



Family, passion and... Arabian horses

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On a beautiful Sunday in March I visited Scab Arabians, the breeding farm owned by Stefano and Tiziana Colombo. Their enthusiasm and smile welcomed me as a special guest. Their gaze was always bright when it rested on their horses and when together they talked about their story, of love and breeding.

“We are a small breeding farm which made its first entry into the show ring in 2007. We are proud of our achievements to date. Our first broodmare, **Pyrea** (Psytadel x Priscilla) won a gold and a silver medal. The same applies to her first product **Pascal**, son of Ajman Moniscione. Another pearl of our breeding farm is **Creola** (Ajman Moniscione x Cleopatra by Brianz Xaver) who debuted as a futurity with a gold medal in 3 consecutive shows (Boario, Travagliato, Verona) and then continued in the following years always qualifying in the championship and always obtaining a medal. **Asyah Scab** (Hasman Gyo x Amanthea Moniscione) is another broodmare that has given us much satisfaction

(in 2015 she was bronze at Bergamo show and silver at Verona, in 2016 at the Italian National Championship she was silver and champion fillies at the Italian Cup Italy, in 2020 she was Italian national championship silver broodmare). Every year we breed 5/6 broodmares paying great attention to our breeding programme. We rely not only on famous stallions but we also like to gamble using young stallions that in our humble opinion have the characteristics we are looking for: correct type, correct legs, movement, head. We personally follow all the phases of breeding, especially births, which are the most exciting expression of our passion. In the last year we have been assisted by our daughter Dania



CREOLA

Ajman Moniscione x Cleopatra by Brianz Xaver
mare 2009

who is showing great empathy with our horses as well as a mix of passion and attitude. Needless to say, this makes us even happier to breed. We try to let our horses “be horses”, allowing them to stay in the paddock all day long, living freely as it should be in nature. Knowing how to wait patiently is certainly one of the lessons passed on to us by our Arabian horses. The 11-month gestation period is an incessant chase



PYREA

Psytadel x Priscilla
mare 2004



AALYA SCAH

Falah al Shaqab x Chimera Scah by Van Gogh AM
mare 2013

of emotions: when the pregnancy is confirmed you are just happy, then... curiosity, desire, fear, impatience... And you hope that things will go in the best way and that the breeding choices linked to that cross will give the desired result. The first goal is the magic of birth, which emphasises all the feelings. From that moment on, all the expectations on the new born arise”.



At your breeding farm you have not only home bred horses... “Yes, indeed. We are very proud to announce a new addition, coming directly from Michalow Stud. In her pedigree “El Dorada” and “Marwan al Shaqab”. We had the great chance to acquire a part of Michalow’s heritage purchasing this 4 years old mare in foal to Empire: **El Dorennà**. Three weeks ago she gave us a beautiful filly, **Dorada Scab** (Empire x El Dorennà).

EL DORENNÀ

Medalion x El Dorella
mare 2016



ASYAH SCAH

Hasman Gyo x Amanthea Moniscione
mare 2013

Breeding for us, however, means responsibility of choice and love for horses. By breeding them, we learn to consciously grow together with them and by trying to improve their well-being, our quality of life also improves. We have made a life choice dictated by the desire to retire to a quiet corner of nature and be fascinated by watching our horses free and quiet. Why Purebred Arabian Horses? Obviously because they are the most beautiful". □



JAKARTA SCAH

SMA Magic One x Jaliila Sciah by WH Justice
filly 2019



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