

Al-Jalawiyah S t u d

Interview



His Highness Prince Saud bin Turki Bin Fahab bin Jalawi Al Saud

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1. What brought you to the idea of the Arabian horse breeding? Was it a family tradition continuation or rather the look for some new experience?

My father, His Highness Prince Turki, the owner of AL JALAWIYAH STUD always and from the beginning has been giving me all the supports and motivations to pursue my dreams, to own and acquire some of the best and most extreme Arabian horses. With Him, his advises and help I am able to pursue those objectives.

It is indeed a family tradition, since my grandfather used to own a lot of horses, all of them desert bred. I have always been passionate by the Arabian horse since I was young. Around 13 years of age I was always reading Arabian magazines, I feel that it is in my blood.

When I got older, I finished my degree, I realized my biggest desire was to own great horses that would be able to compete in the major shows.



His Highness Prince Saud pictured with QR MARC owned by Mr. Paul Gheysens, Knocke Arabians - Belgium



The first Arabian mare of His Highness - DAY DREAM J by Gilly J out of Dahna III

2. What bloodlines and Arabian horse activities you consider in your breeding program?

I do not have one specific blood line that I only want in my breeding program. Of course there is some genetic that I believe you cannot ignore. What I'm looking for is excellence. When I decide to purchase a horse I do not look only for the bloodline but more for the individual characters of the horse.

My family started to collect the desert bred first before I started to buy Arabian horses. I enjoy continuing collecting the desert bred in the future.

The principal activity in my farm is now the Arabian show but with the quality of my families desert bred stock, endurance is also a big part of the farm's activity.

I believe in the next few years some desert bred horses will start to illustrate themselves in racing, as the King's stable is trying to promote this breed a lot in the Kingdom.

3. Are you going to follow the certain type and utility of the horses you are collecting or the certain blood strains are a must for your farm?

I don't want to breed plenty of horses but I want to have a group of very good quality, I'm looking for extraordinary horses.

Type of bloodlines is and is not important but good strains are important to create special horses with extreme characters. I don't want to follow the fashion but I want to breed special horses that can have an important influence and impact on the future.

4. Where did you make your first steps while looking for the foundation stock of horses for your breeding – and why there?

Before I wanted to buy any horse I first wanted to follow a judge-course. This way I knew the base of a good horse well and I was able to buy the horses I liked myself in the future. I went to Christine Jamar's farm to take the judge course. I learned that the base of her breeding program was Polish. I studied the Polish bloodline myself and found out that it was a very stable breeding since 200 years. The first mare that I bought was a Polish mare and after that I bought an Egyptian mare of good blood from Australia. In KSA I also found a beautiful mare, born in Australia, of mixed blood who seemed to be a very good choice since she had a very nice filly by QR Marc.

After collecting a stock of very good broodmares, I became interested in owning a group of very good showhorses with impressive bloodlines.

The first show horse I bought was Stephana W from Brazil. When I first saw her picture I was really amazed that such extreme horses existed. Christine advised me to ask for a video since nowadays pictures are altered in the Arabian horse business. The filly was even more beautiful than in the pictures! In my desire to look for perfection I asked Christine to fly to Brazil to see that extreme filly. As soon as I got the news that she was even better than my expectation I bought her straight away. When I finally got to see her after her long journey from Brazil I was overwhelmed by her beauty and perfection.

Soon after this I received pictures and videos of an extreme baby. The filly was by Ever After out of an Echo Magnifico mare, Gypsy Love EA. She was extremely interesting as this was a different kind of blood we find in Europe.

My latest acquisition is an extreme colt and the future head stallion of the farm.

This story began last year after Aachen when Christine Jamar introduce me to an European trainer who just spent time in America working with and for some of the biggest names in the industry, Raphael Curti. I heard and saw this trainer show horses in the Middle East and Europe before.

In January Raphael came to Saudi Arabia to show my horses at the Al Khalediah Show. After spending time with him and seeing him work, a great friendship began. During that week our most talked subject was to find my farm's future stallion...

Two months later I received pictures from Raphael of the most extreme colt I ever saw. But even better than the picture, was the colts pedigree: bred by Christine Jamar, his sire was the world famous and international champion QR Marc, out of one of the most admired and world decorated mares in the breed history Emandoria by Gazal Al Shaqab. Two weeks later I flew to Belgium, to visit Christine's farm, look at my horses standing in training at Jadem Arabian with Raphael, and especially to lay eye on this extreme colt. After seeing him, I made a priority to purchase him. A week later, after talking with my father and having his blessing; Emerald J was newly owned by Al Jalawiyah farm.



EMERALD J - a son of QR Marc out of Emandoria

5. Do you find starting the breeding program nowadays difficult – with so many sources of horses, its types, bloodlines, judges and breeders different tastes for it...

For these questions I will both answer yes and no. It is indeed difficult nowadays to start a breeding program.

There are so many choices, so many opportunities to buy or breed so many horses in so many countries. The Arabian horse business is really a global business. If you want you can breed your mare to stallions all over the world. On the other hand, even with the greatest choice within reach, I know exactly what I wish for and what I am looking for. This narrows the choice down a lot and makes the choice a lot easier.



His Highness Prince Saud with EMMONA bred & owned by Michalow Stud - Poland

6. Your current horses collection – can you describe them for us a bit? Who are the most promising stars and will we have a chance to see them competing in the current show season?

My two most promising stars are of course, Stephana W and Emerald J.

Stephana W is extreme in her look, attitude, her charisma, a really amazing promising filly that takes your breath away every time you look at her.

Emerald J is as well amazing in his way, as one of the most extreme colts of the breed, his body, neck, head and attitude makes him unique and extraordinary. We will show him of course this year in the major shows, but what I can not wait for is to see his offspring, with such father and mother, I hope and believe he can be the next “great” stallion and have a global impact on the breed.

There is as well Gypsy Love NA, bought as a baby in the US who really surprised me the last time I saw her. She is really a strong, correct filly, with huge eyes and great attitude.



STEPHANA W by RFI Maktoub x Spartana Ludfour



GYPSY LOVE NA by Ever After NA x EA Gypsy Echo

7. What is the most important future goal that you are planning to achieve during your breeding activity?

My biggest goal in the near future is to be a major competitor in the most important shows starting this year. I would like to add that I have a vision, not concerning me directly; that in the near future the Middle East will not only buy the best horses but will also breed them. We already start to see this happening now and I am sure that in the future people from all over the world will come to us to find the best horses.

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