Dion Arabians



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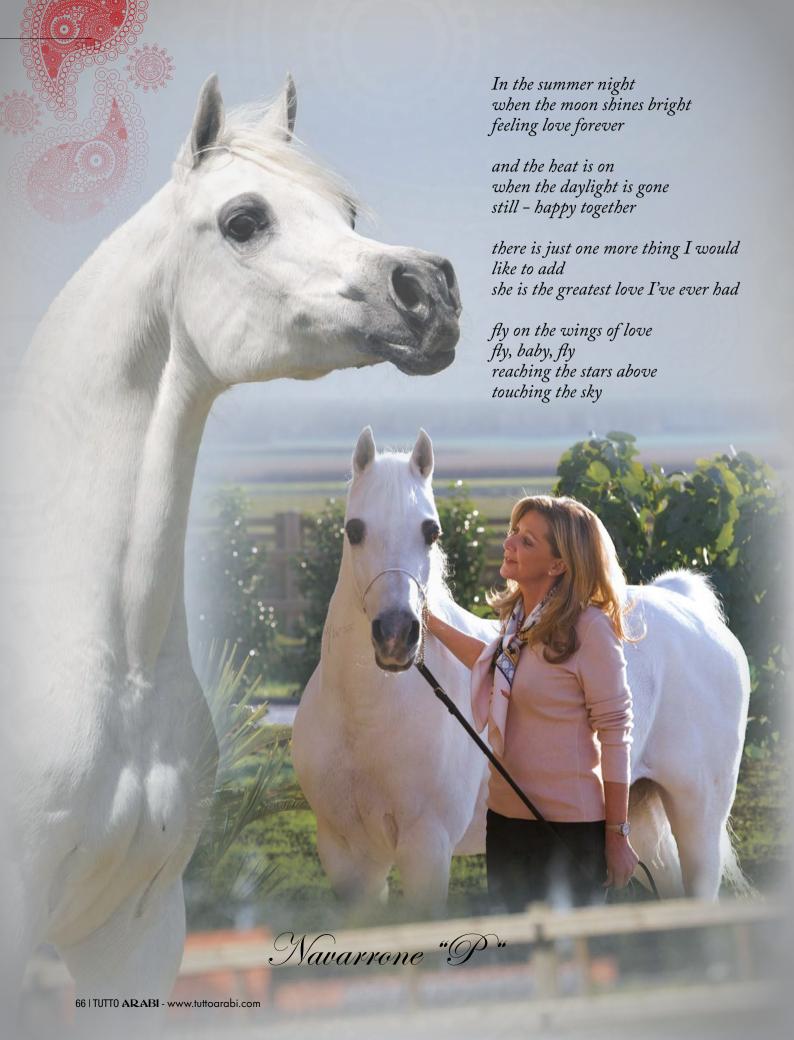
have been in the Arabian Horse World since 1989 and Mrs. Van Hee bought Navarroné in 1991, as a 4 year old mare. I have thus known this legendary mare also all her life!

Like you already said, she was one of those few mares that would be in most of people's Top 10 Mares in the World.

Navarroné was beyond Special; with her incredible black

eyes, perfect body and amazing movements plus having that undefinable portion of extra (I think it can be called SPIRIT) she represented all what arabian type is about.

Apart from her beauty, she was also an amazing dam, having produced 2 World Champion Stallions! Navarroné herself won also numerous prestigious shows. Many of her other children also made some extraordinary results in the show ring and as sires & dam's.





Mrs Van Hee called Navarroné "Poppy", she was her favorite mare... They had a very special bond; Poppy was very clever and knew a lot of words and commands that if being asked by Mrs Van Hee, she would do immediately. Like trot, turn around, blow, I have witnessed this many times when I visited them, it was always amazing to see!

She loved carrots and horse candy's that were kept in a special little box that Poppy knew very well.

The last couple of years she had some medical issues, that is why Mrs Van Hee decided not to breed her anymore but all conditions got managed very well, she lived in a Queen Stable in the Middle of the Barn, went out in the field every day and was treated like a Princess.

There was no reason to assume that she would pass away so

suddenly on Thursday 30/07/2015 when she came in from the field all happy the day before...

Of course one knows that 28 is a respectable age for a horse, of course one knows she had a condition that might cause the end of her life but to know something, is nothing near to experience the actual loss, as one is never prepared for this.

Off All the moments in the last 24 years of Mrs Van Hee's Life, Poppy was always there.

Once as a wish, always as a blessing and now as one of the greatest loss she has ever experienced. What is left is a Treasury with memories fulfilled with love & delight.

An era has come to an end but her amazing children will continue the dynasty.