

Equiborn K&A

From Belgium With Love

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Europeans have always set the standard for fashion, style and elegance. Surely it was Paul and Ria Gheysens' eye for beauty that drew them to Arabian horses and inspired them to not only acquire

some of the world's most important stallions and mares, but to establish their world-class breeding farm, Knocke Arabians, situated in the charming seaside city of Knocke, Belgium.





Equiborn KA (QR Marc x Espadrilla)

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2012 grey, stallion

QR MARC*
b 2005
ARABIAN
AHR #615773

MARWAN AL SHAQAB*
b 15.3hh 2000
ARABIAN
Video

SWETE DREAMS*
ch 1995
ARABIAN
AHR #522153

MONOGRAMM*
ch 15hh 1985
ARABIAN
AHR*338583

ESPADRILLA*
gr 1997
ARABIAN

EMANACJA*
gr 1986
ARABIAN
PASB*4437

GAZAL AL SHAQAB*
b 15.3 1995
ARABIAN
AHR*528133

LITTLE LIZA FAME*
b 1987
ARABIAN
AHR 383742, QASB 736

MAGIC DREAM CAHR*
br 15.1 1992
ARABIAN
Video

KOUREAM DE MENT*
b 1986
ARABIAN
AHR*368905

NEGATRAZ*
b 1971
ARABIAN
AHR*71491

MONOGRAMMA*
ch 14.3hh 1963
ARABIAN
AHR*244335

EUKALIPTUS*
gr 15.0 1974
ARABIAN
PASB*3007

EMIGRACJA*
gr 1980
ARABIAN

ANAZA EL FARID*
b 1988

KAJORA*
b 15.2 1979

FAME VF*
b 1982

KATAHZA*
b 1981

ALI JAMAAL*
b 15.1H 1982

THE DREAMSPINNER*
b 1984

KOUROS*
b 1983

RAWHIDES AMENDA
ch 1971

BASK*
b 1956

NEGOTKA*
gr 1967

KNIPPEL*
ch 15.1 1954

MONOPOLIA*
b 153cm 1956

BANDOS*
gr 1964

EUNICE*
b 1959

PALAS*
gr 14.3 1968

EMISJA*
gr 1974

RUMINAJA ALI*
BINT DEENAA*

KABORR*
EDJORA*

BEY SHAH*
RAFFOLETA-ROSE*

AZA DESTINY*
AFHAR RAHZA

RUMINAJA ALI*
HERITAGE MEMORY*

ARISTO KOSSAK*
MYRILINAN ACLEDO

MARHABA*
KISSIE

BAGDAD OF RAWHIDE
RAWHIDES NAKOTA

WITRAZ*
BALALAJKA*

NEGATIW*
BIGOTKA*

KOREJ*
PARFUMERIA*

PRIBOJ*
MAMMONA*

NEGATIW*
BANDOLA*

COMET*
EPIGONA

ASWAN*
PANEL

CARYCYN*
ESPADA*

The Gheysens' dream was to create their ideal Arabian horse; a creature of breathtaking beauty, alluring charm, elegance, and grace; a horse of the highest quality that could win anywhere in the world and ultimately, make their mark on the history of the breed. In 2012, Paul and Ria welcomed an extraordinary colt they named Equiborn

K.A. From his first moments of life, it was apparent that Equiborn was the fulfillment of their dreams.

Equiborn's parents, World Champion and Leading Sire of Champions, QR Marc (Marwan Al Shaqab x Swete Dreams) and the aristocratic Polish mare Espadrilla (Monogramm x Emanacja),





are evenly matched in beauty as well as genetic strength, as both descend from the most prolific champion producers in the history of the breed.

Equiborn K.A. carries two straight Egyptian lines. The first comes through the stallion Gazal Al Shaqab, by Anaza Al Farid, by Ruminaja Ali. The second comes through the mare Swete Dreams; a granddaughter of Ali Jamaal, also by Ruminaja Ali. Equiborn K.A. also carries strong Russian lines through the mares Kajora and The Dreamspinner. In addition, Equiborn K.A.'s sire, QR Marc, possesses lines to classic Polish

breeding, which are unequaled for producing beauty and motion.

Equiborn's dam, Espadrilla, was among a group of Polish mares the Gheysens leased expressly for QR Marc. Espadrilla is one of the most remarkable mares produced when Michalow Stud, leased Monogramm for its breeding program. However, Espadrilla's brilliance is a mirrored reflection of her dam, Emanacja, a daughter of Eukaliptus and one of the most important Polish broodmares of all time, Emigracja. Espadrilla's bloodlines are priceless as they are a combination of the most





important ever bred by Michalow and Janow Podlaski State Studs. It is Equiborn's irreplaceable dam line that makes him so unique and sets him apart from every other son of QR Marc. It is also the reason he is such a tremendous asset to breeders around the world.

A gift like Equiborn K.A is meant to be shared with others. In November of 2018, David Boggs met with Paul Gheysens and Tom Schoukens of Schoukens Training Center, Belgium for a presentation of horses including Equiborn K.A. David was awestruck by the pearl white stallion. Mr. Gheysens expressed his desire to position QR Marc's best sons around

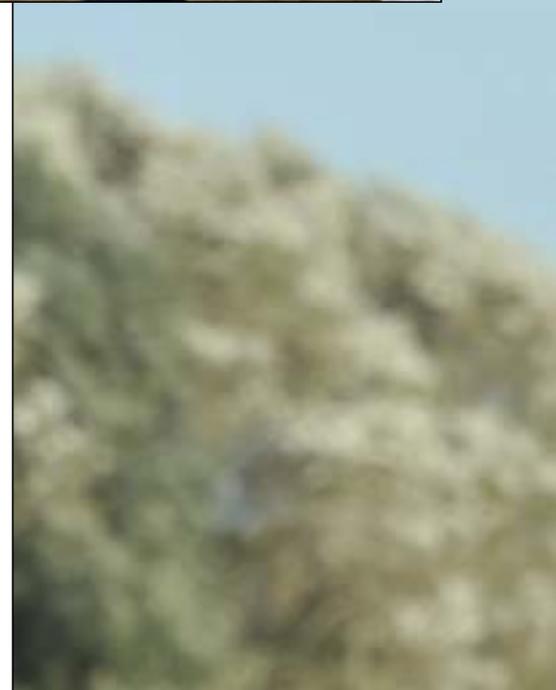




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the world and to make them available to breeders everywhere. Plans were immediately made to bring Equiborn K.A. to America.

David Boggs cannot contain his excitement about this special stallion, “We are honored to represent Paul and Ria Gheysens, Knocke Arabians, and Equiborn K.A. at Midwest Training and Breeding Centre. We are so proud to present him to breeders here in America. Equiborn K.A. has a great pedigree and most important, he embodies all the great horses in his pedigree —stallions and mares—which is critical for breeding. He has so many wonderful traits: big, beautiful eyes, great ears, correct conformation, a well

laid-back shoulder, a naturally high tail set and great movement; he should get 20’s for movement!

“Equiborn has been very well received here in the United States by judges and breeders. He’s been shown on a limited basis, due to his breeding schedule. However, he has already won important titles including Arabian Breeders World Cup, Las Vegas Bronze Champion Stallion and Gold Champion Stallion at the Arabian Breeders National Finals in Scottsdale. Breeders will have more opportunities to see him during the upcoming show season. Most important, we look forward with indescribable excitement to his first foal crop arriving in the spring of 2020.







“A stallion with the beauty, quality, structure, and breeding of Equiborn is a gift. A gift that is meant to be shared – with the world – because he makes it a better place. To learn more about

Euqiborn, people can visit his page on our website to see photos, his pedigree, offspring, and of course, we welcome inquiries for his services.”

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