



Al Shaqab

Heading Qatar's Arabian and equestrian renaissance is Al Shaqab. In 1992, the Father Emir, His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani took his devotion to the Arabian breed to new heights and he created Al Shaqab with a goal to breed world class Arabian horses.



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THE BEGINNING

"His Highness the Father Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani gave us a message in the beginning, and that was to bring these horses back to the Arabian Peninsula from all over the world," as stated the manager of Al Shaqab Breeding and Show, Sheikh Hamad Bin Ali Thani.

"He asked us to assemble a great broodmare band. When we started, no one else was searching all over the world like that. Which the support of HH Sheikh Hamad I bought mares from Egypt, America, and other countries, to bring them back to their homeland".



THE HERITAGE...

GAZAL AL SHAQAB AND THE PHENOMENON, MARWAN AL SHAQAB!

"Gazal proved himself. He is a legend. If all he did was to sire Marwan, it would be enough. But what he did in two seasons in Poland is more than any stallion could be expected to do in a lifetime. He found the perfect mares there. They worked with his blood, and

Gazal Al Shaqab

(Anaza El Farid x Kajora)





Marwan Al Shaqab

(Gazal Al Shaqab x Little Liza Fame)

they gave their extra touch, just as Kajora did, with her strong bloodlines, when bred to Anaza El Farid. I think he was the best stallion used in Poland in modern times", and continued Sheikh Hamad, "He is a stallion that can sire well with a lot of different mares. I'm using him now with some Shaklan blood... who knows, maybe he will sire something new and exciting!"





THE BREEDING VIEW AND STRATEGY

"When I come back in 2016, I discovered that we were losing the type of Al Shaqab in our horses and it was my goal to bring this back. Of course we have the foundation and somethings that we can work on" stated Sheikh Hamad that explains about Al Shaqab vision for the upcoming breeding "We have in Shaqab

Wadee Al Shaqab

(Marwan Al Shaqab x OFW Mishaahl)



Kahil Al Shaqab

(Marwan Al Shaqab x OFW Mishaahl)



two breeding directions, straight Egyptian and the mixed bloodlines. Actually, have three years that we started the S.E., and we are able to save the important lines from Al Shaqab and also straight Egyptian. The focus is to keep the clear lines, this is very important: to return the type of our straight Egyptian."

"Al Shaqab is the throne of Arabian horses, and we need to continue this. Our possibilities are great. We know that it is very hard to get the top, but is harder to stay there. The year of 2018 is to improve our breeding program. We need time - Al Shaqab is big, and there are many ideas to consider"





Hariry Al Shaqab

(Marwan Al Shaqab x White Silkk)

THE BREEDING PLAN 2017/ 2018

The thoughts of a great breeder from the years of experience and knowledge, "My thinking was to use more grey stallions - we miss the light color in Shaqab. They grey color is often linked to type. We chose WH Justice, because he is an outcross to our horses, and we use him mostly with Marwan-line mares for our



breeding. The target is to get the type, along with the conformation of Marwan. We used Magic One with Egyptian-related mares, and we used Marwan with straight Egyptian mares”.

“It's not easy to talk about the results of these years, as the foals are young, but I'm happy with what we are seeing. The results will show up, and we will hear what people think about it. It's a new type in Shaqab.”

Faraa Al Shaqab

(Marwan Al Shaqab x GW Natorious Star)



Farhoud Al Shaqab

(Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Johara Al Shaqab)

"Enotri EEA has never been proven as a stallion. But I like Shanghai EA so much, and we tried to find a horse by Shanghai EA who also had a very strong dam. Enotri's dam is by Enzo. And I like Enzo because his conformation is very strong. We're using Enotri mostly for the type, but he also has beautiful conformation and charisma. We expect a lot from him."



"I love Fadi Al Shaqab. He is really an amazing stallion. He has type and conformation - the most beautiful conformation that you can see. He has the amazing eyes and beautiful head, and these things you can't find in many stallion. Fadi's sire, Besson Carol, is an outcross, so I can use him with the Marwan daughters. His dam, Abha Myra (Marwan Al Shaqab x ZT Ludjkalba), is one of the most beautiful mares you will ever see. Fadi Al Shaqab comes from strength on both sides"

Al Adeed Al Shaqab

(Ansata Halim Shah x Sundar Alisayyah)





Fadi Al Shaqab

(Besson Carol x Abha Myra)

Sheikh Hamad is excited about the new stallion from Al Rayyan, Rasheed Al Rayyan (Ansata Nile Echo x RN Farida) "This horse has never been used. He had a broken leg and so was out the limelight. He is an amazing horse, very type. I used him on a few mares and it was very successful. Im very happy with him. Another new Egyptian stallion is Sinan Al Rayyan (Ansata Sinan x Al Wajba Al Rayyan) who is at Al Waab. He sired lots of beautiful foals for Al Shaqab. Im very happy with the results we got from these two stallions".



"We are using another new stallion in our breeding program. Hilal Al Nakeb (NK Hadif Jamil x Bint Bint Hamamaa) from Mr. Hassanain Al Nakeeb. And we are using, from Alaa Al Roumi's Al Rayah Stude, Bahhei Ezzain (NK Qaswarah x Dhuha Al Nakeeb). He is a bay stallion, which I need for the pigment. He is very type. We will see the results soon", always remembering that the Egyptian stallion that has Sheikh passion is Al Adeed Al Shaqab.

"There are so many of our stallions that had not gotten the mares as deserve. One of them is the chesnut Bashir Al Shaqab, sired by Marwan Al Shaqab, out of SWF Valencia. He is an amazing stallion, but I cannot find the perfect mares for him in Al Shaqab. I would love to send him to stand at an outside farm to prove himself. We have many stallions that need to go outside and prove themselves, and it helps the other breeders, too. We have done that many times, I need to find safe and good places for them. Faraa Al Shaqab (Marwan Al Shaqab x GW Natorius Star) was proven in Argentina, and in the US. His son, SM Azraff (x LC Psychesfinesse), Scottsdale and U.S. National Champion, was rumored to be the most expensive stallion in the world".

THE DAUGHTERS OF MARWAN AL SHAQAB

"The composition of the Al Shaqab broodmare band has shifted to Marwan daughters. Before, we talked about El Shaklan daughters and different bloodlines, but Shaqab has been improved a lot by Marwan daughters - we are very happy to have these nice mares from Marwan. They have the most beautiful conformation that you can see. The only thing they need is some type and little touches. I am very happy to work with this bloodline", concludes Sheikh Hamad.

AL SHAQAB CONTRIBUTION TO THE HORSE SHOWS AND SMALL BREEDERS

Al Shaqab feels a sense of urgency to enhance the show experience for small breeders and owners. "The Al Shaqab European Tour and the established Believe to Breed project is all about supporting the Arabian horse in its diversity, and supporting small breeders, owners and riders in as many European countries as

possible. Al Shaqab understands the need for also supporting the smaller show and sport events with sponsorship funds and gifting breedings to our world-famous stallions. The united love and desire to preserve the Arabian horse breed and share this passion with like-minded people drives us to take on this enormous task. Shows and sport events are a great place to talk, share experiences and meet new people, reuniting us all with one common denominator: our treasure, the Arabian horse".

"Many things in our shows need to change, It is a sensitive and political topic. Some people don't like anymore because I will say the truth, and people never expect this. The problem we are facing is that we have lost the breeders. What we find now are the collectors. The collector want to win and doesn't care about the way to win. We are missing the fun that we had before. Shows are becoming only VIP tables. And only the trophy matters. We must remember that the point of the show is to recognize the best in the breed. The show is the place where all the breeders come together to talk about their breeding, their future, what they want to breed. The show is the place to help each other, to be like a family. Not it is all about the market. This problem affects all of us, so I hope we can come together to find a solution. Even the horses themselves have changed".

THE FUTURE

"I think one of the biggest changes started with Marwan Al Shaqab. He changed the style of Arabian show horses. When he came out to the world, he had a different look. He had a longer neck, longer legs, he was more showy. He is close to perfect. People followed his type, and soon they were looking at Arabian horses differently. We had a role in that, but we need to remind people that the most important thing is to not just how long the neck is, or how big a mover. It is type and conformation and all other qualities that comprise a perfect horse".

Sheikh Hamad concludes "My dream is that Al Shaqab is sending the message of the love for Arabian horses, and welcoming new generations returning to the horse. Our message is to breed the best. Horses that are the summary of what the Arabian should look like. But it is not only Al Shaqab. We are with the family of Arabian horses. I want to know everybody, to be together with everyone, to compete, to love, and to share the passion of Arabian horses. That is our message!". □

FOALS



Afrin Al Shaqab

(SMA Magic One x Shama Al Shaqab) - Colt



Al Abjer Al Shaqab

(SMA Magic One x Methayl Al Shaqab) - Colt



Aqil Al Shaqab

(SMA Magic One x Faten Al Shaqab) - Colt



(Marwan Al Shaqab x Mashoorah Al Shaqab) - Filly



Siwar Al Shaqab

(SMA Magic One x Abha Myra) - Filly



(Marwan Al Shaqab x VA Ahlam)
Filly



(Marwan Al Shaqab x Wijdan Al Shaqab) - Colt



Daasah Al Shaqab

(WH Justice x Marieta Al Shaqab) - Filly



Darin Al Shaqab

(WH Justice x Venetzia) - Filly



Fahar Al Shaqab

(WH Justice x Vanessa Al Shaqab) - Colt



Shuaa Al Shaqab

(SMA Magic One x Al Farida Al Shaqab) - Filly



(SMA Magic One x Halimas Jaddan) - Filly



(Marwan Al Shaqab x Durra Al Rayyan) - Colt



Hayyan Al Shaqab

(SMA Magic One x Joseph Just Emotion) - Colt



(Sinan Al Rayyan x Al Wajbah Al Shaqab) - Colt



Duba Al Shaqab

(SMA Magic One x Sultanat Al Shaqab) - Filly



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Duraid Al Shaqab

(SMA Magic One x Mayysa Al Shaqab) - Colt



Bayan Al Shaqab

(Sinan Al Rayyan x Tibrah Al Shaqab) - Straight Egyptian Filly



Yabreen Al Shaqab

(Sinan Al Rayyan x Wudan Al Shaqab) - Straight Egyptian Filly



Fes Al Shaqab

(Sinan Al Rayyan x Kawkeb Al Shaqab) - Straight Egyptian Colt