



Eiad & Amira at the Straight Egyptian World Cup

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WHERE IT ALL BEGAN...

For many years being a horse enthusiast, competing in sports, jumping and dressage. Amira tells she very soon discovered she had a great passion for horses. The passion grew into a specialism of which she has graduated in Equine studies. In 2008 Amira started her journey with Arabian horses. Greatful of sharing the same passion with her husband Eiad Safady. Eiad has been a breeder of Arabian horses since 1998, starting with Straight Egyptian horses of which he describes are the reason of him being fascinated by this beautiful creature.

Over years Amira & Eiad decided to use different bloodlines in their breeding program, and this has led to the creation of their farm: 'Royal Dutch Arabian Stud', based in the Netherlands.

ENRICHMENT IN OUR LIVES

The Arabian horses have enriched their lives in many ways. First of all the Arabian horses are the reason of bringing Amira & Eiad together. Together they enjoy going to the shows, seeing rare places they would probably never visit. Of course meeting all the people with the same passion from all continents makes it a great journey every time.

They can definitely agree on the fact that the Arabian horse distinguishes itself from any other horse breed. It is something about them, Eiad says, that just makes us enjoy watching them in the fields as they are peacefully grazing among their friends. We share a lot of our thoughts on qualities we see in sudden blood lines and love to read about visions and experiences of respectful breeders, who have become an icon in the Arabian horse world.

Royal Dutch Arabian Stud has an amazing collection of foundation mares. To Amira & Eiad breeding is about knowing the qualities of their mares. They have selected their mares throughout the years, different blood lines but still they have a lot in common. Big eyes, strong body's and everyone of them is a strong mover. Amira, Our vision is to start with a strong base of mares who complete our desires, then selectively choose the stallion, based on his pedigree, offspring, performance, character and of course his looks.

Amira & Eiad have most of their mares ridden under saddle, they find it their priority for the mares to be relaxed but still stay in shape. Since last year Amira started competing in Dressage with their beautiful Gazal Al Shaqab daughter - **WC Godiva**, her dam is by the great Ali Jamaal. Godiva represents the blend of two legends.

Nesj El Markhisa is definitely the Royalty in RDS breeding program. A mare who has touched Amira & Eiad in many ways. The beauty she has, so pure.. did not go by unseen in 2017. A year which is very meaningful to them. After her debut in several show in Europe, they decided to take her to the European Championships in Verona. On the lead with Paolo Capecci, Nesj El Markhisa was crowned 'EUROPEAN GOLD CHAMPION MARE'. Today Markhisa enjoys her life on the green fields watching over her progeny. Hoping to one day make their debut in the show ring. All Royal Dutch Arabian Stud's home bred offspring represent their home with the initials RDS.



Nesj El Markhisa Gold - B- international Show Milan

Amira & WC Godiva



Amira with her two beauties, Lyan & Asfurat



Amira & Mr. Graham Smith together with the mare- Mona Izza

THE FASCINATION

The Arabian horses are one of the most beautiful creatures, who have captured the hearts of people from all around the globe as they have done with us. They are part of the history as in the old Arab literature describing how Arabian horse embraced great historical figures, prophets, leaders, kings and the love that was given by the Bedouins. The Arabian horse was primarily an instrument of war, as were horses in general in most societies of the time. The Arabian horse was highly importance in the Islamic conquering. The superior qualities of the Arabian horse have insured that it has been preserved as the world's oldest equine breed. The Arabian horse known as the desert horse adapted to their environment, resulting in qualities that make them unique among all equine breeds. They had learned to survive by adjusting to the heat and a dry environment. This gave them strength over years..

For centuries the Arabian breed has been a family to the humans being taken care of and giving them a home created the Arabian to give their loyalty in return. There is so much more to tell about these incredible creatures. The most fascinating part about them is the pure heart they have and the mind which is willing to work hard for only care and friendship in return..

Yearling filly- RDS Teodora (Fa el Rasheem x Tai mi Lena)



Yearling colt- RDS Armani (Excalibur EA x Stellaris BPA)



Eiad judging Arabian Horse Weekend



Amira judging in Italy

ECAHO- National JUDGES, The Netherlands

Amira,

Since beginning of 2016 I have joined the great panel of judges, there is nothing more beautiful than doing what you love doing most. I aim to pass on the importance of maintaining quality and type we have built over the many years and the modern Arabian horse we see these days.

Eiad,

I have been judging Arabian horses since 2010, it is very important we don't go down on the quality. we play a big role in educating breeders, new horse enthusiasts etc. You must be gifted with an eye that catches the right beauty of the Arabian horse. A high level of concentration is the key to success in practically everything, as it is for judging. When classes have large number of horses we must stay focused and make sure every horses is equally judged. I am grateful to be on the team of respected judges among us.



Eiad Judging Palermo



Eiad judging Montefalco

Eiad judging Kauberplatte



Eiad with Mr. Said Kheir & Mr. Hassanin Al Nakeeb at The Middle East championship - Jordan



Amira judging 22nd Qatar National show



Amira- Qatar 22nd National show



*Amira, probationing at the Elran Cup
with Mr. Raoef Abbas*



Eiad Judging Brugge International Show



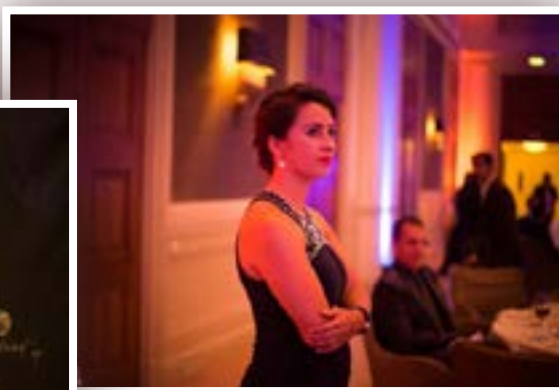
Eiad judging National Championship- Poland

EUROPEAN BREEDERS TRUST

As most of you have probably realised, the Arabian Horse Industry in Europe and also other parts of the world are facing extreme problems over the past years. The passion continues but breeders are not capable for continuing with their breeding program caused by several problems, financially, availability of stallions, participating against big farms etc. This means less foals are born, however many of these breeders have had a major role in the Arabian horses we see competing at the top level of our industry. This should be the concern to everyone in the Arabian horse world, it was time to take action. In 2017 TRUST was founded, as for many breeders, Amira & Eiad did not think twice by giving their full support.

The initial founders of EBT (Mr. Karl-Heinz Stockle, Mr Gregor Aymar and Dr. Nils Ismer) gathered a group of high quality individuals who all had a long experience within the world of Arabian horses. Amira is incredibly proud to be part of the Supervisory Board, she hopes with EBT to encourage everyone to think together, listen to on another to share the love we have of the Arabian horse and to bring back the highly knowledge European breeders to continue their passion. It was a very special moment for Amira & Eiad on their 10th year anniversary during the Breeders Select Sale in Aachen to donate and embryo out of their best mare, NESJ EL MARKHISA in the auction of which the outcome went to charity. Eiad, The feeling this gave us was indescribable. All we can say is that we feel truly blessed to able to do so.

EBT Charity Gala Dinner with friends



Amira at the EBT-Charity Gala dinner 2017

*"We wish everyone good health and all the success for the future,,
Amira & Eiad*