

## Nile Breeding and Performance Report 2012

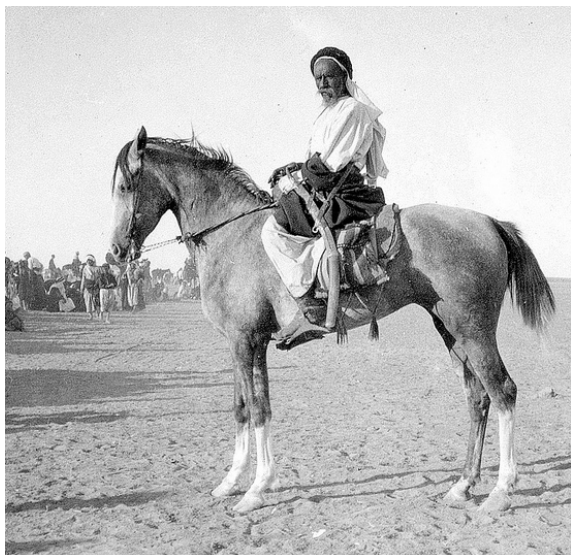
*For Nile Arabians it was a year without any big highlights but also without any lowlights. We created some innovative breeding inputs in order to maintain and increase the quality of our offspring in the future.*

*Looking back to our racing activities, our performance record is solid and comparable to our long-term average based on number of wins and places.*

*Looking back to endurance, our longtime efforts of consequent performance breeding selection shows clear positive effects with good results in Germany and Italy.*

### **BREEDING**

The Arabian horse has a very long racing tradition. Speed, hardness and stamina were the three most important characteristics for the Bedouins when judging their horses.



*Bedouin with his Arabian horse in the desert of Transjordan around 1925. He belongs to the ridden guard of Emir Abdullah I bin al-Hussein. In terms of type this original Arabian horse looks much more as a race horse than a modern Arabian show horse of today.*

Without a rigorous selection on the race track during the last century, Polish, Russian, Egyptian or French Arabians wouldn't have developed in such a prominent way to current status and quality.



*Bedouins being on a prowl. Speed, hardness and stamina decided about surviving or dying.*

In our breeding program, the traditional and original values of the Arabian horse are of significance. Beauty is no longer an attribute reserved only for Arabian horses. Today we find beauty and noblesse in many horse breed. But speed, toughness and stamina are a genetic combination which is exclusively fixed in the Arabian breed. These are the typical characteristics of the Arabian horse which we try to preserve and develop.

Preserving and developing a breed without any performance criteria, reduced only to beauty and type, is dangerous in the long term from a genetical point of view.



Race horse owner with his Arabian race horse at the race track in Bagdad in 2007. Since 1920 every Tuesday and Saturday is race day. Except during the war the track was closed for three months. The horses there are still close to the original Arabian type and wouldn't have a chance to win the show in Paris.

Till this day, racing as a selection criteria for the Arabian breed is almost unknown for many breeders and lovers of Arabian horses. Besides breeding Arabian race horses it is one of our objectives to make Arabian horse racing more popular among breeders. Therefore we started to offer shares in Arabian race horses. That allows a new owner to participate in a race horse together with other owners under a stable color for a small monthly amount. This is an easy way getting directly and personally involved in this fascinating world of Arabian horse racing.

Launching this offer in 2012 for the first time, we found some very enthusiastic new owners who participated in this program.

For 2013 we are offering an interesting stock of progeny having substantial racing and breeding perspective. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

### Longtime breeding tradition combined with innovative stimuli

During the last years, we crossed our traditional French and Tunisian bred female lines with the blood of the Saudi stallion **AMER**, using one of his best sons: **DAHESS** (Amer x Danie de Cassou).

In 2012, the first 3-year old progeny by **DAHESS** was running on European race tracks. In France, **DAHESS** took the head of the sire statistics for 3-year olds. In average, a **DAHESS** foal earned € 14'700.- in France last year. Highest rated 3-year old horse of IFAHR is the **DAHESS** colt **DAHOR DE BRUGERE** in

2012. Under the six best rated 3-year olds are three by **DAHESS**.



**NIL AZIZ**, 2012, (Dahess x Nil Abiat by Darike) at the age of 3 months. The colt is a half-brother to Swiss Champion Race Horse **NIL ASHAL** by **NIL BEDOUIN** (photo Nile Arabians).

At 2012, one **DAHESS** foal was born at Nile Arabians. It is **NIL AZIZ** out of **NIL ABIAT**, (Darike x Kadjouna de Nerak by Djourman) belonging to the French family tracing back to Zenab. Crossing **AMER** to this family produced already very successful race horses in Qatar, e.g. Group I winner **TABARAK** (Nizam x Altesse D'Aroco) or Group I winners **AL TAIR** and **AL ANQA** both by **AMER** out of **ALTESSE D'AROCO**. Another representative of this cross is multiple Group I winner **AZIZ ASF** (Amer x Aziza D'Aroco) who was the leading race horse in Qatar at the 2010/11 season.



**NIL IFFRA**, 2011 (Dahess x Nil Incipit by Dormane), a filly out of our N-Line. **NIL IFFRA** is a half-sister to the race winners **NIL INSHA** and **NIL ISHAN IBN AL SAKBE**, both by Al Sakbe (photo Nile Arabians).

Our further **DAHES** progeny are **NIL IFFRA**, 2011 (Dahess x Nil Incipit by Dormane), **NIL KAMLA**, 2011 and **NIL KEBIRA**, 2009, both out of the Tunisian Group III winning mare **KAHLOUCHA** (Zeidoun x Zannouche). We hope that some of these young horses will show their racing potential in future.



**NIL KAMLA**, 2011 (Dahess x Kahloucha by Zeidoun). This yearling filly represents mainly a cross between Tunisian racing lines and the Amer blood of Saudi Arabia (photo Nile Arabians).

**Tunisian mare KAHLOUCHA in Abu Dhabi ownership**



Sold to Abu Dhabi. Group III winning and placed mare **KAHLOUCHA** (Zeidoun x Zannouche) was a foundation brood mare at Nile Arabians. She will stay at our stud to be bred to stallions standing in Europe for her new owner (photo Nile Arabians).

In 2012, we sold our foundation mare **KAHLOUCHA** (Zeidoun x Zannouche) to Abu Dhabi. **KAHLOUCHA** was a successful race horse winning and being placed at Group III

level in Tunisia. She belongs to the same female line as e.g. Group I winners **MADJANI**, **NOUR THABET**, **ESSAANA**, **TORNADOR** and **AL JAKBAR**.

**KAHLOUCHA** herself produced well. Her son **NIL KARAZI** by Dormane was Swiss Champion Race horse in 2011. The mare stays at our stud in order to be bred to a stallion standing in Europe next year.

**NIL BEDOUIN – a solid sire**



Race winner and Group II and III placed **NIL BEDOUIN**, 1999, (Barour de Cardonne x Nil Tahani by Versal). His first foal on the race track was a winner. Representing mainly a French / Russian cross we recommend him for endurance and race horse breeding (photo Nile Arabians).

Our Barour de Cardonne son **NIL BEDOUIN** confirms his former quality on the race track also as a sire. He raced successfully with a total of 4 wins and was placed at Group II and III level. He is actually the highest rated Arabian sire by the Swiss Stud Book. **NIL BEDOUIN** is **SCID free** and **CA clear**.



**NIL TAHANI**, 1991 (Versal x Tiffaha), dam of **NIL BEDOUIN**. Stamped in the old Russian type by her sire line Versal, Naftalin and Topol (photo Nile Arabians).

**NIL ASHAL** out of **NIL ABIAT** was **NIL BEDOUIN**'s first foal at the race track and was also his first winner. In 2012, **NIL ASHAL** was the best Swiss bred race horse. Out of 5 starts, **NIL ASHAL** was winning once and was placed 2 times second and once fifth.

In 2012, **NIL ALAMOON**, another **NIL BEDOUIN** filly was born. **NIL ALAMOON** is out of **NIL ANABLUE** (Munjiz x Kadjouna de Nerak by Djourman). Outcrossed to the famous **UNCHAINED MELODY** and to the Russian sire line of **NAFTALIN**, **NIL ALAMOON** is French inbred 4 x 4 x 5 to **ST. LAURENT**, 4 x 5 to **BAROUD III** and 4 x 5 to **MANDRAGORE**.



**NIL ALAMOON**, 2012 (Nil Bedouin x Nil Anablue by Munjiz) is 3-times inbred to French sire St. Laurent and outcrossed to the US mare **UNCHAINED MELODY** and the Russian sire line of **NAFTALIN** (photo Nile Arabians).

In 2013, **NIL BEDOUIN** will be again available at the Swiss National State Stud in Avenches for natural coverage or fresh seamen. We recommend **NIL BEDOUIN** for heavy French bred mares or French mares crossed to **AMER** or to mares out of Endurance lines.

### **MISS SPIRIT - Our acquisition with breeding perspective**

Last summer we bought the thoroughbred filly **MISS SPIRIT** (Spirit One x Miss Lloyds by Take Risks) at the age of three months. **SPIRIT ONE**'s first generation was successfully running in France. Two of his progeny reached Black Type and in the sire statistic of the first covering year **SPIRIT ONE** is ranked on fifth place. The Anabaa Blue son **SPIRIT ONE** won five races included the Arlington Million Stakes (Group I).



**MISS SPIRIT**, 2012 (Spirit One x Miss Lloyds), thoroughbred filly with a balanced pedigree mixed of stayer and sprinter blood (photo Scarlett Schär).

**MISS SPIRIT**'s mother **MISS LLOYDS** (Take Risks x Miss Shaan) combines in her pedigree the miler blood of **HIGHEST HONOR** with the classical stayer blood of **DARSHAAN** in second generation.

## **ENDURANCE**

Reaching sustainable success in Endurance needs time and patience. The result of a breeding decision will be seen 10 to 15 years later.

Since 20 years, Nile Arabians has focused on endurance in its breeding program. The broodmares are performance tested either on the race track or at the endurance itself. In terms of pedigrees we are looking for a balanced mix of selected Russian, French, Tunisian and Egyptian lines.

### **NIL KHAZNAH – Endurance Highlight 2012**

Four times finished **NIL KHAZNAH** (Kubinec x Nil Nouza) the Arabian Endurance Trophy in Germany. This year she was placed second in the final ranking of 151 horses with a total of 891 racing kilometers. In 2011 she was also placed second and in 2010 she won the Arabian Endurance Trophy. As of today, the 14-year old mare raced over 5'000 kilometers and was winning six endurance competitions. Due to this exceptional racing career, **NIL KHAZNAH** was honored by the German Endurance Association. We congratulate Ina Baader, the owner of **NIL KHAZNAH**, for this outstanding performance.



**NIL KHAZNAH**, 1998 (Kubinec x Nil Nouza) ridden by Heike Blümel. With over 5'000 raced kilometers and a total of 6 wins, **NIL KHAZNAH** is one of the toughest endurance horses in Germany (photo Christoph Bluethner).

### **KAHRMA - Endurance newcomer in Italy**



**KAHRMA**, 2005 (Dormane x Kahloucha) on the race track of Avenches at the age of three. After her race career she became an endurance horse in Italy (photo Nile Arabians).

The 7-year old **DORMANE** daughter **KAHRMA** out of the Tunisian mare **KAHLOUCHA** finished successfully, placed and in good condition her first two CEN\* endurance competitions over 90 kilometers in Italy and is ready to attack the 120km.

**KAHRMA** is a full sister to 2011 Swiss Champion race horse **NIL KARAZI**. Before

starting her endurance career, **KAHRMA** was successfully on the race track at the age of 3 and 4 with 7 places out of 9 starts. End of 2009 she was exported to Italy for endurance and breeding purposes.

### **RACING**

Six racing horses of our training stable were running in 28 races in Switzerland, Germany and Belgium. 50% of our starters were placed in the money and 11% were winners. We have not been as successful as in 2011 but still in our long term average.

### **MORGAINE – A winner with constant performance**

The 4-year old Swiss bred thoroughbred mare had her best racing season so far. Out of 6 starts she was winning twice and placed 3 times. With this race record she ended on 15<sup>th</sup> place out of 86 horses in the final ranking of Swiss bred horses.



Double winner **MORGAINE**, 2008 (Feliciano x Mirandolina) ridden by 2012 vice champion jockey Tim Bürgin (photo Scarlett Schär).

We congratulate Sabine and Lukas Aebi, owner and breeder of **MORGAINE**, and would like to thank them for their confidence in our work.

### **NIL ASHAL finished his second racing season**

The 4-year old stallion **NIL ASHAL** (Nil Bedouin x Nil Abiat by Darike) completed his second season with 2 second and 1 fifth place out of 4 starts and was confirming his win as a three year old. With this performance he passed successfully the Swiss racing performance test for Arabian horses.

**NIL ASHAL** was rather late in his development and we had to give him enough time to grow and mature. In the meantime he became a big horse with 1.62 and we hope that we will have a good next season.



**NIL ASHAL**, 2008 (Nil Bedouin x Nil Abiat by Darike). Best Swiss bred race horse in 2012 (photo Nile Arabians).

**NIL ASHAL** is the Swiss Champion race horse 2012 and is replacing **NIL KARAZI**, who won the champion title in 2011.

### RIVER winning as a three year old



**RIVER**, 2009 (Della Francesca x River Sans Retour) after his win in Aarau ridden by Stéphane Laurent. From left to right: Owner Therese Reusser, Urs Aeschbacher and trainer Franziska Aeschbacher (photo Scarlett Schär).

Also late in development, the thoroughbred gelding **RIVER** (Della Francesca x River Sans Retour), started his racing career as a 3-year old and was winning at his fourth start the prize of the UBS bank in Switzerland over 2'600

meters. As his mother he is a stayer and needs races over 2'400 meters or longer.

Running under the stable colours of Golden Arabians he will hopefully continue successfully in 2013.

*„Breeding and Training means to try and to error. And with each try we enrich our experience”.*

In this spirit we wish you a lot of new experiences with your horses in 2013.

Rita, Franziska and Urs Aeschbacher  
Nile Arabians

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### Quality breeds Quality – since 1976

#### Sire NIL BEDOUIN

- Multiple Swiss Champion Race Horse – 4 wins and **black type** placed on Group II and III level
- **Highest stallion license score** of all sires in Switzerland
- **Winning progeny**
- **SCID** and **CA** clear



#### Our offers in 2013

- **Breeding service** with **NIL BEDOUIN** standing at the Swiss State Stud Avenches
- **Quality horses** offered for sale selected for breeding, racing, endurance and show purposes
- **Leasing services** of selected **Elite broodmares**
- **Schooling** and **training** of young horses in English ridden style
- **Training of race horses**
- **Consulting** services in terms of breeding and training