

# HONESTLY ABOUT GROWING IN ARABIAN HORSE INDUSTRY

## THE TALK WITH SZYMON GŁOWACKI



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with Gotico (WH Justice x Ginga)



Szymon Głowacki, in the community since 30 years, mostly known as „Simon”, is a breeder at own family show and racing farm Mała Wieś Stud, that bred and still owes Polish National Reserve Champion – Eternal, he was also breeding manager at Al Khalediah Poland in the time of its best success, currently he keeps on developing as ECAHO national judge and Polish Jockey Club Council member.

**U**rszula Łęczycka: Where did your interest in Arabian horses come from, as the first horses in your life were probably of a completely different type...?

**Szymon Głowacki:** Horses have always been present in my family for as long as I can remember. They were of different breeds but our dream was to have Purebred Arabian horses. The period of 90's and the political changes in Poland allowed my father to buy Purebred Arabian horses from the state studs. In 1995 I went with my father to the winter auction in Janów Podlaski and

there we bought our first mares together. The two we bought that day were Elba and Ewunia. And from that moment the whole history of our stud called „Mała Wieś” („little village” in Polish, the name comes from the name of our home village) began.

**UL:** Where did the decision to professionally work with horses professionally come from?

**SzG:** Arabian horses have always been my passion, I tried to work in different branches but at some point I decided that I only wanted to deal with the Arabian horses. I



Szymon Głowacki  
with Calateon (Vitorio TO x Calatea)



with Nahil Al Khalediah  
(Ghaith Al Zobair x Nawal Al Khalediah)

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(FA El Rasheem x FT Shaella)



*opened my own training centre and helped out in our racing stable.*

**UL:** You were a manager at Al Khalediah Farm Polska for many years, now you are a member of the Polish Jockey Club council, you have completed the ECAHO national judge course... but what were your first steps in the Arabian horse world? What did you start with?

**SzG:** I started by working with Arabian horses in my own stable. You could say that I was learning from them. Experience and time allowed me to open a training centre where, with time, I was able to work with different Middle

*Eastern studs as a trainer and handler. In 2017 Al Khalediah Farm Poland offered me the position of breeding manager and I took up the challenge, I think with success.*

**UL:** I wonder which of these activities with Arabian horses do you remember best and why?

**SzG:** Obviously working directly with the horses whether in the stable or in training. Horses and especially Arabian horses are amazing to work with because of their character and temperament.

Szymon Głowacki  
with Eternal (FS Bengali x Ewitacja)



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**UL:** The horses that have had the biggest impact on your life are....

**SzG:** The most important horse in my life privately is the our homebred stallion, multiple champion and sire of champions - Eternal – Polish National Reserve Jr Champion and silver at Bialka Junior Spring Show, Bronze at Al Khalediah Festival Europe an Scandinavian Open amongst of all, with whom I had my first successes as a handler and trainer in the show rings He gave me and the whole family a lot of joy and first big successes at the shows. As a manager, my most memorable successes are

with such horses as incredible racer Fazza Al Khalediah and Polish National Yearling Colt and Polish National Jr Champion Colt amongst of all - Nahil Al Khalediah in the show section. I am very proud to have been part of their history.

**UL:** The most difficult moments in the life of a person professionally involved with Arabian horses are in your opinion....

**SzG:** A lot of decisions in this profession are very difficult, if you are a breeder or manager a great responsibility falls

with Empiro (Amir Ashraf x Empidia)



Szymon' parents - Irena and Jan Głowacki with home bred filly Gratella





During  
probationary judging



With wife - Beata Głowacka  
and friends



*on you not only when it comes to breeding. Certainly the sale of some horses often causes pain in the heart or their loss for unforeseen reasons.*

**UL:** And what are your plans for this year and the future?

**SzG:** I certainly associate my future with horses. I am involved in a couple of interesting projects related to show and racing. I definitely want to further expand my knowledge and experience.

**UL:** Can you imagine your life without Arabian horses? - if

you were not involved in Arabian horses in your professional life, what would you be?

**SzG:** I cannot imagine my life without Arabian horses. I have been involved with them for good and bad for 30 years. They have brought a lot of joy into my life and also some sadness, but that's the way it is. And... thanks to them I met my wife who supports me in my activities!