

Fadi Al Shaqab

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Ever since he won the World Champion Silver title at the Salon du Cheval in Paris back in 2010, Fadi Al Shaqab has captured the hearts of breeders around the globe. Each person seems to have their own “Fadi story”- how he influenced their perception of the breed, impacted their breeding program, or simply deepened their appreciation for

the Arabian horse. He is a rare presence- hard to fault and even harder to resist.

Although he has had an impressive show career, which includes the Gold Champion title at the Las Vegas World Cup, the International Show in Qatar, the Mediterranean Festival in Menton, and the Al Khalediah Festival in Saudi

Arabia, Fadi’s true contribution lies in his breeding potential - starting with his pedigree.

Fadi is the son of the beautiful and exotic Besson Carol, a stallion sired by Parys El Jamaal (by Ali Jamaal) and out of Classic Krystall (by Simeon Shor). This gives Fadi strong genetic ties to





Fadi Al Shaqab (Besson Carl x Abha Myra) - Alessio Azzali





both the greats of Straight Egyptian breeding and powerful Polish bloodlines such as Aladdinn and Gdansk (by Bask) - making him a true genetic gem.

When crossed with the unbelievably beautiful Abha Myra, Fadi was destined to become a great producer. Abha Myra

is a daughter of the legendary World Champion Marwan Al Shaqab, who needs no further introduction, while her dam is none other than the highly regarded ZT Ludjkalba, bred by Zichy Thyssen. Ludjkalba is a daughter of the illustrious Ludjin El Jamaal by Ali Jamaal, giving Fadi a second cross to this

legendary stallion. The dam of Ludjkalba is ZT Shakalba, a daughter of El Shaklan, making Myra the full sister to World Champion stallion Abha Qatar.

And let's not underestimate Abha Myra's own beauty and accomplishments. She was not only an All Nations Cup



Reserve Champion Mare, but also a U.S. National Reserve Champion in 2006 and Sharjah International Reserve Champion Mare in 2008. Besides producing Fadi, Abha Myra is also the dam of the famous Medan Al Shaqab and, more importantly, the exceptional Siwar Al Shaqab.

Siwar Al Shaqab was not only a Gold World Champion Filly, but she also

produced many champion offspring, including:

- **Afreen Al Shaqab**
(Gold Medal Champion Colt, GCAT Cannes & Muscat 2024)
- **Shahalel Al Shaqab**
(Gold World Champion Filly, Menton Gold Champion Filly, Katara Gold Yearling and Junior Champion Filly)

- **Tahaleel Al Shaqab**

As you can see, Fadi Al Shaqab's success as a breeding stallion did not happen by chance but was the result of decades of careful breeding and selection.

From the very first two foal crops, it was clear that Fadi had great breeding potential. One of the first foals to make an impact in the show ring was Falah





Al Shaqab, sired by the WH Justice daughter Joseph Just Emotion. Falah was successfully shown worldwide. His successes include a class win at the Menton Mediterranean Show in 2014, the title of Scottsdale Reserve Grand Champion Junior Colt, and the title of U.S. National Champion as a two-year-old. He was also the European

Bronze Champion Junior Colt in 2016, as well as the Gold Champion at the Las Vegas World Cup and the Bronze Champion at the All Nations Cup in Aachen that same year. In 2023, he won the Gold Medal Champion at the Doha International Horse Show as a senior.

Another stunner from the early foal

crops is Al Farida Al Shaqab, a stunning 2013 bay filly by Gazal Al Shaqab and out of Alyesha Al Nasser, who clearly inherited Fadi's silhouette and the dreamy head type now synonymous with his production. Al Farida was awarded Gold Champion Yearling at her first exhibition, the 2014 Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Arabian Horse



Fadi Al Shaqab - Gigi Grasso



World Arabian Horse Championship - Paris 2013 - Nawaf Al Johani

Show, and won Silver at the Menton Show that same year.

In 2015, the incredible Fadwa AA was born, out of the mainly Egyptian-bred Donya Jamal (by Nader Al Jamal). Fadwa was successfully shown as both a junior and senior, but she is mostly known as the dam of the 2024 Bronze

World Champion Colt and All Nations Cup Gold Champion Colt: Fajer AA, sired by Shanghai EA.

Now, at the age of 17, champion foals are still being born by Fadi, such as the 2021 filly Bianca of Sinus, out of Balena (by Kahil Al Shaqab), who was the European Silver Champion Junior

Filly in 2023 and 2024, as well as a class winner in Paris last year.

As impressive as his breeding record is, and as flawless as his conformation may be, the accolades and recognition belong to Fadi himself—particularly his gentle temperament, which endears him to all his admirers. Like the horses of

RESULTS

BRONZE CHAMPION SENIOR STALLION

2021 - Kiahf - Katara International Horse Festival

GOLD CHAMPION SENIOR STALLION

2020 - U.S. National Championship

GOLD CHAMPION SENIOR MALE

2018 - 7th International Championship Kuwait

GOLD CHAMPION SENIOR STALLION

2017 - Las Vegas World Cup

GOLD WORLD CHAMPION SENIOR MALE

2013 - World Arabian Horse Championship

GOLD CHAMPION SENIOR MALE

2012 - 21st Qatar International Arabian Horse Show

2012 - Al Khalediah Arabian Horse Festival

SILVER WORLD CHAMPION JUNIOR MALE

2010 - World Arabian Horse Championship

GOLD CHAMPION JUNIOR MALE

2010 - Championnat de la Mediterranee et des Pays Arabe

BRONZE CHAMPION JUNIOR MALE

2010 - 19th Qatar International Arabian Horse Show

GOLD CHAMPION JUNIOR MALE

2010 - Al Khalediah Show International



US National 2020 - Howard Schatzberg



Al Khalediah Int. AHF 2012
Irina Filsinger



Qatar International AHC 2012
Erwin Escher



Mediterranean & Arab Countries,
Menton 2010 - Irina Filsinger



Bedouin legend, Fadi is a trustworthy and loyal companion, preferring to accept cuddles, strokes of affection, and, of course, carrots. His temperament is another wonderful trait he undoubtedly inherited from Marwan, and it is one he has passed on to his own offspring.

Fadi is more than just a horse; he is a true legend of the breed who will continue to improve today's breeding generation after generation. ■

Al Khaleidiah Int. AHF 2010