

# NASMAT STUD, Colorado, USA

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Interview with ALICIA MIDGETT,  
founder and owner of Nasmat stud in Colorado, USA

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NASMAT EGYPTIAN STUD





Stavros and Nasmat Nile Jamala (Jamal Al Rashediah x Nile Amira HHF)

Alicia and Nasmat Fahdi  
(El Zilal Tamar x SM Fakriyyah)



Alicia and her sons, Gage, Caden, Thanasi and Stavros

*Monika: We at Desert Heritage Magazine are very happy to do an interview with you about your well-known straight Egyptian Nasmat stud in Colorado. We hope to learn more about your breeding goal. You are a single mother, have 4 children and 40 Arabian horses, how do*

*you manage it all? Tell us about your life with kids and horses there.*

**Alicia:** Yes, I am a widow since 2014. After my husband's passing, I did not want to give up on my dream of breeding horses,



even though it seemed impossible and ill advised to continue and assume all of the labour as one person, myself. The kids, 4 boys, are great but I don't push them to be a part of the ranch, I understand this is my dream and they are individuals, I think when they grow up they may appreciate being raised outside of town and some of the unique things they have experienced here. I also breed English Cream Golden Retrievers and Bernese Mountain Dogs, something that started as a one-time project for one of the kids and ended up being something that the kids and I really enjoy.

***Monika:** We have known each other for many years and I am thrilled by your enthusiasm to continue and to refine your breeding concept, despite many setbacks in the stud. It is great that we can pass on your experience to the readers.*

**Alicia:** I was honored to be offered the opportunity to tell you about my vision, my program, what I am working on currently. I just missed the presentations at Nagel's Katharinenhof, El Thay and Al Qusar stud, a real disappointment for me to miss presentations at some of the studs I follow so closely, but with the state of the world, and the state of affairs at the ranch I couldn't afford to leave.

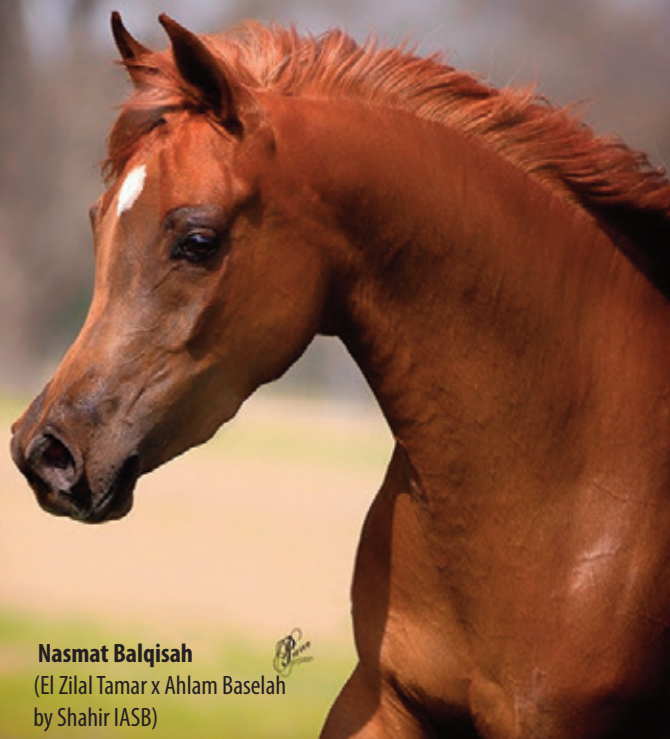
So I find myself here, reflecting, dreaming... this summer of 2021 has been a whirlwind, I have delivered 15 foals, with many injuries and a couple surgeries...I have barely had

time to stop and think, let alone breed...so I guess I'll have a strange late foal crop next year. As far as the kids, they are good, in and out of school with all the covid dysfunction.

***Monika:** How did you start to breed and what was your breeding goal?*

**Alicia:** If you ask me to define my program, I will tell you honestly. It is a cross of very well thought out planned breeding's and a percentage of accidents. Almost every year inevitably, I have young colts that I am still assessing, break out and breed mares. They are all in keeping with my program, and nice enough to be standing here. I am ok with it as I am curious about mare's choice of stallions, the choices that the horses make and taking small steps outside of my plans.

As far as why I started breeding, I fell in love with a Straight Egyptian stallion, and eventually leased a mare to breed to him. My breeding goal is to create a certain signature type of SE horse, breeding some of the bloodlines, which pull me, move me and inspire me most. Sometimes it is more evident what it is not at first, then what it is...but over the years, I have evolved and shaped my vision, keeping and focusing on the horses that move my vision forward. I have concurrently the majority of my horses here



**Nasmat Balqisah**  
(El Zilal Tamar x Ahlam Baselah  
by Shahir IASB)

in Colorado, USA, and a small group of mares that I maintain in Europe and breed to stallions that I cannot access in the USA.

*Monika: Do you go more by sight when choosing stallions or do you look at the pedigree first?*

Alicia: Normally I see pictures of stallions that grab my attention, and then I move to the pedigree to see if it has components, horses that I like. Unfortunately, I have not had the opportunity to see too many of the stallions that I breed to in person, so I have to rely on photos and video, and assessing the stallion's other offspring to make a decision. I am equally as inclined to breed to a stallion in someone's backyard as to a show champion. I understand that not many stallions are shown, or have the same opportunity to be a show horse, and then there are pre-determined winners in shows and everything else, so while I love shows, they are fun and beautiful, I do not put a lot of emphasis on them.

Having said that about shows, I loved the Noble Festival 4 years ago in Holland, it was an amazing way to see the visions of different breeders and display their work. It was nice to see the different but signature looks each breeder was representing. I would love to have a showcase like this in the USA for breeders.

**Nasmat Nekheny**  
(Jamal Al Rashediah x Nasmat Mussah)



**Nasmat Nehan**  
(DF Nashwan x Ansata Valentina by Ansata Qasim)



**Gage and TRA Elmourads Felecia**



*Monika: How come that you buy many horses in Europe? How is the market in the USA today? It was the cradle of Straight Egyptians 20-30 years ago, right after El Zabraa. What has changed there?*

**Alicia:** I ended up buying a handful of mares in Europe because that is where I found the bloodlines and type that I was looking for to compliment some of my horses here. I am not sure 100 percent on this, but it feels like here in the USA we have lost some of our biggest and most important breeders of Straight Egyptians. There are still a few and more small breeders that breed a few foals every year. I think people stopped breeding because they are afraid of the market, afraid of the economy, maybe they have retired, they sold out to the Middle East, I mean sold their best stock overseas or many other reasons. I think horse ownership in general is exciting to people after Covid lockdown, and a lot of our Straight Egyptians in the lower price points are going into pet homes that don't have any idea what they are.

*Monika: What is the Pyramid Society doing today? It is so quiet on the other side of the Atlantic. Or have the members simply grown old and the young breeders of today are more*

*oriented to the horse influencers of the social media channels?*

**Alicia:** The Pyramid Society still exists but I do not know what they represent or what any of their activities are. I was a member several years ago and had my contact information published in a book, and attended a meeting and presentation at the Scottsdale Arabian Horse show. I love the idea of the Pyramid Society, where likeminded breeders can share and collaborate and would love to see it become reinvigorated.

*Monika: At the moment you are strongly oriented to the stallions in Europe, especially to the lines of Dr Nagel. Are there already results?*

**Alicia:** Very true. I have an obsession with Dr Nagel's program, and great appreciation for the study and dedication he has put into his herd. Nasmat Nemty by NK Nabhan (out of Al Ilah Taghria by Emiratus B) is the first colt I have here that is a direct descendant of Nagel's breeding. He was imported in utero with his mother. The fact that Nagel's stallions are only live cover in Germany has been



**Nasmat Anuket**  
(Jamal Al Rashediah x Nasmat Aliah)



**Alicia and Jamal Al Rashdiah**

Photo by Julie Patton

**Najla CK**  
(DF Nashwan x Blue Mineah)



a bit of a logistical issue for me, and I want to send the right mares of course. I bred my black DF Nashwan daughter to NK Nizam and waiting to hear on that breeding. My mare Nesma El Mabrouka by Ajmal Tameen has been bred to NK Jamal El Dine and I am waiting to hear if she will be pregnant. I also have used stallions such as DF Nashwan and DF Malik Jamil to try to incorporate some of the NK Hafid Jamil blood

into my program. Jamal Al Rashediah is out of an NK Qaswarah daughter so there is some influence as well, and I have a Salaa El Dine daughter.

But I have more projects in Europe: This year I bred my mare Najma ADR by Ansata Nile Echo to Majd Al Qusar, he is a son of NK Lotfy, and I'm waiting to hear if my Salaa El Dine daughter Nahlah Ezzain is in foal to him



**Nasmat Zanobia**  
(Jamal Al Rasehdiah x Nasmat Fadia)



**Nasmat Varia**  
(Nasmat Fahdi x Desert Splendor EF)



**TRA El Mourads Felecia**  
and her filly **Nasmat Nephys**  
by Jamal Al Rashediah



too. I am also leasing three mares from my friend and fellow breeder Anne Caroline Dyjeker who have all been bred to Hadban Al Naif, this is a project I have been working on for many years and with enough persistence, I hope to add a foal from Hadban to my herd in the USA someday.

**Monika:** *What about your own stallions? Which of your*

*breeding have you already used successfully?*

**Alicia:** I have 4 stallions. El Zilal Tamar has been an outstanding sire for me and I am now breeding several of his daughters to Jamal Al Rashediah. Tamar's son, Nasmat Fahdi is now proven to be a great sire adding some phenomenal type to his foals and I am breeding some mares to him again to try to



**Nahlah Ezzain**

(Salaa El Dine x Hanan Ezzain  
by Ansata El Murtajiz)



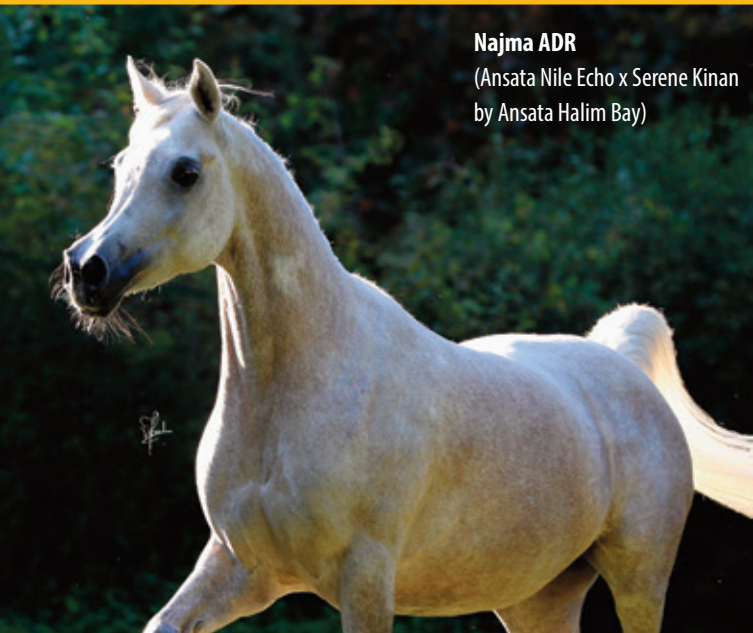
add a few more daughters of his to my broodmare group. Nasmal Nehan(DF Nashwan X Ansata Valentina) is an up and coming stallion for me, and I hope I will have some of his offspring on the ground soon.

*Monika: You have the beautiful Jamal Al Rashediah with you in Colorado, when will there be the first foals from him?*

*Alicia: Jamal had his first foals for me here two years ago,*

and for this year's foal crop my goal was to test my stallion Jamal Al Rashediah heavily. Jamal had to take a break from breeding last year as he was away being shown at a couple of the Scottsdale and Breeders Finals shows. He was reserve champion at his first showing, and third in his second showing, competing against mature stallions.

I really wanted to get a good idea of what was his potential as a sire. I was very happy with the results and seems he



**Najma ADR**  
(Ansata Nile Echo x Serene Kinan  
by Ansata Halim Bay)



Alicia and Bernese Mountain Dog puppies bred at the Ranch



**Nasmal Nekheny**  
(Jamal Al Rashediah x Nasmal Mussah)



**Nasmal Amayya**  
(El Zilal Tamar x Ansata Valentina  
by Ansata Qasim)

produces a certain type with some of the closer Ansata blood, and produces beautifully with more open Straight Egyptian pedigrees mares. Between outside breedings and breedings here at home, Jamal had nine offspring in 2021, five fillies and four colts. I will be preparing frozen semen from Jamal to ship to Israel and South Africa in the coming months.

This year I also had three foals born here from our senior stallion El Zilal Tamar, one from NK Nabhan and one from

**Nasmat Mussah**  
(Esfahan Manaseer x Al Ilah Taghria)  
and **Nasmat Nekheny**



**Nasmat Yaria**  
(Nasmat Fahdi x Desert Splendor EF)



**Nasmat Nemty**  
(NK Nabhan x Al Ilah Taghria)



**Nasmat Nehan**  
(DF Nashwan x Ansata Valentina  
by Ansata Qasim)



### LIST OF STOCK:

#### Stallions:

El Zilal Tamar (Mashar Halim x Tarissia B by Emiratus B)  
Jamal Al Rashediah (Jamil Al Rayyan x Samaa Al Rashediah by NK Qaswarah)  
Nasmat Nehan (DF Nashwan x Ansata Valentina by Ansata Qasim) \*2018  
Nasmat Fahdi (El Zilal Tamar x SM Fakriyyah) \*2016

#### Young stallion prospects:

Nasmat Nekheny (Jamal Al Rashediah X Nasmat Mussah) \*2021  
Nasmat Nemty (NK Nabhan x Al Ilah Taghria by Emiratus B) \*2021

#### Mares in Europe:

Nahlah Ezzain (Salaa El Dine x Hanan Ezzain by Anasata El Murtajiz)  
Nesma El Mabrouka ( Ajmal Tameen x Nahlah Ezzain by Salaa El Dine)  
Najma ADR (Ansata Nile Echo x Serene Kinan by Ansata Halim Bay)  
Najla CK (DF Nashwan x Blue Mineah)

#### Mares in the USA

Nasmat Malaak (El Zilal Tamar x Ansata Cassandra by Ansata Qasim)  
Nasmat Amayya (El Zilal Tamar x Ansata Valentina by Ansata Qasim)  
Nasmat Fadia (El Zilal Tamar x Bint Feyda)  
Nasmat Balqis (El Zilal Tamar x Ahlam Baselah by Shahir IASB)

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Nasmat Aleftina (Danseurs Rafiq x SDR Hoston Granat)  
Nasmat Alamirah (Presumido Feisul x Nasmat Aleftina)  
Nasmat Mussah (Esfahan Manaseer x Al Ilah Taghria by Emiratus B)  
Nasmat Aliah (Nasmat Burkan x Al Jedrani Asiah)  
Al Ilah Taghria (Emiratus B x Tamria Bint Thamam)  
Ahlam Baselah (Shahir IASB x MB Mashiela by Royal Mikhiel)  
TRA Elmourads Felecia (El Mourad x Valour Maariyah)

#### Fillies

Nasmat Nile Jamala (Jamal Al Rashediah x Nile Amira HHF) \*2019  
Nasmat Nile Emira (Nasmat Fahdi x Nile Amira HHF) \*2020  
Nasmat Bastet (Jamal Al Rashediah x Ahlam Baselah) \*2021  
Nasmat Zanolbia (Jamal Al Rashediah x Nasmat Fadia) \*2021  
Nasmat Anuket (Jamal Al Rashediah x Nasmat Aliah) \*2021  
Nasmat Neith (Jamal Al Rashediah x TRA Elmourads Felecia) \*2021  
Nasmat Almas (El Zilal Tamar x Nasmat Aleftina) \*2019  
Nasmat Farhani (El Zilal Tamar x TRA Elmourads Felecia) \*2020  
Nasmat Amunet (El Zilal Tamar x Nasmat Alamirah) \*2021  
Nasmat Nafisah ( Nasmat Nafi x Nasmat Mussah) \*2020  
Nasmat Firdausi ( Nasmat Laieb x Nasmat Fadia) \*2020

# Jamal Al Rashediah

leading sire at Wadi Al Nasmat Arabians





our up and coming stallion Nasmat Nehan (DF Nashwan X Ansata Valentina) that I mentioned earlier. Shockingly no breakout breedings last year.

*Monika: What are your plans for the future? Do you plan an open house? I think you have many friends in Europe who are happy to visit a flourishing breeding stable in the US. I myself as well, I am very curious to see how our "grandchildren" have developed there.*

*Alicia: That would be wonderful. I would love to put an open house together, and invite other breeders from the USA to showcase their horses if they would like to.*

*Monika: I hope to see you and your horses in your stud next year. Thank you for your openness and for sharing your creative breeding strategy with us.*

*Alicia: Always a pleasure.*