



ANSATA MERYTA

THE FAMILY OF ANSATA MERYTA AT BAIT AL ARAB

■ by Bait El Arab

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Of the Dahman Shahwan strain tracing back to El Dahma DB, there are two major families: that of Obeya with the main branches of Layla and Bukra, and that of Farida with the main branches of Bint Farida and Halima. Though it was the Bint Farida branch that continued the family at El Zahraa in Egypt, it is the Halima family that has the greater significance on a global scale.

Halima was foaled in 1944 at the Royal Agricultural Society's stud in Egypt. She was by Sheikh El Arab, who was himself a Dahman Shahwan of the Obeya family. Her dam Ragia was a daughter of Ibn Rabdan out of Farida, who traced back in three generations to Ali Pasha Sherif's original desertbred El Dahma. Her son, the legendary Ansata Ibn Halima by Nazeer

founded his own worldwide dynasty in the USA. Her daughter Moheba by Sid Abouhom became a mare of central importance to worldwide straight Egyptian breeding. In 1955, she was sold to Germany in foal and delivered a filly named Malacha by El Sareei. Her greatest contribution to the breed were two full sisters sired by Ghazal (Nazeer x Bukra), himself a Dahman Shahwan: Moheba II, foaled in 1960, and Malikah, foaled in 1962.

Malikah had a huge influence to the breed. Her daughter Maymoonah by Hadban Enzahi was exclusively bred to the Morafic son Madkour, who was also a Dahman Shahwan, but from a different family. One of the most successful daughters was JKB Masouda who went to Jean Kayser's stud farm in Luxemburg and later to Ansata



MARWAN ELKUWAIT

Arabian Stud. Her two most important daughters were Ansata Malika by Jamil and Ansata Meryta by Ansata Halim Shah, Ansata Meryta was sold to the State Stud of Kuwait, the Arabian Horse Center – Bait Al Arab (imported in 1999) where she became very influential through her daughters Mzoon Elkuwait and Manar Elkuwait, both by Shabin.

The two full sisters were different in type and conformation but produced excellent foals especially when bred to Ansata Hejazi. Mzoon Elkuwait had two daughters by him, Mesk Elkuwait and Maha Elkuwait. Manar had one daughter by Ansata Hejazi named Mayyasah Elkuwait. Mesk and Mayyasah are continuing the legacy of the 'Meryta Family' and the following foals were kept so far at Bait Al Arab:

Mesk Elkuwait, grey, born 2004, by Ansata Hejazi x Mzoon Elkuwait by Shabin

- *Madinah Elkuwait, grey, born Dec.2016, by Mishaal HP*
- *Maramie Elkuwait, grey, born Oct.2014, by Ajmal Ashbal*
- *Marwan Elkuwait, grey stallion, born 2013, by Ajmal Al Kout*
- *May Elkuwait, grey, born 2009, by Ansata Osiron*
- *Bint May Elkuwait, grey, born Jan.2018, by Marwan Elkuwait*
- *Mashael Elkuwait, grey, born Nov.2016, by Ghazal Elkuwait*
- *Mahibah Elkuwait, grey, born April 2014, by Ajmal Al Kout*



MAHA ELKUWAIT, MAYYASAH ELKUWAIT, MESK ELKUWAIT



MADINAH
ELKUWAIT

MAHA ELKUWAIT



MASHAEL ELKUWAIT



MARIYAM ELKUWAIT

- *She will be bred to Ajmal Juman by Adnan and Ali Jamila by Ruminaja Ali*
Mesk's son Marwan Elkuwait by Ajmal Al Kout is on his way to make himself a name as a good stallion. His first offspring are very promising.

Mayyasah Elkuwait, grey, born 2008, by Ansata Hejazi x Manar Elkuwait by Shabin

- *Manayer Elkuwait, grey, born Jan.2017, by Ghazal Elkuwait*
- *Maysa Elkuwait, grey, born Nov.2012, by Ajmal Ashhal*
- *She will be bred to Ajmal Tameen by Ansata Hejazi*
- *Mayyasah has a half sister named Mariyam Elkuwait, grey, born Nov.2013, by Ajmal Ashhal. Mariyam is in foal to Ajmal Tameen by Ansata Hejazi.*

The Halima - Moheba family – also known as the “M family” occupies a very special place in Egyptian breeding in Kuwait and also in Germany. Its members are said to possess a certain charm and exotic type that is very distinctive and recognisable. Blending together the two branches of the El Dahma family, that of Bukra and that of Halima, has produced some of the finest straight Egyptian Arabians in the world today. Watch out for the representatives of this family during the Stud Visit Tour.