



# LUCA OBERTI

## INTERVIEW

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Luca Oberti Arabians is a beautiful and modern training center in the north of Italy, in the city of Dalmine, close to Milan and to the main airports of the area (Malpensa and Orio al Serio). Training horses is the only one of the many activities proposed by the center: Luca Oberti offers to his clients consulting, marketing and breeding services, in addition to the assistance to the insemination and foaling and including the freezing of the stallions semen with the support of Dr. Zanchi and his staff. In a few years Luca Oberti Arabians, thanks to Luca, his father and all their Team, have become one of the most representative places in Italy where the arabian horses are trained and prepared to participate in national and international shows. Many times we had the chance to watch Luca in the arena at the shows and we can assure that he always brings horses in top condition taking care of all the tasks. Luca is a friendly man who always welcomes visitors by his farm and he is always ready to talk about horses. Tutto Arabi met Luca Oberti at his Training Center.





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**TA:** Luca, thanks for your time. We are well aware you are very busy as you must manage at the same time the training center and the shows where you handle horses. Without forgetting the service to the many clients who every year choose you as the handler of their best horses. How do you manage your time to do everything?

**LO:** Thank you for the visit. First of all I have a great Team at the farm that really helps me. Working horses takes up most of the day and everyday we also spend time talking and chatting with friends and clients to assist, support and help them. We can fit everything in one day just because we love horses and without this passion this would not be possible.

**TA:** How did you approach the arabian horse world and what was your first contact with it?

**LO:** I was really lucky to enter the arabian horse world because this is a passion I got from my father Gilberto. He bought his first arabian horse in 1988 when I was 12. From that moment on I knew that my life was going in the right direction.

**TA:** Which was the role of your father, already in the arabian horse world, in your growth as a trainer?

**LO:** He has played an incredible role in my life. He started

as a father, then he became my boss, my assistant and now I can say that he is the father that everybody would like to have. He is the supervisor of the farm when I am away and the best supporter that I could have. I have learnt a lot of things from him and the best one is that I am still learning from him.

**TA:** We know that you had several international experiences in the United States first and then in Spain, Kuwait, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrein and Europe, winning a lot of titles. Please tell us about it.

**LO:** Yes right. I had a lot of great experiences outside Italy starting with the years spent at Michael Byatt Arabians where I had the most amazing experience of my life. I met great people and I had the chance to work with wonderful horses. Michael helped me to be introduced to the arabian horse business all over the Middle East and Europe, I had the opportunity to work with Gigi Grasso, our well known photographer, helping him to photograph lots of great horses worldwide. So I was easily fully absorbed by the arabian shows with the chance to handle Arabian horses in many different countries, achieving important titles.

**TA:** You also got a lot of satisfactions in Italy where you trained horses owned by important italian breeders. Which are your favourite memories?

**LO:** All the medals or titles that I won are great memories for me. I remember them all. And all of them are a story to tell. I am lucky to work with a large group of clients that in the years became very good friends of mine. Besides it is very important to keep working well. I will never forget my first Italian national champion title, the very first love you never get over.



**TA: What are your plans for the future?**

**LO:** Certainly I will never stop working with Arabian horses, I will continue with training and handling show horses for the clients and I would like to continue helping them to reach their goals, producing the next champions and having the chance to win with them.

**TA: To be a good handler which qualities must a man or a woman have in your opinion?**

**LO:** Passion for sure: without the passion and the love for horses no one can be a good handler.

**TA: Can you tell us about your training program?**

**LO:** We try to get the best training program for each horse. Lunging is very important for their training. I care a lot also about horses happiness: free time out in the pastures helps a lot to approach the show in a very relaxed way. That can be mixed with sessions of stand-

up schooling, walking and lunging.

**TA: Besides the training program we know you also propose an interesting stallion collection. Who are the stallions composing it?**

**LO:** Makisa Adaggio, El D'gyo Ao, Jm Aramis, KZ Mash'haar, are the seniors standing at the stud for a couple of years. This year we added two new young very promising colts SS Leandro AH, a Shangai EA's son, and Invictus, a Cavalli's son that I bred. At the stud are staying also Frasea Mashar, Area Sirhan and ES Faris, a straight Egyptian group. You find all the details in our website [www.lucaoberti.com](http://www.lucaoberti.com).

**TA: Sometimes you and your father like to breed: what are your favourite bloodlines?**

**LO:** In the past my father used to breed straight Egyptians but the lack of time and space led us to reduce a lot



**SS Leandro AH**  
(Shanghai EA X Nadara KA)



**El D'Gyo AO**  
(Makisa Adaggio X Nesj El Kyara)



**Aretusa MalikShah**  
(Ansata Malik Shah X MB Sateena)

# STALLIONS



**KZ Mash'haar**  
(Al Maraam x Lady of the Evening)



**Makisa Adaggio**  
(Vervaldee X Maradisha)



# COLLECTION



**Aretusa Malik Shah**  
(Ansata Malik Shah x MB Sateena), 2005 grey stallion



**Demetra Regalis**  
(Psyrrasic x Chawiy NA), 2010 bay filly



**Petit PS**  
(Lucky Dream x Petreena), 2002 grey mare



**Al Ayal Moniscione**  
(Al Ayal AA x Ariel Moniscione), 2012 grey colt

the breeding game. We have an Egyptian related mare that we breed to our standing stallions and we are trying to lease some mare bred by our friends to get our next champion. We don't follow a particular bloodline but for sure we are looking for show horse lines to obtain a good foal to show.

**TA: Three words that describe you?**

**LO:** Simone Leo, the publisher of Tutto Arabi and a good friend of mine who everybody knows, has already answered to this question. He said: "Fair, professional and friendly."

I agree with him. □

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