

Sham Stables

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In the beautiful forest of Lochem in The Netherlands; you will find some large fields by the forest edge filled with fairytale-like Arabian mares and foals. This fantastic collection's proud ownership is Mr. Mahmoud Anzarouti.

When I first arrived to the farm, its beauty and foreign character intrigued me. Beautiful large trees decorate the wide paths that lead to the spacious pastures protected by strong wooden fences. The farm has in total 25ha of which includes grassland, a gallop track, a jumping garden and an indoor arena. A big gate with the Sham Stables logo on it leads the way to the stables and a modern reproduction facility, complete with a laboratory to perform embryo transfer.

Over a period of one year, Mr. Anzarouti improved the farm, turning it into a true paradise. The stables are spacious and luxurious, and every stable has outer windows. People can witness a magical sight when all those beautiful grey mares peak out their marvelous heads.

Mr. Mahmoud Anzarouti is running the farm together with his brother Mr. Wassim Anzarouti. This time Mr. Mahmoud Anzarouti himself welcomed me. A warm personality with a great passion for (Arabian) horses, in particular Straight Egyptians.

Mr. Mahmoud Anzarouti started his farm many years ago near Damascus, Syria. Already at a young age, Mahmoud Anzarouti became passionate about these magical horses. It was In 1998 that he started his Straight Egyptian breeding program. He named his farm 'Sham Stables', named after the old name of the city of Damascus.

Over the years, Sham Stables collected some of the finest Straight Egyptian mares in the world. In 2012 Mr. Anzarouti moved his farm to The Netherlands. First to Zuidwolde but ever since August 2015 the farm found its final destination in Lochem.

Kinda al Sham / Habdan Enzahi - Venus line - Malekat El Gamal family

Pride of Sham Stables is the mare Kinda al Sham. She is from the Habdan Enzahi strain and is sired by the former chief sire of Sham Stables: Rayyan al Naif. Rayyan is a son of the great Ashhal al Rayyan, who is from the Farida tail female line and known to be a very influential sire. The dam of Rayyan al Naif is Ansata Aya Nadira from the most influential and well-known Ansata Stud. Ansata Aya Nadira is by Jamil and out of Anstata Aya Halima. The Dam of Kinda is Frasera Wahiba. A beautiful grey mare who is having a great influence in the Sham breeding program. She is sired by Majd al Rayyan (Safir) and is out of Frasera Wasima (Frasera Ibn Shahil). Kinda is one of those mares that take your breath away the moment you see her. Her big dark eyes, set perfectly on her beautifully shaped head. Her neck is long and set on a good and a strong shoulder. A smooth topline and high tailset makes the package complete and when she moves, you realize why you felt in love with the Arabian Horse. As they say, she is full of grace and charisma.

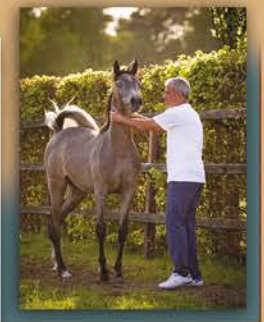


Kinda was shown in 2014 during the World Straight Egyptian Championships in Rome. She also won over the hearts of both spectators and judges there, and was named Gold World Champion junior mare! But the success of Kinda did not end in the showring. She also has influence in the breeding barn, Kinda is fulfilling all expectations. Her most recent offspring, Kinda II al Sham by Ansata Nile Echo is the reflecting image of her dam. With her huge dark eyes she speaks to your soul and with her elegant movement, you can easily imagine what a fantastic mare she will be in the future.



But Kinda is not the only treasure Frasiera Wahiba produced for Sham Stables. Two more daughters of this mare are active in the breeding barn. One of them is Rania al Sham by Rayyan Al Naif is the full sister to Kinda. Rania is a fantastic mover as well and a great broodmare to Sham Stables. Until now she blessed them with two fantastic fillies. One of them is Rayyana al Sham who is sired by the ultra ttypy Farhoud al Shaqab. A rising star Farhoud al Shaqab is a son of Al Adeed al Shaqab and is out of Johara al Shaqab by Imperial Mahzeer. Rayyana inherited the exotic looks of her sire with a very extreme face and again those huge eyes that most of the horses at Sham stables are blessed with. She inherited her smooth body and fantastic movement from her mother.

Another filly of Rania is Rana al Sham. A powerful filly sired by Ansata Nile Echo. This filly knows how the put on a show. She is different from her sister Rayyana but definitely a quality of her own.



Frasiera Wahiba produced another daughter for Sham Stables: Wahiba al Sham. She is by Shagran al Nasser – a son of Ansata Selman and out of Dana al Nasser. Carrying on the Hadbah Enzahī strain. Wahiba al Sham has a beautiful refined face and is a confident mare that loves to show off.



Mathija al Sabah / Saklawi Jidran - Moniet el Nefous Line - Mesoudah M Family



In 2007, Sham Stables had the possibility to purchase Mathija al Shabah. She is a daughter of Adnan, the praised son of Salaa el dine, who was one of the most important stallions of the modern breeding, and Ghazala by Ghazal. The dam of Mathija is Mathea M by Maysoun and out of the illustrious Mesoudah-M by Messaoud. Mathija produced four daughters for Sham Stables and two colts. All of them acquired excellent quality. For 2017 Mathija is in foal to El Thay Mahfouz by embryo transfer. One of the mares Sham Stables retained for their future breeding program is Malaak al Sham.

Malaak al Sham grown into a beautiful mare with her huge dark eyes and is sired by El Thay Mahfouz. A stallion by Ansata Selman and EL Thay Mahfouza, which are by El Thay Ibn Halim Shah. Malaak is carrying on the Saqlawi Jidran strain for Sham Stables and is a very consistent producer.

The first foal Malaak produced the gorgeous filly Malikat al Sham, sired by Rayyan al Naif. Malikat grew up into a beautiful mare with a very pretty face, a smooth body and decent movement. She is in foal to Najm al Rayyan for 2017.



Last year Malaak blessed Sham Stables again with a filly; Madinah al Sham, sired by Ansata Nile Echo.



This year she proved her value once more by giving birth to a fantastic colt; Madeen al Sham. Sired by the great Al Adeed al Shaqab. Madeen has everything one could wish for in a colt. He has a beautiful face with big dark eyes, an incredible well-set neck, a smooth body, and he loves to move! This is also combined with a very strong pedigree, that makes him a potential sire for the future.





Iman al Sham / Obayyan Om Jurays - El Shahbaa Line - Marah Famil

A young mare coming from a different line of Sham Stables is Iman al Sham. A mare from the treasured Obayyan Om Jurays strain with fantastic movement. She is sired by Ansata Haisam, who is by the great Ansata Hejazi. Anstata Hejazi is one of the most influential stallions that left a strong mark on today's SE breeding. The dam of Iman is Illaila, a daughter of El Thay Mashour and out of Lateefa by Madkour I. Illaila is no longer in possession of Sham Stables and Iman is chosen to carry on her line.



Ghazalla / Obayyan Om Jurays - El Shahbaa Line - Hanan Family

The great Ghazalla has been an important mare for Sham Stables until her unfortunate death earlier this year. She is a daughter of the great Al Adeed al Shaqab who is considered to be a near perfect example of the breed. Al Adeed got his almost perfect conformation from his dam, Sundar Alisayyah (by Ruminaja Ali) and his wonderful type from his sire, the great Ansata Halim Shah. Al Adeed has proven to be a consistent producer of exactly these two strong points; Conformation and Type. The dam of Ghazalla was the beautiful, ultra typey Nejdia, a daughter of Nejdy by Salaa el Dine and out of Aisha by Ansata Halim Shah. The combination of these genetic giants, Ansata Halim Shah and Ruminaja Ali worked out perfectly with Ghazalla. She had the look, the eyes, the neck, almost faultless conformation combined with incredible movement.

This is the same for the young Ghala al Sham. Born this year, she is chosen as the successor of her dam. Bred to another breeding giant; NK Hafid Jamil. Ghala is a result of a careful line of breeding to Nejd. Ghala turned out to be everything you would expect from this cross. Her refinement, her big dark eyes combined with the strong movement of her mother Ghazalla.



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Batoul / Kuhaylan - Rodania Line - Nazeera Family

Another strong line Sham Stables is producing from is the one of Batoul Hamdan. Batoul is coming from the rare Kuhaylan strain. She is a daughter of Mahfouz, who is by Madkour I. A direct son of the great Habdan Enzahi, out of the illustrious Moheba II (Ghazal). The dam of Mahfouz is the mare Mahameh by Ibrahim. The dam of Batoul is the mare Fattouma. A daughter of Hakeem (Mourad) and out of Fonoon by Hafeed Anter. Batoul is a strong-bodied mare with a nice refined face. This year she gave birth to a very upright colt named Bahi al Sham, sired by NK Jamal el Dine. Bahi al Sham has a beautiful front with a fantastic neck, a pretty face and tons of charisma.

One of the daughters of Batoul is the mare Breat al Sham II (by Rayyan al Naif). She as well foaled by NK Jamal el Dine this year. She gave birth to a very special filly named Basma al Sham. A very refined filly with a very pretty face plus her huge eyes and lots of expression.



Ansata Bint Faessa / Saklawi Jidran - Moniet el Nefous Line - Mona Family

Sham Stables got the opportunity to acquire the Ansata bred mare Ansata bint Faessa. Bred by the well known prestigious stud farm of Judith Forbis; Ansata Stud, Ansata bint Faessa is a daughter of the great Ansata Hejazi (Ansata Halim Shah x Ansata Sudarra) and out of AK Faessa. AK Faessa is by the legendary Prince Fa Moniet (by The Egyptian Prince) and out of AK Nameesa (by Na Ibn Moniet). Ansata Bint Faessa is representing Saklawi Jidran and is for 2017 in foal to Najm al Rayyan .



Al Ilah Mujannah / Obayyan Om Jurays - El Shabbaa Line - Marah Family

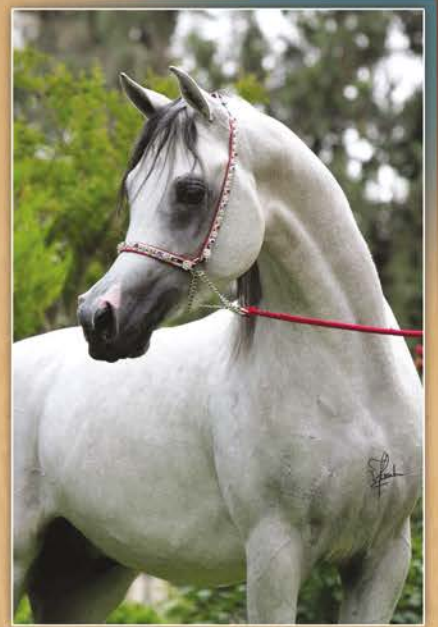
A new mare for Sham Stables is the mare Al Ilah Mujannah. A mare from the obayan Om Jeress strain. She is sired by Classic Mansour (Alidaar) and comes out of Mashoura bin Moheba by Emiratus B out of Moheba V. This pretty mare is a nicely refined one with beautiful eyes. She is for 2017 in foal to Najm al Rayyan.





Maniha HP / Saklawi Jidran - Moniet el Nefous Line - Mesoudah M Family

The mare Maniha HP came to Sham Stables as a young filly. A pretty grey daughter of the well-known Maysoun. A stallion by Ansata Halim Shah out of Maysouna. The dam of Maniha is the mare Alidah Madheen by Alidaar, out of the influential dam Mesoudah M. Maniha produced four fillies for Sham Stables. She has had one filly out of Shagran al Nasser and one filly from Phaaros in 2015. This year she gave birth to a beautiful filly sired by El Thay Mahfouz.



*El Thay Kariba al Sabah / Dahman Shawan - Farida Line
- Kamla II Family*

Another treasure of Sham Stables is El Thay Kariba al Sabah from the Dahman Shawan strain. Bred by the well-respected El Thayeba Stud, this snow-white mare has the biggest eyes you can imagine. A gift from her grandmother Kamla II. Kariba is sired by the fantastic Ansata Selman (Ansata Hejazi x G Shafaria) and comes out of El Thay Khadija. El Thay Khadija is by El Thay Mashour and out of the earlier mentioned Kamla II by Ansata Halim Shah. Kariba is for 2017 in foal to Najm al Rayyan.





Juriyah al Waab / Dahman Shawan - Bukra Line - Ansata Nefer Isis Family



A new treasure to Sham Stables is the mare Juriyah al Waab, bred by Al Waab Farm from Qatar, who is known for the exquisite collection of Straight Egyptians.

Juriyah is a daughter of Barraq al Alia. He is a son of Ashhal al Rayyan and comes out of the precious Asrar al Rayyan by Al Adeed al Shaqab and out of the legendary Ansata Selket – known as one of the most beautiful mares in Straight Egyptian breeding. The dam of Juriyah is by Narjes al Rayyan that is by Sinan al Rayyan (Ansata Sinan) and out of the beautiful Ansata Nefer Isis by Prince fa Monier out of Ansata Nefertiti. Juriyah is representing the Dahman Shahman strain for Sham Stables and the expectations are high.



Najm al Rayyan / Dahman Shawan . Farida Line . Moheba Family

Besides a fantastic group of broodmares, Sham Stables also has some stallions at stud. Standing at stud at this moment is Najm al Rayyan. The owner of Najm is Mr. Mohammed Obaid Al-Qahitani from Al Aseel Arabian Stud, Saudi Arabia as he is on lease to Sham Stables for three years.

This stallion is the true definition of type. His huge eyes decorate his beautifully shaped face with his teacup muzzle and wide forehead. His neck is highset and long – as is his tailset. A beautiful and complete stallion with a pedigree to match. His sire is the great El Thay Mashour. A son of Madkour I and coming out of the fantastic El Thay bint Kamla, a daughter of the praised Kamla II. The dam of Najm is Naama al Rayyan. She is the daughter of Safir and is coming out of Ansata Majesta by Ansata Halim Shah. This makes her the full sister to the great Ashhal al Rayyan, whose influence on the breed has been huge.

The vision of Sham Stables with Najm is to create even more type in their breeding program and to secure the big dark eyes all of his breeding products seem to have.



SA Shaman / Dahman Shawan - Bukra Family - G Shafaria Family

A young stallion waiting his turn in the breeding barn is SA Shaman. He is a colt sired by the great Ashhal al Rayyan and is coming out of the incredible beautiful Shama al Rayyan. Shama's beauty however is no accident. She is sired by Ansata Nile Echo (Ansata Hejazi x Ansata White Nile) who is very consistent in breeding great movement. Her dam is the eternal beauty G Shafaria (Prince Fa Moniet x Ansata Sharifa). The cross of Shama al Rayyan with Ashhal al Rayyan produced this very promising colt: SA Shaman – a great attribution to the Sham Stables breeding program.



Over the years, the breeding program of Sham Stables has expanded itself and forms a incredible group of beautiful mares coming out of strong damlines, eligible to breed only the purest Arabians with the eternal beauty everybody is searching for. Selecting horses of the most renowned breeding programs, and by doing so keeping the balance between type and conformation. All the breeding decisions are carefully managed by Mr. Mahmoud Anzarouti; creating a strong name for the future of Straight Egyptian breeding.

