

THE HAZ AL GENERATION AT ROYAL ARABIANS

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For more than 30 years, Cindy McGown and Mark Davis harnessed their mutual passion for the Arabian horse to develop Royal Arabians from a small family enterprise into one of the most complete, in-demand breeding and training programs in America. Due to their early partnering with foreign breeders and ongoing participation in international events, Royal Arabians is now a worldwide industry influencer.

When an Arabian horse establishment as well-regarded as Royal Arabians elects to elevate a young stallion to the top tier of their breeding program, everyone takes notice. Such is the case with the dynamic bay son of Royal Asad, Haz AL. Co-owned by his breeder, Brazilian Abel Leopoldino's Agropec Leopoldino LTDA and Cindy McGown and Mark Davis, Haz AL has a sterling international pedigree that draws from a wide array of breeding programs.





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ROYAL ASAD | ELEGANCE AL

HAZ *Al*

His sire, Royal Asad (El Tino x Lumiar Ethna), was born in Brazil, where he was the unanimous 2016 Brazilian National Champion Junior Colt. Imported to the USA by Royal Arabians, Royal Asad was also the 2017 Arabian Breeders World Cup and Arabian Breeder Finals Gold Champion Junior Colt, and the 2018 Scottsdale International Gold Champion Junior Stallion.

El Tino was bred in the USA from classic bloodlines, but was exported to Brazil early on, where he became one of the most successful stallions in that nation's history with numerous offspring earning national titles. El Tino was himself the 2014 Brazilian Gold National Champion Senior Stallion after capturing the 2008 Gold National Champion Junior Colt and 2009 Reserve Junior Colt honors.

Not to be outdone, Royal Asad's dam Lumiar Ethna was the 2019 Brazilian Gold National Champion Senior Mare. Now owned by Switzerland's Hanaya Stud, Royal Asad has already established a track record of success as a sire in international competition with multiple gold, silver, and bronze medal winners, including his daughter Shabbrys HVP, the 2023 Silver World Champion Yearling Filly bred in Brazil and owned by Ajmal Stud.

Haz AL is out of 2019 Brazilian National Bronze Champion Junior Filly Elegance AL, which endorses the formula Cindy described years ago of crossing Royal Asad with daughters of Halyr Meia Lua. Another of the Royal Arabians collection of world-class stallions, he was the 2013 Brazilian Gold National Champion Junior Colt as a yearling and is the sire of multiple national and international champions. Elegance is out of the FA El Shawan mare, Giuliana El Shawan.

The perfect representation of his bloodlines, Haz AL has a smooth body, elegant carriage, refinement, and classic type combined with dynamic motion and undeniable presence. From the first moment they saw him as a baby, the Royal team knew Haz was key to their future.









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ROYAL ASAD

EL TINO

DA VALENTINO

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RFI MAKTUB

LUMIAR ETHNA

EVENING STAR TGS

AJMAN MONISCIONE

HALYR MEIA LUA

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Noted horseman Greg Knowles, who manages Royal's sales and marketing division, describes Haz as "extravagantly beautiful, with an ideal head" that he would score higher than a perfect 20. "Both sides of his pedigree breed true for type," Greg explains. "We are convinced that the consistency of type throughout will lead to Haz producing extreme Arabian type from a variety of mares. He also stands out because of his balance, which is rare. Truly great horses like Khemosabi and Nariadni were exceptionally well-balanced, too, which made them special."

That inborn balance gives Haz the ability to move with a square, cadenced beat. "He also has a clean throat that will allow him to bridle up," Greg expounds. "We expect his offspring will excel in performance. Haz AL's pedigree is a roadmap, he is bred to be exactly what he is. For example, he has the charisma of his grandsire Halyr Meia Lua, a dramatic horse bursting with energy, all mane and high tail carriage like a carousel horse. He is precocious and a 'favorite child' around the barn because of his huge, liquid black eyes. We have confidence in his abilities as a show horse and a sire. Haz is a horse destined to be a star."

Haz AL was shown lightly in 2023, winning the Scottsdale International Arabian Breeders Reserve Champion Junior Colt and U.S. National Top Ten Breeding Pays Two-Year-Old Futurity honors. After a year in the breeding shed, Haz AL will return to competition when the wildly successful Global Champions Arabians Tour (GCAT) comes to America for the first time at Scottsdale in late February. With total prize money of over €24.4 million spread over 14 stages, the 2025 Tour brings the success of last year's inaugural European/Middle Eastern edition to North and South America.

Cindy's vision for Royal always included global success. "We were very successful in other businesses on a global level," she explains. "It was more a matter of learning this industry and incorporating the successful strategies we'd already developed. We knew that we could only progress by gathering the right people, promoting to the right markets, and working very hard to ensure our horses are always competitive and the best they can be. We have long-term plans for Royal that include becoming much more involved in the European shows. We plan to utilize the best European trainers and marketers we can find who have the same values as our team does. It is our goal to present our breeding program to the world."



Royal Arabians has established close ties with numerous international breeders, including partnering with world-renowned Al Shaqab (member Qatar Foundation) to market breedings to their enviable stable of World Champion stallions. Bob and Dixie North have been breeding Arabian horses in America for over 40 years. "Royal Arabians has taken a lead position in the last few years in working to reestablish the U.S. Arabian market to the excitement and growth we have experienced in the past," says Bob. "They have supported our key Arabian shows with ideas, entries, and financial assistance. They have also taken lead positions in the interaction with key international Arabian shows and markets such as Brazil, the Middle East, and Europe.

"Although they are in the early phases of these efforts, we are already seeing many early successes. For example, their support of the Brazil Arabian Association has already resulted in a new concept for the annual Brazilian National Championship show and an expanded tour of the leading Brazilian breeders each year. In the U.S., they have taken a key role in support of the Arabian Breeders World Cup. The support and initiative provided by Royal Arabians is absolutely necessary to lead us back to the days of a robust U.S. Arabian show horse market."

As Royal Arabians continues to expand their global footprint, horses like Haz AL will take up the challenge to represent them in creating the next generations of champions for breeders across the globe.





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