



ONCE IN A WHILE, A HORSE COMES ALONG THAT
CHANGES THE LIVES OF MANY

GERALDYNE EL JAMAAL

WAS SUCH A HORSE

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Gerald dyne El Jamaal (Ali Jamaal x Gai Natasha)

Born in 2002 on Lenita Peroy's Haras Meia Lua farm in Brazil, Gerald dyne was a daughter of the illustrious Ali Jamaal and the lovely Bey Shah daughter, Gai Natasha. As a young mare, Gerald dyne was purchased by Haras Serondella and later resold to Haras Stigmatas, in foal to Henno

Serondella, which resulted in the beautiful black filly, Stig Josephine.

Meanwhile, in the Netherlands, a young woman named Talitha Bakker had been dreaming of owning a bay daughter of Ali Jamaal since she was sixteen. It was a dream she

thought would never come true. In 2011, Talitha received a phone call that changed everything. Haras Stigmatas was closing, and all the horses were going up for auction, including Gerald dyne el Jamaal. Without hesitation, Talitha flew to São Paulo, where she met Gerald dyne for



Talitha Bakker with Gerald dyne el Jamaal & ZT Ludjteyna

the first time, marking the beginning of a remarkable journey.

Shortly after Talitha purchased Gerald dyne, the border between Brazil and Europe closed, and Gerald dyne tested positive for piroplasmosis, preventing her from leaving Brazil through the United States. For four long years, Talitha made desperate attempts to bring Gerald dyne to Europe. Finally, an opportunity arose to export her from Uruguay. Gerald dyne made the long trip to Uruguay and, after a few months, continued her journey to Europe and to Talitha's farm, her final destination.

Once in Europe, Gerald dyne needed time to adapt, especially to the changing seasons. Talitha began training her under saddle, and although Gerald dyne was already fifteen and had never been ridden, she soon proved to be an exceptional

riding horse. During her pregnancies, Talitha and Gerald dyne spent countless hours together, riding through forests and especially loving the mountains. Gerald dyne became a successful broodmare, producing remarkable offspring. One of her most notable foals was Qamar al Jood, who was produced while being on lease to Al Jood Stud. Qamar went on

to win many gold medals, including Unanimous Gold champion filly in Silleda Semana Verde and again at the Equigal International show

In 2019, Gerald dyne had a difficult delivery, giving birth to a stunning black colt named ASE Justice el Jamaal by WH Justice. Talitha decided this would be Gerald dyne's



last natural foal to ensure her health. Geraldynne continued to produce exceptional foals through embryo transfer, including her last foal, MJ Lady Godiva, by El Jahez WH from MJ Arabians, Denmark.

With Geraldynne no longer carrying foals herself, Talitha decided to pursue a new adventure: endurance riding. At the age of eighteen, Geraldynne began a successful endurance career, showcasing her incredible stamina and low heart rate. Talitha and Geraldynne competed in various endurance events, most of the time riding



Geraldynne el Jamaal during the 289km Schwäbische Alb distanz



Geraldynne el Jamaal
and her best friend ZT Ludjteyna



ASE Gabriella al Gazal
(Gazal al Shaqab x Geraldynne el Jamaal)

completely alone, far from the other competitors, creating a deep bond and understanding between them. Geraldyné's intelligence and spirit made her a natural in the sport, and she became one of the most successful endurance horses of her age.

In 2023, at the age of twenty-two, Talitha and Geraldyné completed their final endurance ride together, finishing the grueling 289km race of the Schwäbische Alb in five days. Geraldyné was honored by the Dutch studbook for her outstanding endurance performances, receiving the Endurance Certificate of Honor and a prize for riding the third-most kilometers of all endurance horses in the Netherlands that year.



Qamar al Jood (Qaysar al Jood x Geraldyné el Jamaal)



ASE Gioia el Yas
(AJ Yas x Geraldyné el Jamaal)



Guinevere PKA (Magic Magnifique x Geraldine el Jamaal)



ASE Genevieve el Marc (QR Marc x Geraldine el Jamaal)



Stig Josephine (Henno Serodella x Geraldine el Jamaal)



AJS Bahir al Berwaz (Berwaz al Bustan x Geraldnye el Jamaal)



ASE Graciela el Juilliard
(ASE Juilliard x Geraldnye el Jamaal)

In the winter of 2023-2024, Talitha and Geraldnye began training for a new season. Geraldnye was still fit and ready to continue her endurance career. Sadly, in late February, Geraldnye suffered severe colic. Despite emergency surgery, complications from a previous operation meant there was no way to save her. Geraldnye was peacefully let go.

For Talitha, losing Geraldnye was like losing a best friend and soulmate. To the Arabian horse world, it was the loss of an icon, a true ambassador of the breed. Messages of condolences poured in from around the globe, many sharing how Geraldnye inspired them to ride their horses again or to start training their older broodmares under saddle. One young girl wrote to Talitha, saying, "I didn't think my horse could still compete at a high level at seventeen. Seeing you and Geraldnye competing at

such tough endurance races at twenty-two, I decided to give it a go. Now, at eighteen, my horse is in top condition, and we're doing our first international endurance race of 100km next month!"

Geraldnye's journey from Brazil to the Netherlands, her achievements as an endurance horse, and her incredible offspring have left an indelible mark on many lives. Geraldnye el Jamaal will be remembered and honored forever, a true testament to the power of dreams and the enduring bond between horse and rider. ♦



MJ Lady Godiva
(El Jahez WH x Geraldnye el Jamaal)