

Sax Arabians: Celebrating the Joys of 2012

Interview by *Samantha Mattocks*

Samantha Mattocks (SM): Please tell me about this year's foals. And are there any special babies that have caught your eye?

Sax Arabians (SA): One of the best, or maybe even the best foal this year, was the last one born, Mustafa Al Milan, a grey colt born on 27 July. Of course, we did expect a very special foal because last year, the same parents gave us an amazing filly. Mustafa Al Milan's sire is our own Al Milan (Al Lahab x Milena by Ibn Narav out of Miriam II) and he is out of Al Amrya (ex Krushinka by Kubinec out of Menascha), the exotic and very extreme BJ Thee Mustafa daughter. But Samantha, this colt was even better than we could have ever imagined! It is wonderful that after so many foals have been born at Sax Arabians, we are still so happy and surprised by our foals. It is still a fantastic feeling to stay in the stable with the mare while she foals and then see for the first time, such a great gift, such a fantastic surprise; what a feeling!

But of course, there are so many more foals that we are very impressed about. For example, the grey very extreme and exotic filly foal Al Justyra born on 1 January is by Al Justice (WH Justice x Milena) and out of Amyra Bint Khidar (by Khidar by Ansata Sinan out of Elizja), a daughter of Al Amrya. And then there is Martice Al Justice, also by Al Justice, out of Miss Marenga (Psytafel x Marenga by Menes out of Marei). This colt is also absolutely fascinating; he has the outstanding show attitude that everybody loves to see. We must also mention another Al Justice son, Marnay Al Justice (ex Marni by Windsprees Mirage out of Marakovka). He is a maternal half-brother to the international multiple champion Marshan, a son of Meshan Ibn Kubinec (Kubinec x Menascha).

Marenga (Menes x Marei) is 24 years old and she is still in very good condition and has a foal at foot by Al Milan, who is also fascinating, the colt Marean Al Milan.

This year, we bought the mare Bafra, a daughter of El Nabila B (Kubinec x Elf Layla Walayla by Assad out of 223 Ibn Galal I). Bafra is the dam of the Al Milan son, Al Marid. This year, she foaled a beautiful filly by Mirokan (Mirok Monpelou x Merana by Menes out of Nascha), the chestnut Barka, born at our farm on 13 July. Al Milan has also given us Orlana Bint Al Milan, born on 27 April. This grey filly is out of the only straight Egyptian bred mare standing at Sax Arabians, Orashana (Orashan x Oraya by Messaoud out of Ora).

We can't stop writing about our special foals, but we still need to write about a few more! There is the full brother to our lovely yearling filly Al Justina.

Born in May, Espano Al Justice (Al Justice x Espanna Estopa by Espana Estopa out of Dezions Tiffa) really has the exotic Espanna look and he will very soon be white. He is fine and elegant; very special!

Also fantastic is Farids Europe, a colt by Europe Al Khidar (Khidar x Essteema) out of Farids Mandolin (Anaza El Farid x Madrigall by The Minstril out of Espirit D Asadd), a breeding pearl at Sax Arabians; she deserves a gold ribbon as a broodmare! She is the dam of Khaleifa and Lady Sorell, both by Kubinec; Farida Bint Khidar, Farid Al Khidar, both by Khidar; and the full siblings Farids Meshana and Farids Meshani, both by Meshan Ibn Kubinec to name just a few. We thought the cross of Europe Al Khidar and Farids Mandolin would work well because the cross with his sire, Khidar, was always great and yes, it worked again! For us, it is great to have this wonderful mare's bloodline combined with Khidar and Essteema. For us, it is a dream combination.

There are so many foals this year that deserve a mention but we could fill the whole magazine! For us, it is wonderful to watch so many great foals out in the pasture, and we invite your readers to visit us in Landshut and do the same.

SM: Have you used any new stallions this year?

SA: Of course, we have used our homebred young stallions. We bred some very good mares to the two-year-old colt Al Marid (Al Milan x Bafra B by El Nabila B) and we look forward to the results next year.

Marshan, our powerful stallion, has also covered some very good mares such as Amyra Bint Khidar.

And then we have also used our homebreds Al Milan, Amir Ibn Al Amrya, Europe Al Khidar, Al Justice as well as Khidar.

Looking to outside stallions, we wanted to breed Al Amrya through frozen semen to Gazal Al Shaqab (Anaza El Farid x Kajora by Kaborr out of Edjora) while Milena is again in foal to the straight Egyptian World Champion Stallion Al Lahab (Laheeb x The Vision HG by Thee Desperado out of Belle Starr). The foal will be a full sibling to Al Milan and we are hoping for a beautiful filly!

Looking ahead, we have very big hopes in our young stallion Al Amryan (Khidar x Al Amrya), a full brother to Amely Al Khidar and Amyra Bint Khidar. Al Amryan was not ready to breed this year as a two year old, so for sure early next year we will use him on some very special broodmares.

All in all, we are very excited for 2013!

SM: What about last year's Sax sires, used for the first time, and the 2011 foals?

SA: There was just one stallion that we used in 2011 for the first time and that was Marshan. We covered Lamera (by Laman HVP) and Mirka (Mirokan x Musinga by BJ Thee Mustafa).

Lamera foaled Masheer Ibn Marshan, a very athletic and beautiful chestnut colt, while Mirka gave us the beautiful bay colt Marshal Ibn Marshan. Both sons have the same great attitude as their sire, and we hope that Simon Kelly, our resident trainer, will have as much fun next year with them as he has with Marshan!

As for last year's foals, I would say that they are growing up great! 2011 was a filly year for us and so this year, we have been blessed with many beautiful yearling fillies. These include Elena Bint Europe (ex Milena) and the beautiful dark-bay filly Marna, a full sister to Marshan. Then we have Al Justina (Al Justice x Espanna Estopa) and Essdreama by Khidar and out of our Triple Crown winner Essteema.

Al Milania is the full sister to this year's amazing colt, Mustafa Al Milan, and Farona Bint Al Milan (ex Farida Bint Khidar) is such a perfect filly; both are sired by Al Milan. Also related is Makova, a full sister to the three-year-old filly Al Milana, out of Marakova and by Al Milan.

Then we have two more fillies by Europe Al Khidar - Eura and Eurana - and Taymara, a lovely filly by Taymar (Kyro KA x Tamara by Ibn Narav out of Takema) and out of Orashana.

We have a stable called '10 horse stable' and there we have 10 yearling fillies there - it is just unbelievable to walk through!

Would love to keep all of them, but that's just not possible, and the next foal group is coming.

SM: Away from breeding, how as the Sax Arabians show string gone this year?

SA: To be honest, really excellent!

The best way to share our success is to invite you to visit our website at

www.sax-arabians.com under show-results, you can see the best show results from the last 10 years!

And as you know from the Prague International Show at the beginning of the month, we had amazing success! Among the many highlights was Lamana (Laman HVP x Miriam II by Mirok Monpelou out of Merana), who earned the title of Gold Senior Female Champion as well as the highest score of the show - which included straight 20s for head and neck. It was a lovely moment and the perfect end to a great show.

SM: And tell me about Essteema - she is loved by so many!

SA: She is still stabled next to our house! When we walk out of the door and it is near feeding time, she always talks and reminds you! She enjoys being the queen of Sax Arabians and she certainly knows that she is the queen at our farm! She is the best, most lovely broodmare you can imagine and she has blessed us with five beautiful fillies by Khidar. Sadly, we lost one a few years ago as a foal and one as a yearling, but we still have three daughters with us: Esskhija Bint Essteema, Essteena and Essdreama. We love them all and are so happy to have them with us as future broodmares.

For next year, Essteema (Essteem x Menascha) is in foal to our WH Justice son, Al Justice, with the hope that the combination will be as good as with Khidar!

We are blessed with many special champion horses at our farm that we have bred ourselves; Al Milan, Gold Champion Stallion at the International A Show in Wels and the bay Russian/Egyptian power-horse Marshan, both spring to mind. Both were very proudly presented by their best friend and handler, Simon. But the most special horse for us remains the Triple Crown winner plus, Essteema.

SM: Looking ahead, there is a special anniversary soon if I remember rightly...

SA: Yes! Reinhard bought his first Arabian horse in 1988, so in August 2013 we will celebrate our 25th anniversary of Sax Arabians! To mark the occasion, we will again have our Easter Saturday presentation on 30 March, and we are also planning a second open day in July. We don't know the date yet, but we will be sure to make it a show-free weekend!

More immediately, we wish for a very long and nice autumn and a short winter - not too cold - just a little bit of snow to give our fields a white blanket and look nice for the photographs.

Above all, we wish good health for the horses, our family and all the people and friends around us. And for a good start to the New Year and the new foaling season - we look forward to seeing what it brings.

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70 km nördlich der Landeshauptstadt München und nur 10 km entfernt von der Stadt Landshut. Ca. 50 Hektar Koppeln umgeben die stilvoll angelegte Gestütsanlage mit Wohngebäuden und großzügigen Stallungen für mehr als 100 Vollblutaraber, nahezu in Alleinlage und dennoch in erforderlicher und gewünschter Stadtnähe.

Reinhard Sax erfüllte sich einen Traum fürs Leben - eine Vollblutaraberherde - Schimmel, Braune, Fuchse und Rappen - auf weit angelegten Koppeln.

Seit 1988 züchtet Reinhard Sax nun Vollblutaraber höchster Qualität. Der Grundstock des Zuchtbetriebes basiert auf russischen Blutlinien, die in den letzten Jahren mehr und mehr, sehr erfolgreich, mit ägyptisch und spanisch gezogenen Vererbern, angepaart wurden.

Diese Änderung im Zuchtprogramm hatte den großen Vorteil für den Züchter, einen ganz anderen und neuen Blick in die "Arabische Pferdewelt" zu erhalten. Den größten Erfolg und die größte Freude für Reinhard Sax bisher, war die Stute ESSTEEMA, beschrieben in den Fachzeitschriften als Triple-Crown "Plus" Sieger und Araber des Jahres 1999 !

Spätestens mit der Geburt von ESSTEEMA wurde Reinhard Sax als Züchter, in die "Arabische Welt" mit aufgenommen.