?



Ekstern - the legacy lives on

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In April of this year we bid farewell to EKSTERN (Monogramm – Ernestyna/Piechur), who passed away at the age of 28. The stallion, bred at Michałów Stud, became a legend already during his lifetime. Undefeated in all his nine showings, he won his first title as a yearling during the Polish National Junior Male Championships (1995). Then at the age of two he reached for the International Junior Male Championship in Babolna (1996). Subsequent titles came in the higher age category of the senior stallions. In 1999 he was chosen UK International Senior Champion Stallion, which was just a warm-up before the year 2000, when he not only won the In-

ternational Tulip Cup and Polish National Senior Male Championship, but took the European Triple Crown by winning the All Nations Cup, the European Championships and the World Championships all in one year. In 2003 he bested his rivals during the prestigious Mercedes Diamond Cup in Belgium and in 2008 became the WAHO Trophy honouree, awarded to an exceptional specimen of Arabian horse breeding.

EKSTERN's show successes are impressive, but it is his breeding value that made him truly priceless. Onto his offspring he passed a characteristic, dished head and small, shapely ears.





He became famous as a sire of extraordinary daughters and in later years – exquisite dams. His most decorated daughters include PEPITA, PALANGA, CENOZA, SEFORA, PSYCHE KREUZA, PSYCHE VICTORIA, PROTEKCJA, EKSTERNA, WILGA, EKINA, WIEŻA RÓŻ, POTENTILLA, LAWINIA, PINTA and ALTAMIRA. Whereas among his daughters that turned into champion-producing broodmares we find the likes of: EKLIPTYKA (dam of World Platinum Champion Stallion EQUATOR, Polish National Bronze Champion Mare EL BELLISSIMA), WIEŻA MARZEŃ (dam of World, US National and Polish National Champion Mare WIEŻA MOCY), MESALINA (dam of World and Polish National Champion Stallion MORION), PUSTYNNIA MALWA (dam of World and Polish National Champion Mare PUSTYNIA KAHILA), ERIGONE (dam of European Champion Mare EFORA KL) and CALATEA (dam of All-Polish Championships male gold medallists CALATORIO and CALATEON).

EKSTERN is forever etched in the history of Polish Arabian horse breeding. Thanks to his descendants this history will continue. You can find them at this year's Pride of Poland 2022 offer and write a history of your own.

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