

Arabian Horses in DENMARK



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If one was to make a survey among the population of the Earth and asked: "What is the first thing you think about when you think of Denmark?" the answers would probably be H.C. Andersen, Michael Laudrup, Restaurant Noma, and the Australians would no doubt mention the royal family with our Australian Crown Princess Mary, whereas the Norwegians would say the Winther meat shop in Hirtshals. Not very many would associate Denmark with noble Arabian purebred horses, but nonetheless there are approximately 3000 beautiful Arabians in this northern country and an active society with more than 40 years of history behind it.

2010 saw a major change for the Danish International A-show, which after many years of being located at Vilhelmsborg near Aarhus, was moved to Middelfart Equestrian Centre on the island of Fionia / Funen. It is an incredibly beautiful venue, and the biggest change was that



the show is now outdoors. This is clearly an improvement – the horses presented themselves beautifully and liked being in the ring, the show ring is much better and the stables are of a quality rarely seen - a fantastic place where our handsome breed is presented in the best way possible.

In 2011 the show will be at the same venue – Middelfart Equestrian Centre – on June 15th – 16th. I would like to encourage everyone to support the show – either as participants or by becoming a sponsor – a wonderful experience awaits all who wish to enjoy gorgeous horses in scenic surroundings.

At the National show on August 27th – 28th, a Futurity class will be held.

It started with an online Futurity auction in January 2010 – many kind stallion owners had chosen to support the Danish breeding activities by donating the services of their stallions. The following stallions participated: Monther al Nasser - Ajman Moniscione - TF African Shah - MCA Magnum Gold - Aryes el Ludjin - MM Sultan - NK Hafid Jamil. Furthermore, all foals born in 2011 are eligible for entering this class and several breeders have taken advantage of this, so that a total of 21 foals will be competing for prizes of a total of 16.500 €.



There is a long tradition in Denmark that Arabians should not only be enjoyed for their beauty, but also used in the equestrian sports – the horses are used in all riding disciplines and the riders have their own society – Arabian Riding Club Dk. These activities have raised the level of quality among the Danish riders and have resulted in top results at the European Championships.

In Denmark there are several breeders who believe that it is important to breed Arabian horses that can compete at this high level – among these are Kirk Arabians, owned and run by Signe and Thomas Kirk Kristiansen. It is a big challenge to breed top sports horses and still preserve the Arabian type – a challenge which has been taken seriously at Kirk Arabians, and two years ago they purchased Espinho, a

well-known stallion from the show ring. In 2010 they bought Zonyx - a very handsome, black Enzo son from the US. As the first Arabian stallion in Denmark he has passed the first steps to gaining a permit for breeding Danish Warmblood horses – a standard which is aimed exclusively at breeding high quality dressage and jumping horses. A big accomplishment for the fairly new Arabian stud farm.

Another Arabian horse stud is the Turban Stud – it was started more than 30 years ago by Annette and Preben Siren. For many years, Annette and Preben have bred between 25 and 30 foals a year and among the many horses that have inhabited their stables, most people will recall the Monogramm son, Fernando, a white stallion with charisma and big movements.



Champion Stallion Zonyx (Enzo x Balihs Treasure) Owner: Kirk Arabians



Multi Champion Stallion Emrod (Emigrant x Empréssa) Owner, Turban Stud

If you ask Annette why she chose to work with the Arabian horses, she answers without hesitation that she chose the breed for their intelligence – they are very quick to understand what you want them to do, they love to work, and they form a bond with their ‘people’ in the same way a dog does.

The aim of the Turban stud is to breed beautiful riding horses that can win in the show ring. A very important quality in an Arabian is its charisma; also they must be mentally healthy and

robust, which significantly adds to their beauty, Annette points out.

The Arabian should be a family horse – both children and adults should feel safe around the horse.

Annette feels that their time with the Arabian horse has been wonderful – she especially appreciates all the friendships that have formed over the years – across national borders, cultures, and religions.



Lise Frandsen & Fair Orkan Silver winner EM for Dressage in 2009 and again in 2010



Lise Frandsen & AF Paranik



One of the eldest and most well-known studs in Denmark is without a doubt Calbar Arabians, run by Margit & Gösta Heitmann. More than 35 years ago it all started; on travels to Poland, Spain, Egypt, Germany, and the US a group of horses were bought that constitute the foundation of the breeding activities at Calbar Arabians.

The stud has always focused on riding qualities and it has been important to the owners that Calbar horses could hold their own in the sport arenas as well as on the race-tracks and not least in the show-ring. One example is the stallion RL Essine as a junior he won the Res. Champion title at the All Nations Cup in Aachen in addition, he has many fine show results, among others he is Danish National Champion, this year he won the Gold Champion title at the ridden class at the European Championships in Moorseele in 2010, proving that a top quality show horse can also be a top quality ridden horse. Calbar Arabians are extremely happy about the 2010 foal crop with beautiful foals by WH Justice, Ajman Moniscione, and Marwan Al Shaqab. The 2011 season has started and they are excitedly awaiting the arrival of foals by stallions like Abha Qatar, QR Marc, and Stival, so even if Calbar stud has been around for 35 years they still have lots of ambitions and most likely will make their mark on the future as well.

Lise Frandsen is a rider who has attracted special notice during the latest years. Lise works full time at Calbar Arabians and in her spare time she rides her two purebreds, Fair Orkan and AF Paranik. Fair Orkan was Danish Dressage Champion in 2008 and 2009, and in both 2009 and 2010 this horse and rider won the Silver Champion title in dressage at the European Championship for Arabian Sports Horses. Lise has great expectations for her new horse AF Paranik that is doing really well, but the good results have not made Lise lean back and enjoy her success – on the contrary, Lise is putting in a lot of effort into improving herself and ensuring that she can continue to compete at the highest level.

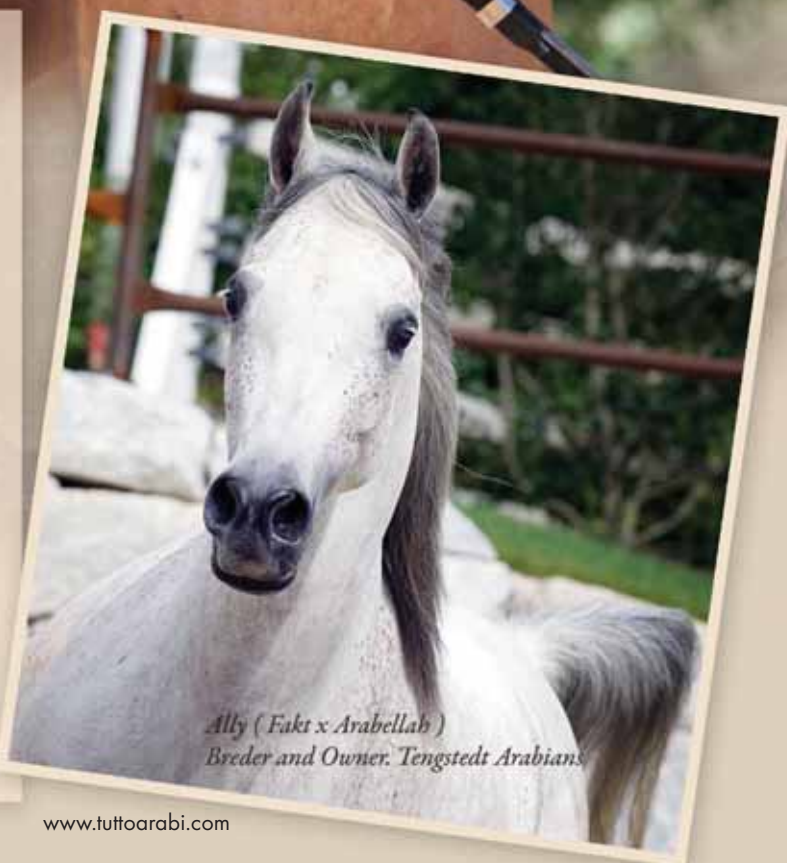
RL Essine(GG Magnetism x Om El Amira Estopa) Multi Show Champion & European Champion Ridden Class - Owner Calbar Arabians



*Zawaleen (Wan Kali x Zadira Bint Zaleen)
Breder and Owner. Holmgård Arabians*

On an international level, perhaps the most well-known Dane within the world of Arabian horses is Marianne Tengstedt. Marianne runs her own stud and feels it is important to breed horses that can be used for riding as well as showing. Marianne has been very busy as an internationally recognized judge, and has therefore had to cut down on her breeding activities. She owns some very lovely horses and plans to put three or four mares in foal this year.

In 2010, Denmark gained a new judge – his name is Peter Birch. Peter would like Ecaho to make a list of new judges, so the show planning committees can see which judges there are to choose from. He judged the Danish Nationals in 2010 and did such a good job that he has been asked to come back in 2011. Together with his wife, Jytte, he runs the stud Holmgård Arabians.



*Ally (Fakt x Arabellab)
Breder and Owner. Tengstedt Arabians*

Karmdal Arabians and Wellness Center started in 1995 with the purchase of a single mare. Over the years, more horses joined the flock and this was the beginning of Karmdal Arabians. Lone Karmdal has shown great initiative and has put a lot of effort into spreading the word about the Arabian horse in Denmark. She was on the board of the DSAH for quite a few years, and both she and her husband, Claus, are very active in the Arabian Riding Club where Claus is presently the chairman.

During its 15 years in existence, the Karmdal Stud horses have developed a specific look, which, to a large extent, is fixed by using home-bred stallions. This policy brought a spectacular result at the International A-Show in 2010,

where Azraff El Karmdal won the Gold Champion title. An amazing result for the collected Danish breed, since Azraff's pedigree is very much influenced by the El Shaklan son, El Mokari – a stallion which has significantly made his mark on the Danish Arabian horse breed. In April 2008 the Karmdal Wellness Center was born – a whole new offer to horses and their owners. The horse can swim and recover from injuries; swimming can be combined with training on a treadmill, this building up muscles in all the right places, which is especially important to horses that are to participate at shows. All these activities take place in perfect surroundings and Lone and Claus make everyone feel welcome.

*Multi Champion Stallion Azraff El Karmdal (Wisdoms Promise x Wanannah)
Breder and Owner Karmdal Arabians*



Husted Arabians is both an Arabian Horse stud and a training centre, and it is a central part of the Danish Arabian Horse stage. Most of you have probably seen Lone at shows where she has had a remarkable career as a trainer and a handler. Over the years, Lone has participated at ALL the Scandinavian shows and has celebrated numerous victories – both with her own horses, but not least with those of her many clients. After 25 years of intense breeding efforts the stud has arrived at its 7th generation – in 2011 they are expecting foals by Ajman Moniscione, El Sid, Stival, and Wan Kahli. Everyone at the stud is looking forward to springtime and the foaling season – excited to see the results of the different breeding combinations.

Each year in March, Husted Arabians hosts a Stallion parade – an event which always attracts a lot of interest and where many stallion owners take this opportunity to promote their breeding stallions.

This has been but a very small selection of the possibilities to get to know the Danish Arabian horse – the Danes are warm and friendly people and you will always feel welcome. On the website of the Danish society there is a list of studs in Denmark – the link is <http://dsah.dk/Engelsk/avl/stutteriliste.htm>.

*Multi Champion Mare Wanilla (Ansata Nile Pasha x Wanessa)
Owner and Breeder. Husted Arabians*

