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LUBOCHNIA ARABIANS

a thriving family, business,
and breeding programme

In the life of the owners of Lubochnia Arabians, horses have always played an important role, even when they were not a priority, but an occasional pleasure. Fate has its mysterious ways, however, to make sure that people who can't live without horses end up having them in the stables, dedicating a part of their lives to the pleasures deriving from owning horses. Some even start breeding them, and those most passionate take their equine friends to shows...



 ■ **D Dawaly** (FA EL RASHEEM x D DANAT by SG LABIB)



■ D Modi, Silver Medal Senior Mare at All Nations Cup Aachen 2022

While it's true that Dobrochna and Przemysław Wawrzyńczyk are somewhat still new to the purebred Arabian horse world, it wouldn't be quite fair to call them beginners when it comes to all things equine and equestrian. Both founders and owners of Lubochnia Arabians have childhood memories where horses played a central part, memories that not only impacted their own lives, but were decisive in how they chose to bring up their children. And no wonder – Dobrochna used to ride ponies as a kid while her future husband, before he established a prosperous business empire, had his first job helping out in the stables. As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined – the saying goes and it's true. What youth is used to, age remembers, and remembers it very well.



AN UNINTENTIONAL "SABBATICAL" FROM HORSES

For many years, professional life and the development of the company that Dobrochna joined at one point were an everyday priority that would take up a significant part of Lubochnia's owners' life. This year, their company Elektro-Klim celebrates a quarter-century on the market – a silver jubilee – while still growing both in terms of volume of contracts and employment. With projects all over Poland and Europe, the company employs 170 people and has close to 300 subcontractors. Numbers don't lie: almost 750 finalised projects, thousands of kilometres of cables and installations laid on millions of square metres – an undertaking of such magnitude required full and undivided attention. And the passion for horses suffered.

"One day, our daughter Marysia asked us why we did we have a child if we didn't have enough time for her. This question opened our eyes to the fact that we were excessively focused on things that, albeit important, are actually somewhat inconsequential. It truly was a breakthrough moment in our

lives. We started spending more time at home, with our children, looking for a passion or hobby that we could all enjoy together as a family. And that's when horses re-appeared in my and Przemek's lives," Dobrochna says reminiscing about what transpired less than half a decade ago.

Oliwia is Przemek's daughter from his first marriage. She is now 18 years old and she was the first to start riding horses. Marysia, their second daughter, also fell in love with horses and thus the girls started spending more time with each other, sharing a newly discovered passion. Now the entire family of four ride horses – not for sports though, but for recreation. Oliwia got her equestrian badge from the Polish Equestrian Federation and she dedicates an increasing amount of time to equestrian sports these days. Przemysław also tried his hand as an amateur presented at one Arabian horse show in Sopot, because horses are supposed to be fun.

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Team Lubochnia Arabians at the 25th anniversary of Elektro-Klim, the company that Przemysław founded and now runs together with his wife Dobrochna

STUD WELCOME TO ARABIAN HORSE SHOWS

"We make every effort to go to horse shows that are important to us either with one or both our daughters, but it's not always possible. They go to school, they have their duties, and the trips can be extremely taxing. You fly out on a Friday after work, and come back immediately after the show. Airports, transfers, car rentals, hotels, changing suitcases – all this is exhausting for us, not to mention the kids." We all know what it's like. Only from the outside, shows seem like a place where all you do is relax and cheer on your favourite horses. While it's always without an exception a nice trip out of town, it's also a job... That is why sometimes their daughters stay home and see their parents (and their horses) on a livestream, or the entire family is replaced by their advisors, Krzysztof and Mateusz. As Dobrochna explains: "From the perspective of our company, Monday is the most important day of the week and



Dobrochna with Maria and Oliwia during Sopot Int. Arabian Horse Show

■ Washa with the filly Wajana L (DOMINIC M)



we must be on site in the morning. That's why we never stay long after any show or sometimes we choose to stay home. Regardless of whether it's business or breeding, responsibility is key."

But they both admit that horses are exceptional beings. They help people connect with one another, they build wonderful friendships with humans, they are a reason to leave one's comfort zone and go out and meet new people, for example at a show or during open days at a stud farm or training centre. This is how long-term friendships are born, relationships are built, breeding ideas emerge – sometimes from a place completely outside the world of horses, as they bring together folks from different backgrounds and industries from around the globe. Furthermore, horses introduced an element of a sports competition in the life of the Wawrzyńczyk family. After all, you go to horse shows with a positive and optimistic mindset – you go there to

beat the competition and win. What makes it easier is that spending one's spare time with horses is never a dull moment and always a great pleasure for the whole family.

Washa – that's the name of their first purebred Arabian mare that they purchased in 2021. Next came D Narjeseyyah and that's how the story began. The rest is history (still) in the making... *"Washa and D Narjeseyyah became the foundation of what is now Lubochnia Arabians. Both were a very careful and informed decision. We're also meticulous in how we plan, what goals we choose, and with whom we work. One must never underestimate the importance of a good team of business partners on the way to success. And while we try not leave too much to chance, as it turns out breeding horses teaches humility. Then again, surrounded by professionals whom we can trust, gaining in the meantime as much knowledge and experience as possible, there is less and less room for chance."*

■ **D Narjeseyyah** (FA EL RASHEEM × EXXALTRESS by EXCALIBUR EA)



DON'T WAIT FOR OPPORTUNITIES, CREATE THEM

For the Wawrzyńczyks, this is the recipe for success and this is precisely how they built and continue to develop their company. Why should they adopt a different approach in the case of Lubochnia Arabians? And as they found out since they had first bought Washa, the world of purebred Arabians is highly specific, one that forces those aiming for the stars to constantly learn new things and make one's level best to never fall back behind one's competition. Therefore, they knew they couldn't make any rash decisions, because they wanted horses to be an integral part of their lives as well as a major part of the legacy they would leave to their daughters.

"We get asked a lot why we look for horses in the Middle East. I always reply that it's a reflection on today's market. Up until less than a decade ago, the richest of sheikhs would come to Poland to buy amazing horses, while nowadays it is us who go to the Middle East to look for something extraordinary. Some think we dislike Polish horses and that hurts to be honest. We wouldn't dare underestimate their potential and we have several in our stables too. But with the world changing at a dizzying pace, galloping even, we wanted to start breeding with mares sired by FA El Rasheem, undeniably one of the best stallions in the world at the moment. That's how we ended up reaching out to Dubai Arabian Horse Stud, owned by the very ruler of Dubai."

■ D Narjeseyyah during the All Nations Cup in Aachen 2022





■ With Susy and Paolo Capecci during their Open Day

■ D Modi, Silver Medal Senior Mare at All Nations Cup Aachen 2022

And it looks like it was a good decision. After all, D Narjeseyyah was Rasheem's first daughter who is at the same time out of Exxaltress, the US National Champion. Narjeseyyah gave birth this year to an amazing filly by Madin Al Baydaa who was already purchased by Abhaa Arabians from Kuwait. Another daughter of FA El Rasheem was D Modi, dammed by one of the best mares to ever come from Dubai stud – D Nawal. She won a couple of medals at small European shows and then became the Silver Senior Mare Champion at the All Nations Cup. This wonderful mare, Lubochnia's first horse ever to be entered to the show in Aachen, was later sold to a very important stud in Qatar. Hard work combined with proper promotion always bears fruit, and what Lubochnia Arabians achieved was recognition – they weren't considered newcomers any longer.



DON'T COUNT THE DAYS, MAKE THE DAYS COUNT

What are they proud of? Without the slightest hesitation, both of them always say: D Modi winning silver at the All Nations Cup. How do they remember the prize-giving ceremony? Indescribable emotions: people in the audience cheering, those in the VIP sector clapping, the judges congratulating them after the show.

"Such uplifting moments drive and motivate us and our team. But what needs to be stressed is that none of it would've been possible if it hadn't been for Paolo and Susy Capecci. Of course, our biggest challenge yet will be to breed good horses, and everyone knows how difficult this process is, and how long it takes... Our plan is to have 8-9 foals a year, no more. We do not want to go for a large number of horses, as the market is difficult and unpredictable. While truly remarkable show horses may reach staggering prices, it doesn't change the fact that ever so often beautiful young broodmares, with great pedigrees!, do not sell at all. This reflects very badly on the industry."

■ **Juwanda OS** (WH JUSTICE x SHAK LAVANDA by ZT SHAKFANTASY)



D LEEN THE VICTORIOUS

That's the other mare that immediately comes to mind when one considers Lubochnia Arabians and their successes. What makes her special? She's not just one of many successful horses to come in recent years out of Dubai Arabian Horse Stud, the institution synonymous to timeless sophistication and beauty. As always there was more to her from the beginning and if Dobrochna and Przemysław were to give their fellow breeders a recipe for success, they would name three main ingredients: pedigree, luck and hard work. Remove one and it all collapses like a house of cards.

D Leen, a veteran of European shows who made sure her name rang a bell, is a D Seraj daughter out of D Maha. Her dam herself is an Eden C daughter, which makes her a great-great-granddaughter of Padrons Psyche on her dam's side. *"The family of her sire D Seraj is no less remarkable and among the greats to be found on genealogical tree are such purebred celebrities as FA El Rasheem, FA El Shawan and Marwan Al Shaqab, all of them true icons and advocates of the Arabian breed. With pedigree like this, she was basically destined for the stars and bound for success. All she needed was luck which she found with us and our friends at Paolo Capecci's training centre. And it is no secret that we are big fans of FA El Rasheem, so we were destined to welcome her to our stud."*

■ **D Leen** (D SERAJ x D MAHA by EDENC)

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■ D Leen, Silver Medal Junior Mare at All Nations Cup Aachen 2023

■ D Dawaly (FA EL RASHEEM x D DANAT by SG LABIB)



Born in 2020, D Leen debuted as early as a yearling at the Emirates Arabian Horse Breeders Championship in 2021 where she was fourth in the Yearling Fillies Championship. The two votes she received from German judges – one for silver and one for bronze – were insufficient to secure a place on the podium, but what she did was show the world she had potential. Despite being an inexperienced filly, perhaps even a little overwhelmed, she proved she had what it takes to compete with the big leagues in later life. Very soon she won the Bronze Yearling Filly Champion title at the Sharjah International Arabian Horse Festival 2021, followed that same year by a gold medal at the Sharjah Kalba Horse Festival as a two-year-old junior. She tasted fame, and she loved it – one could say the same about her future owners, so perhaps it was indeed written in the stars that their paths should cross. The following year, she caught the eye of Dobrochna and Przemysław, together with her stablemate D Dawaly. The owners of Lubochnia Arabians were the ones to bid the highest at that year's edition of the Dubai Stud Auction and soon thereafter both ladies became theirs.

MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES

"Immediately after they acclimatised in Europe, D Leen and the three years older D Dawaly returned to show training with Paolo. The latter is sired by FA El Rasheem out of D Danat, who also happens to be the dam of one of the world most successful yearling fillies this year: D Nafayes. These days you can spot both our girls competing at shows as senior mares, and watching them together at the Global Champions Arabians Tour in Rome on the grounds of the ancient Circus Maximus was a delight."

However, before any of that could happen, the young grey and enchantingly feminine D Leen had to make a name for herself in Europe. Having valiantly competed and gained invaluable experience at the Dubai International Arabian Horse Championship, the UAE National Championship, Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz International Arabian Horse Festival or the Arab Breeders Championship, she became a force to be reckoned with, while losing none of her charm. All she learnt on her journey to championship titles was more than useful when she started training with Paolo, Susy and their team.

With experience under her belt, ambitious owners, and one of the best Arabian horse presenters to ever live, hard work has borne fruit. Between April and July 2023, she became a triple gold medallist as a junior mare at the following shows:

Travagliato Arabian Horse Festival, Palermo Arabian Horse Cup and Sopot Arabian Horse Show, every time receiving some of the highest scores at these shows. In fact, her 93.13 points in Palermo were the highest score, and she had the second-best score in Travagliato.

"In autumn 2023, she repeated her feat from Italy in Aachen at the All Nations Cup. In a rare coincidence, she once again scored 93.13 and ended up second in class after the future gold champion. The title of Silver Junior Filly Champion was awarded to our grey hero. It felt like divine providence to once again conquer the show ring at one of the most cut-throat shows in the world. We couldn't have been more proud that September afternoon as we joined D Leen and Paolo in the arena."

In the qualifying class, she received twenties for type and movement, some of the highest scores for head and neck, and one of the highest scores for body. Cherry on top: two judges nominated her for gold. How did D Leen react to all this commotion? She stood calmly, almost carefree, and didn't even flinch when her human friends started putting a fiery red ribbon around her neck. All this led to her participation in GCAT this year. Unlike D Dawaly, she didn't participate in any shows before going to the Eternal City.



■ D Leen, Bronze Medal Senior Mare at GCAT Rome 2024

ON THE WAY TO THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP?

The Italian leg of the Global Champions Arabians Tour was the penultimate event in this year's series, and the final one in Europe. Some of the world's most prominent heavyweights met on the arena where back in the day gladiators fought to the death and chariots raced to the roars of up to a quarter million excited spectators. Sultana Al Thamer, Afreen Al Shaqab, Shahbrys HVP, D Shakhar, AJ Kayya and E.S. Harir are some of the hottest names in the game in 2024. And D Leen humbly joined their ranks.

"The moment she stepped into the Roman arena at the beginning of her class, all we could think of was how playful and relaxed she was. Paolo knows her inside out, so he knew better than to overdo it with her. He simply walked next to her smiling, a beaming lighthouse of positive vibrations. It was

almost surprising to see how it changed when they came back for the individual presentation. D Leen was on fire, determined to prove what she was made of, and ended up second in class with high scores for type, head and neck, body and legs, becoming one of 10 mares to compete for the GCAT championship titles!"

The next day, she won the title of Bronze Senior Mare Champion, with four votes for silver and three for bronze. Another major success for the Wawrzyńczyk family whose mares were only just debuting at the Global Champions Arabians Tour a day earlier. What will their next moves be with D Leen? For now this remains a mystery, but one can be absolutely certain that she hasn't said her final neigh yet.

■ D Leen, Bronze Medal Senior Mare at GCAT Rome 2024



THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE IS TO CREATE IT

We've covered Lubochnia's past and present. What about the future? With less than ten foals a year, it's important to focus on promotion and sales to keep the stables always busy and in motion. The worst one could do is neglect one's brainchild. Some would probably even call it a business sin. That's why a plan was devised and implemented to take young horses, from yearlings on, to many small shows in Italy, Belgium and France, maybe someday Poland too if such shows are organised, for the world to see them. If they catch the eyes of other breeders who would consider using them in their programmes, both Dobrochna and Przemysław would consider it a job well done, a return on investment that allows for growth and bolder experiments.

"Those who meet and get to know us, they know that we are all about a sunny disposition and optimism. We are in this world not for the stress or bad emotions – no, we are here also for the fun and that is something that we also teach to our daughters. Nonetheless, as businesspeople we must be able to identify problems or obstacles. One of them is the small

number of stallions available, which makes the gene pool shrink. On top of that, many young stallions never get a chance to become sires. As a result, we have all been breeding with the same stallions for years, at times unknowingly working to the detriment of the Arabian breed. We hope to be able to contribute to a positive change in this respect."

Breeding philosophy aside, smaller shows are what Dobrochna and Przemysław are most interested in for a number of reasons. A less formal atmosphere is one of them, but what probably counts most is the support for the organisers. Year on year, they have a harder time putting their shows together and without them the purebred Arabian landscape would not be the same. And it's in places like these where one can engage in industry-changing discussions and freely debate ideas.

"Just like in the case of our business, we are in Arabian horses for the long term. And so are our daughters."

■ **Sana OS** (EXAGON OS - PANAMERA OS BY PSYTADEL), **Gold Medal Yearling Filly** at Arezzo Int. Show



■ Sana OS (EXAGON OS x PANAMERA OS by PSYTADEL)



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