



HARAS DE MONTPEZAT

owned by Sheikh Mohammed Bin Saud Al Qasimi



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Haras de Montpezat is a modern and dynamic European Centre with high quality facilities. It is located in Beaucaire, a small town on the Rhône river in the south of France.

This area is a perfect strategic location because of its weather and close distance to other important places: the Camargue region on the coast, 80 km from Marseille, 200 km from Nice, 500 km from Milan, 650 km from Paris and 300 km from Barcelona. The location of the farm is ideal from the point of view of close proximity to some major shows as well as the shipment of fresh and frozen semen, which cannot exceed 24 hours throughout Europe. Taking all this into consideration, Haras de Montpezat is perfectly located.

Haras de Montpezat was founded as a breeding farm and a training centre and it is open to receive new horses from all over the world.

As you can see in the pictures, the Centre extends over 35 hectares and has got great quality facilities.







During our visit, we met Mr. Daniel Souppat, who is the Manager of the stud farm and we interviewed him about the goals of Haras de Montpezat.

Tutto Arabi: Daniel, can you tell us something about you.

Daniel Souppat: I was born in Lyon, where my grandfather had horses and a big passion for these animals. As I was growing up, my passion for horses also grew. I started with buying a Polish mare (bloodlines of Probat, Eukaliptus), then a Russian mare, G Meneska (Ménes and Kajora), who had



the same mother as Gazal Al Shaqab. I have bred 25 horses over the years with the help of my wife Christiane, who takes care of the stud when I am



working away. I have always been passionate about riding. "The one who has an Arabian horse has not only got a horse but a dear friend."

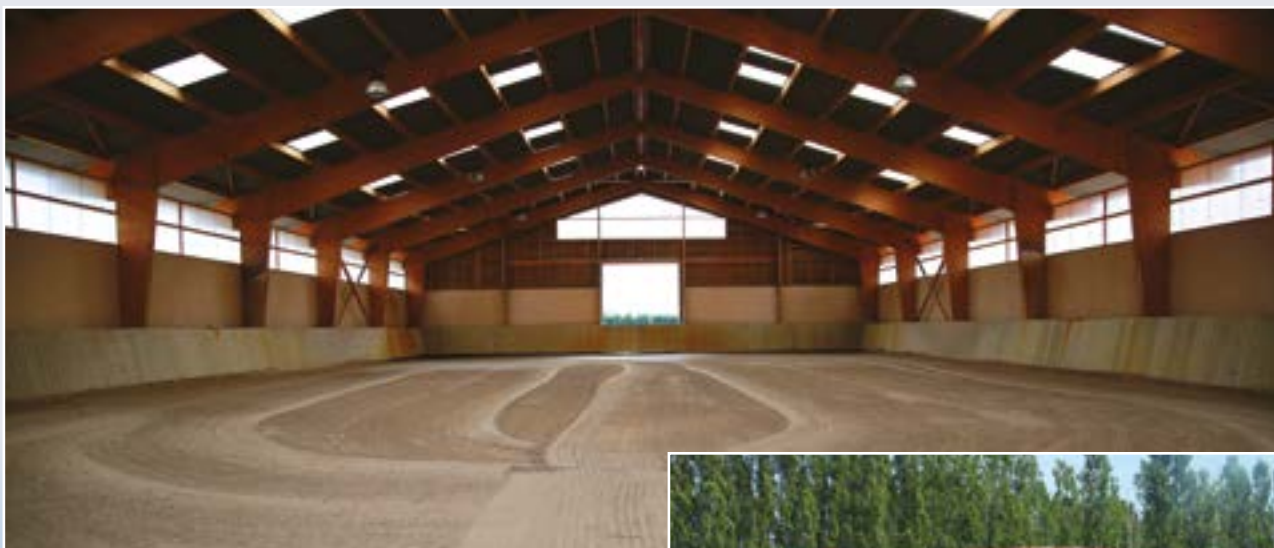
Personally, I have been a breeder and an ACA member (Association Nationale Française du Cheval Arabe) for 30 years. I have organized many national and international shows. In 7 years, Vichy International Arabians Horse Show gathered horses from 15 countries around the world. After that, I founded an Association (A.C.A.S.) to organize other shows in France. I am also a National Judge, DC and Ringmaster with a lot of experience all over the world and I hope that this can help me and everyone who works at Haras de Montpezat to do this wonderful job for a long time. I can support the growing of the farm and improving the genetics of our products year after year.

TA: Today, we are here at the marvellous Haras de Montpezat. We know that you have built it. Can you tell us the story behind it?

DS: Yes, it is true. This Arabian horse farm in France started in 2012 and was built by me - as I am a builder - utilizing all my passion and the best technics and innovations in the field of construction.

TA: What are you working on now? What are your goals as a Manager?

DS: The construction was finished in 2013 and since then, I have been managing the enterprise. I would like to thank Sheikh Mohammed Bin Saud Al Qasimi for his trust. As this is a large stud, at the beginning we acted prudently. What I would like to see is good results and to achieve them, we are working hard with our team. My goal is to run the Stud Farm with:





1) Insemination Center

- The centre is operational and accepts all breeds of horses
- Permanent veterinarian in the centre, specializing in equine reproduction (the head of the Centre)
- A permanent inseminator
- A reproduction assistant

We offer the following services:

- Insemination IAF; IAR; IAC
- Ultrasound
- Semen collection
- Semen storage, reception, shipping & analysis
- Embryo collections and transfers
- Recipient mare's rental
- Frozen semen station - coming soon

2) Breeding and boarding

- 50 boxes
- 35 hectares of pastures and paddocks
- Foaling assistance
- Foaling trainer
- Other care services

3) Training Center

- Handlers
- Grooms

Equipment

- Indoor Arena 40x20
- Outdoor Arena 60x20 and 30x15
- Walker
- Tapis Roulant
- Training with Quad

4) Horse Reception

- Boxes for rent
- Conference room
- Business - Meeting



Now we have about 30 horses in the farm, owned by Sheikh Mohammed Bin Saud Al Qasimi and about 15 mares for the breeding programme. Haras de Montpezat also welcomes owners who wish to send their horses for the show season to Europe.

At the moment, the centre is operational and accepts all breeds of horses, including fillies and colts to be trained for the next breeding and show season.

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