## KAMLA II "The Perfect One"

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> With the age of 22 years young, the snow white Kamla II has done her name justice, Kamla meaning "The Perfect One".

By now Kamla II, together with her daughters, produced Elite and Premium mares, besides several Champion stallions at the German stallion license and other national and international Arabian horse shows.

Cornelia Tauschke explains that during the early '80 she and her husband Hans-Joerg saw some Straight Egyptian Arabian horses with totally different type than they had seen before, while on visit to the stud farm of Mr. Peter Gross. "We



Kamla II, as a new born baby (Ansata Halim Shah / Mona III)

were most impressed by the three youngsters named Mahameh, Machmut and Melek, all sired by Ibrahim. Further we learned that they all traced back to the Moheba – Halima line, which added the topping. It was absolutely clear to us: we wanted horses like this for our own breeding program at El Thayeba Stud in Grossenkneten near Bremen.

At first it was impossible to buy or lease a mare from this breeding, but finally we were able to buy the colt Masoud (Ibrahim x Mona III), a full brother to Mahameh from Count Inn und zu Knyphausen who originally imported the foundation mare Moheba (Sid Abouhom x Halima) from Egyptian state stud El Zahraa. With only two years of age Masoud became reserve champion stallion at the stallion license in Darmstadt/Kranichstein. Over the years Masoud sired us two licensed stallions, El Thay Anas and Asam (later KEN Asam) who was the first but not



Kamla II, in old age

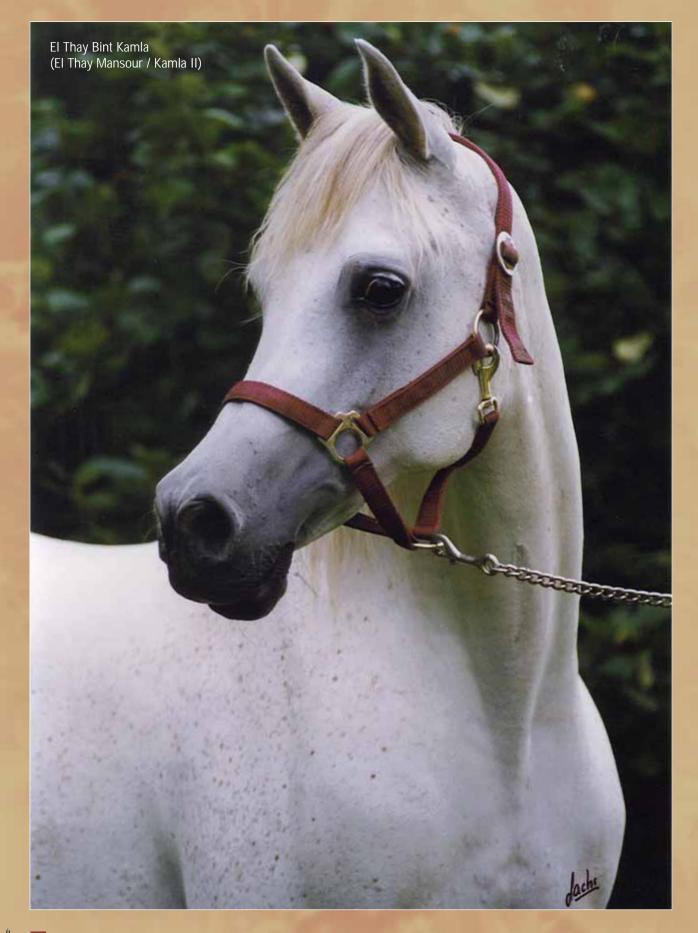
the last overall champion stallion at the German stallion license which we bred. Further he sired two show winning mares, El Thay Tiffany and El Thay Tifla (both out of Tamara)."

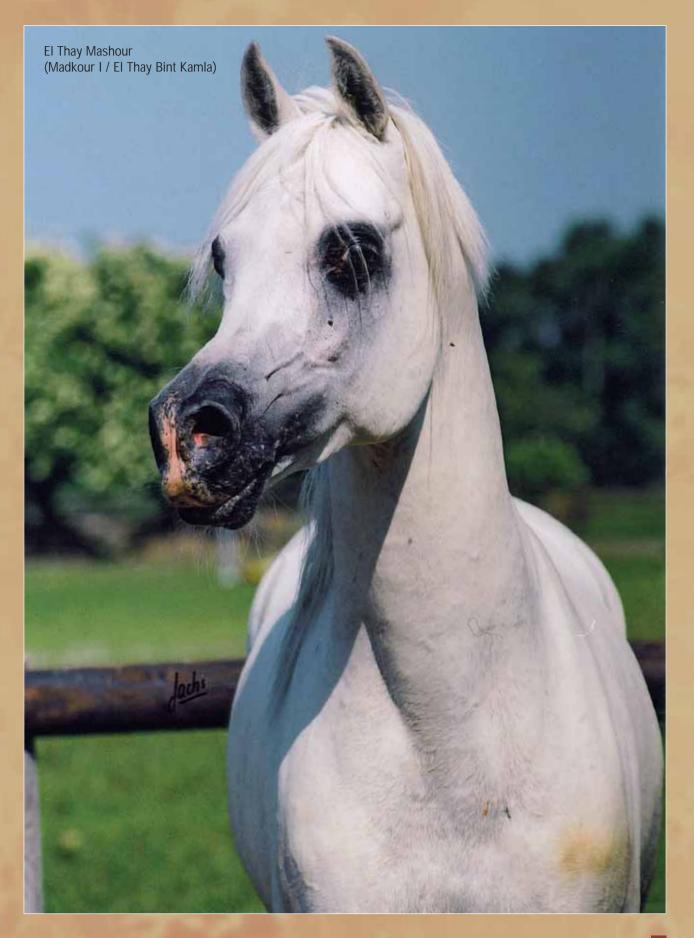
When Ansata Halim Shah came on lease to Germany in 1984, the Tauschke's realized they had to grab their chances! Luck was on their side when they were able to lease two mares out of the Moheba family, Mona III (Hadban Enzahi x Moheba II) and her daughter Mahameh from the Gross family.

Ansata Halim Shah (Ansata Ibn Halima x Ansata Rosetta) needs no introduction; very few stallions revolutionized with the same impact the straight Egyptian breed in Germany and far around the corners of the world.

Mona III was from royal decent! Her charming flea bitten grey dam Moheba II (Ghazal x Malacha) produced 13 foals, amongst them Moneef (chief sire at Marbach) and Madkour I (chief sire at the Ismer Stud). Moheba II was as a sibling to the profound Malikah, a mare who founded her own dynasty for the Filsinger family. Today champions and champion producers like Ansata Majesta, Ansata Malaha and their full-sisters continue her legacy.

Although Mona III may not have had the same charm and aura as her mother, she proved to be an excellent producer. Her first baby, Mahameh, was at that time becoming a







foundation mare for the Gross' breeding program. "Under our lease Mahameh was bred to Ansata Halim Shah and produced the Premium and Elite stallion named El Thay Ibn Halim Shah. El Thay Ibn Halim Shah was not only a show winner and produced champion offspring now spread all over the world, he was also very successful at the racetrack, where he passed the German stallion performance test with a 1st premium." Quoting Judi Forbis, breeder and owner of Ansata Halim Shah: "El Thay Ibn Halim Shah was one of Ansata Halim Shah's finest sons and the most 'look a like' his sire. A great unfortunate has happened by his young passing."

But Mona III did still more. Bred to Ansata Halim Shah she produced Kamla II! "When Kamla II was born we could not believe our eyes", says Cornelia Tauschke, clearly remembering the moment. "She was all we had hoped and dreamed for: An extreme head and refined overall features. We had hoped for a filly but received so much more, one of our finest days ever.

We named her Kamla II in memory of her great grand dam Kamla. I must say, this must sound a bid weird as she comes from the Moheba – Halima family and has several crosses to Halima, Bukra and Moniet El Nefous but only one to Kamla. However we choose this name for practical reasons! We already had an M-family at stud with the Mona II – Moniet El Nefous family, so we decided to change. This instant it seems a good choice as Kamla II has really fulfilled the meaning of her name: The Perfect One." Given her breeding record this can be little doubted.

So far Kamla II produced 15 foals, 9 fillies and 6 colts. They are maybe not the tallest but they are all type, fertile



and have gentle characters. Even the stallions are easily handled and ridden. That's probably the reason why they are not perfect show horses, nevertheless at home where they feel king they show as the best.

At first Kamla II was bred five times to her half brother El Thay Mansour (Ansata Halim Shah x Maheera -Mona II – Mahiba – Moniet El Nefous). He is a Premium and Elite stallion who – like his half brother El Thay Ibn Halim Shah – had also very successfully passed the German stallion performance test at the race track. He also was shown with great results and crowned his show career with the title Reserve Champion stallion at the All Nations Cup in Aachen. There were two reasons for this combination, Cornelia explains: "It was a superb line breeding to Ansata Halim Shah with different dam lines. In addition, with Maheera, a bay mare, we were counting on better pigmentation. Also Maheera was a taller horse with longer legs than Kamla II. All of the five

produce from this combination turned out with good pigmentation and more seize than Kamla II.

It's a shame that El Thay Mansour was not used more by the German breeders, I myself could not use him on a large scale as he's too close bred to my stock. Beside other mares I did use him with El Thay Bint Mofeedah (El Thay Ibn Halim Shah x Mofeedah) who recently was awarded with the title 'Elite mare'. Out of this combination came a very good colt named El Thay Moufid. He got a silver medal at the German stallion show and stands now at stud in Egypt at Al Amin Stud. El Thay Mansour was later sold to the prestigious ZT stud from Count Federico Zichy Thyssen in Argentina, nowadays he resides in Jordan."

The combination of El Thay Mansour with Kamla II brought unfortunately only one filly: El Thay Bint Kamla. Type wise she was more towards El Thay Mansour and did not produce as consistent as her mother. In total El Thay Bint Kamla produced 11 foals, 3 colts and 8 fillies until her unfortunate passing in



2006 as one of Mohammed Al Marzouk's broodmares at his prestigious Ajmal Arabian Stud in Kuwait where she left a very elegant filly by Ashhal Al Rayyan named Ajmal Kamar. She had a difficult start because of the early loss of her dam, but she developed well and inshallah may become a nice broodmare for Ajmal Arabian Stud. Among her other foals are two premium mares, both by El Thay Ibn Halim Shah: El Thay Maymouna and El Thay Menha.

El Thay Mamouna stayed in Germany with Gabriele Schuster and Dr. Ferdinand Denzingers Nedschd Arabian Stud. She was until now covered 4 times producing babies by Ansata Selman and Maydan-Madheen. One of them, Nedschd Mansour by Maydan-Madheen just won the junior championship at the Egyptian Europe Cup in Frankfurt. El Thay Menha was sold to the newly set up Al Waab Stud in Qatar and produced this year a special filly by Safir Al Rayyan.



El Thay Bint Kamla also had a lovely filly by Ansata Selman in 2003, when he was on lease to Cornelia Tauschke. She was named El Thay Rayyana and developed into a very elegant and showy young mare with great movement. Her home is at Al Jazira Arabian Stud of the dedicated breeder Talal Al Mehri, Kuwait

El Thay Mashour by Madkour I x El Thay Bint Kamla was one of El Thay Bint Kamla's best sons and used at stud before being sold as a sire to Al Rayyan Farm in Qatar. He won the German stallion license, was Champion stallion at the European Egyptian Event, Reserve Champion stallion at the Asil Cup in Marbach and German National Champion. Now in Qatar he won already the Reserve National Champion title and he also won his class at the International show. Beside his successes in the show ring he is a wonderful riding horse and sired exceptionally for El Thayeba Stud.

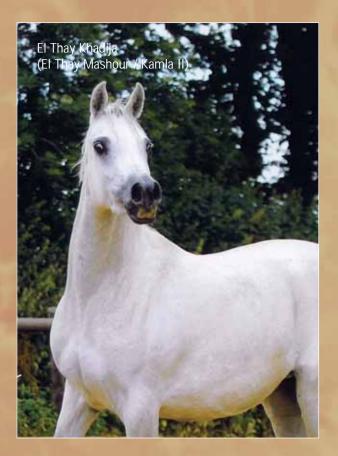
"Beside the outstanding match with his grand dam he worked very well with the Elite mare El Thay Bint Mofeedah, before she went to Ajmal Arbian Stud in Kuwait. The premium mare El Thay Mashoura was the beautiful result from this combination. She was sold to Mohssen Al Gabry, Egypt, but delivered a spectacular filly by Ansata Selman named El Thay Malikah for El Thayba", explains Cornelia Tauschke. "I will keep her as a future breeding prospect. As a just weaned foal she was shown by me at the International B-show at Stroehen, Germany and was crowned as the Reserve Foal Champion."

El Thay Sherifa El Dine by Salaa El Dine x El Thay Bint Kamla is another nice daughter. Her full brother El Thay Sharaf El Dine stayed in Germany while she moved on to Al Khaled Farm in Egypt, where she meanwhile produced a fine bold moving colt by Ansata Selman for Sheikh Khaled Bagedo.

From the four colts that Kamla II produced with El Thay Mansour, the best known is El Thay Khemal Pasha. With his large black eyes, refined pointy ears, good seize, well arched neck and steaming movement he impresses today the visitors at Al Khaled Farm in Egypt, were he's being used as one of the leading sires. El Thay Khemal Pasha won the stallion license in 1995, his brother El Thay Said Pasha was a premium winner and another brother, El Thay Ali Pasha was a silver award winner before being sold to Egypt, were he is used as a sire at the Al Amin Stud.







"After having used El Thay Mansour five times I wanted to change and opted to use El Thay Ibn Halim Shah. I basically wanted to strengthen the Moheba- blood. The result was a filly named El Thay Rosetta. She gave me three babies before I sold her to Al Waab Stud in Qatar. They shipped her in foal to Salaa El Dine and a type colt named Soufian Al Waab was her first born at the farm."

Cornelia Tauschke was always thinking about the combination Madkour I with Kamla II but felt it was too risky. "After a serious consideration I thought it would be interesting to use her grandson El Thay Mashour (Madkour I x El Thay Bint Kamla) on Kamla II. The first result from this combination was a big BINGO! A splendid filly was born, extreme in the head, delicate refinement and a glorious feminine expression. I named her in honor of her dam El Thay Kamla. As a 3 years old this filly won the German National Championships and the Junior Filly Championships at the Egyptian Event in Tilburg / The Netherlands as well as the Junior Filly Championships at the Egyptian Event Europe in Germany.

As the start off was so marvelous, I made this combination another five times and got two colts and three more fillies. One of the colts, El Thay Ikhnatoon, was sold to Mustafa Omar, Ikhnatoon Stud in Egypt who uses him as a sire for his breeding program. The other one, El Thay Kalil, I kept. He is now two years old. Like all young colts he might be going through a stage but his type is coming through.

From the three extra fillies I only sold one, El Thay Khalila. She went to Sakr Arabian Stud in Egypt, owned by the well know breeder Mr. Omar Sakr. El Thay Khalila has primed in Egypt and is admired by the many visitors of Sakr Arabian Stud."

The two others, El Thay Khadija and El Thay Kamila were kept at El Thayeba Stud and happily grace the pastures together with the older sister El Thay Kamla. These are the mares she predicts who will shape the future generations at the farm.

A true breeder should keep always his / her eyes open, so did Cornelia. For long she was looking for a stallion to give an extra cross on her now gathered Kamla II daughters and grand daughters. Goose bumps of excitement jumped up from her skin when she saw Ansata Selman at Al Rayyan Farm. Proud he stood with his well set, long, upright neck and classic type, in movements he shows great lift and forward motion. All treads she wanted to ad to her own program. Pedigree wise he couldn't be more desirable explains Cornelia: His dam G. Shafaria (Prince Fa Moniet x Ansata Sharifa) is one of Rayyan's finest broodmares and of a grand background. In dam line G.Shafria traces back to Ansata Bint Bukra via Ansata Samantha, two of Ansata's most influential broodmares. Nice to ad is that also Ansata Rosetta. mother of Ansata Halim Shah. is a daughter of Ansata Bint Bukra. Ansata Selman's sire, Ansata Hejazi (Ansata Halim Shah x Ansata Sudarra), the king of Ajmal Arabian Stud, represents the same family. Ansata Hejazi is one of the most influential sires in Straight Egyptian breeding all around the globe and an impressive wonderful horse to watch.

"I was lucky that Sheikh Abdul Aziz has great admiration for my breeding program and has visited me several times. A deal was struck quite quickly! Ansata Selman came to Germany in 2002 and captured his premium at the stallion license. Breeding could commence. From the first foals born I was proven right with Ansata Selman. For four years till he was sold last year back to Qatar (Al Waab Stud) I had excellent foal crops, not just with my mares but also for the outside mares. This year my last babies by El Thay Maymounah (EL Thay Ibn Halim Shah / El Thay Bint Kamla) owner Mrs. Schuster, Germany



him were born, but luckily I kept frozen semen as well."

Ansata Selman was bred twice to Kamla II and had sired fillies, El Thay Karubi and El Thay Kamriah. El Thay

Karubi is now established at Ajmal Arabian Stud in Kuwait. El Thay Kamriah, born in 2006, will be kept at El Thayeba. So far she has been the last baby from Kamla II.

"El Thay Kamla produced as well wonderfully with Ansata Selman, one colt and two fillies were born from this combination. The colt of excellent quality, El Thay Kamil, was sold to Mr. Omar Sakr of Sakr Arabian Stud in Egypt and will hopefully soon prove himself to be a good sire. The two fillies: El Thay Khediva born last year and El Thay Kareema now a few months old are absolutely wonderful and my intension is to keep them and watch them growing up.

El Thay Khadija produced last year a gorgeous stretchy big eyed filly which is named El Thay Khalifa. This year she has a very good and promising colt that we are equally happy with."

So the years have passed and Kamla II has grown older and became many times over a successful mother, grand mother and great grand mother. When you see the look of Cornelia watching her 'Queen of the barn' today, you know that there is true friendship, love and admiration. But more important then all that is one thing that makes the previously named special: There is believe, believe in a mare that was bred and hoped for and that ultimately gave so much more. Like her name says: just "PERFECT".  $\Box$ 

