

~ BREEDING STRAIGHT EGYPTIAN ARABIANS IN ITALY ~

AL MURAD STUD PART I

THE SIGLAWY JEDRAN IBN SUDAN FAMILY OF MAYSOUNA HALIMA

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When it comes to Arabian horse breeding today, the way horses are bred and marketed in the Gulf states sets the standard. In Western European countries such as Italy, resistance is growing. Italy has contributed to the preservation of Arabian horse breeding over the last century and they can now be found in many of the pedigrees of the champions in the Gulf.

Just as some Gallic villages successfully resisted Roman colonisation throughout Europe 2000 years ago, there are still small stud farms in Italy that breed successfully in the shadow of commercial shows. Italian breeders have a particular fondness for Straight Egyptian Arabians and are enthusiastic about the cultural and historical context of their horses. Their ideas are inspired by the flow of time in terms of beauty, health and originality.

One of these stud farms is **AL MURAD STUD**.

From Apulia, in the deep south of Italy, the Al Murad stud farm has made its way to the centre of Italy. Today, the Al Murad horses are held in the stables and pastures of the Tre Balzane stud farm in Umbria.

Arabian horses have fascinated dentist Maurizio Morra Greco since his childhood. As an international art collector and president of a museum in Naples (fondazionemorragreco.com), he developed a close relationship with these beautiful animals, which have made history like no other.

In 2015 Morra Greco started looking for suitable mares as the basis for his breeding programme.

The first one he chose for his starting point was a direct hit: MAYSOUNA HALIMA. She was born at Ponath Arabians in Germany. With her, he established his Siglawy Jedran Ibn Sudan family at the stud.





MAYSOUNA HALIMA
(Maysoun x Moufisa Al Kidir by Al Kidir)



MANSOUR AL MURAD
(Ansata Nile Echo x Maysouna Halima)

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Maysouna Halima gave him two high-quality fillies, which are now used as broodmares at Al Murad stud:

MAYFOUZA by El Thay Mahfouz and

ZAHAARA AL MURAD by Nabeel Al Rayyan.

WHO WAS MAYSOUNA HALIMA?

Her sire, MAYSOUN, was one of the three most famous sons of Ansata Halim Shah. Her dam, Maysouna, was bred by Dr Nagel, who had selected her specifically for breeding with Ansata Halim Shah. Maysoun has more than 300 registered foals, many are show winners and successful performance horses.

Her dam, **MOUFISA AL KIDIR**, was the daughter of the well-known stallion Al Kidir by THEEGYPTIANPRINCE out of AK KHATTAARA. Al Kidir was bred in the USA by the famous breeder Douglas B. Marshall, Gleannloch Farms, Texas. He was later imported to Germany and was owned by Ponath Arabian Stud. He distinguished himself as an outstanding type producer, which was probably also due to his beautiful dam AK Khattaara, who had famous offspring. She was imported from the USA to Italy and later sold to the Gulf region.



ZAHAARA AL MURAD
(Nabeel Al Rayyan x Maysouna Halima)



MAYFOUSA
(El Thay Mahfouz x Maysouna Halima)



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MANSOUR AL MURAD



ANSATA HALIM SHAH

ANSATA HEJAZI

ANSATA SUDARRA

ANSATA NILE ECHO

PRINCE FA MONIET

ANSATA WHITE NILE

ANSATA NILE GIFT

MANSOUR AL MURAD

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ANSATA HALIM SHAH

MAYSOUN

MAYSOUNA

MAYSOUNA HALIMA

AL KIDIR

MOUFISA AL KIDIR

MOUFISA HALIMA



MANSOUR AL MURAD WAS HER LEGACY TO THE BREEDING WORLD.

Before Maysouna Halima tragically passed away, she gave birth to an exceptional colt by famous Ansata Nile Echo. MANSOUR AL MURAD. He was to be her legacy to the breeding world, which was looking for a healthy and good-looking sire.

MANSOUR AL MURAD - not only has the genetic pool of his outstanding dam, but he is also the son of top producer ANSATA NILE ECHO, who through his sire Ansata Hejazi continues his successful dam line. Both grandsires are sons of Ansata Halim Shah.

The dam line of Ansata Nile Echo, the legendary 'Nile line', is probably the most successful line in the globalised Ansata breeding programme.

HOW CAN YOU RECOGNISE A GOOD BREEDING STALLION TODAY?

The stallion must be beautiful, perfect in type, conformation and functionality. And he must have a healthy, good character. All these characteristics can no longer be reliably assessed at a show or in competitive sport. That is why most purebred Egyptians have long since stayed away from Arabian shows.

Those who are sceptical about photos and video clips and do not have the opportunity to get to know the stallion in person, have a second chance to assess his qualities: they should look at his offspring.

At Tre Balzane Stud, the stallion Mansour Al Murad and his six beautiful fillies can be viewed.

His fresh semen is available at a fair price and is of very good quality. Thanks to a new generation of extenders, the fresh semen can be kept for several days and shipped throughout Europe.

THE DAUGHTERS OF MANSOUR AL MURAD



AMIRA AL MURAD
(Mansour Al Murad x Radalidaa)

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SAIDA AL MURAD
(Mansour Al Murad x Dhakira Halima)



SELMA AL MURAD
(Mansour Al Murad x Mufajaa Al Murad)



NAJYA AL MURAD
(Mansour Al Murad x El Thay Kaya)



NAYLA AL MURAD
by Jamil Al Rayyan

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