

First Foal Crop of Hassan Ashiraf on the ground in Poland

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Our fascination for Arabian horses is strong enough to master the troubles of breeding and spirited enough to get exulted by the ephemeral beauty and charisma of Arabian horses. They let us affirmate our life. This was a life motto for Alicja Najmowicz, a Polish breeder while starting her stud farm located in Southern Poland between famous Michalow State Stud and tremendous touristic region of Poland – Cracow. Did her breeding goal and her motto change with another horses being born and purchased and what are the first effects of using Italian-leased stallion Hassan Ashiraf on Polish mares when leased to her Nana Arabians stud?



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Tutto Arabi: What was your ideal Arabian horse to breed when you were starting your breeding and did this vision change in time?

Alicja Najmowicz: My main goal was always a beautiful show horse that you can enjoy to be watched also on your pastures but knowing that this is an effect of your concept. At the beginning I was very emotional in my choices but the first foal born, Nana, purchased in utero became Polish National Junior Champion Filly Private Bred in Bialka. This inspired me to make the fascination a breeding work. At the beginning every horse was like a pet, family member but of course while the herd was growing I had to start selecting and the vision had to be precisised.

TA: Your last lease of Hassan Ashiraf to Poland made your farm famous not only in your country but also abroad. Now we have second Hassan's foal crop on the ground but the first one out of Polish mares. Can you tell us what was your goal while leasing this stallion and did you reach it seeing the foals?

AN: The goal of this lease was mostly to use Hassan on my own mares representing 4 different female lines and I wanted to check with which one his blood will cross the best.

TA: And how did it work when you observe the first foals?

AN: So far the best results I have with my Kurozweki State Stud bred „H” line representing Mlecha d.b. Strain. Hina by Gabaryt and Harika



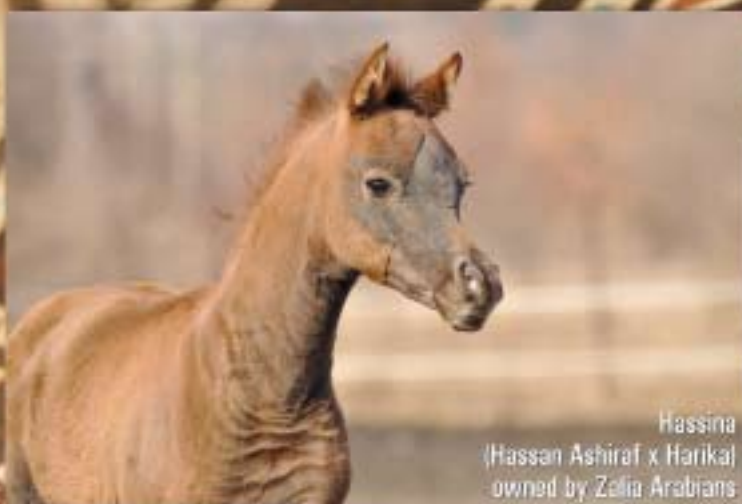
Harika
(Ekstern x Hina)



Hina
(Gabaryt x Hulanka)



Alicja Najmowicz with Hassan Ashiraf
(Amir Ashiraf x CO Pashmira)



Hassina
(Hassan Ashiraf x Harika)
owned by Zelia Arabians



Hiacynt
(Hassan Ashiraf x Hina)

by Ekstern produced their excellent foals and Halala by Al Maraam, as well as two mares from this line sold abroad – Hawanah by Etnodrons Psyche in Romania and Hanah by Poganin – in Iranu are also awaiting Hassan foals. Interesting is that comparing the foals out of Russian blood mares – as out Nautica, granddaughter of Gips, and out of pure Polish mares I can say that since Hassan foals out of Russian blood are better then their dams but those foals out of Pure Polish mares are very much sire-like. I hope this will also be a clue for other breeders who plan to use Hassan – to try him on Polish mares!

TA: So how you can describe Hassan as a sire – what features he passes to his offspring?

AN: Briefly – he passes all the best features of his

grandsire – WH Justice, without passing his faults. Those best features are beautiful heads nicely set, with wide forehead and beautiful black eye of Pashmira – Hassan's dam, with nicely cisseled ears and „tea-cup“ like muzzles. I also need to mention that even small mares give birth to big foals when bred to Hassan. For example all foals out of our Hina they could always walk under their mom's belly when they were born, now we have Hassan colt for whom it would be impossible!

TA: Which Hassan foals born so far are your favorite?

AN: From my own for sure the colt named Hiacynt out of Hina by Gabaryt. He has beautiful face, good conformation and he is very happy foal, a pet of the barn. The colt out of Fragaria



Hassan Ashiraf
(Amir Ashiraf x CD Pashmira)



Fragaria
(Gaspar x Farsala)



colt (Hassan Ashiraf x Fragaria)

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by Gaspar is very correct, strong on good legs and with good proportions. I like the fronts of all foals.

TA: Are there any other interesting Hassan foal expected this year – in your stud or outside?

AN: What I observed it that Ekstern daughters are almost „sure” to be great producers with Hassan. Good example is excellent fillies born at Mr Krzysztof Piwowarski stud in Poland or one of the best I ever saw – the filly Hassina at Zalia Arabians. Both dams are Ekstern daughters, Hassina is out of our home bred Harika from „H” line that we sold to Zalia Arabians. There are still very interesting mares expecting foals by Hassan in Poland – Monalisiana by Monogramm at our stud, the daughters of Piliń Psyche (at Stanfied Arabians), Egeria by Poganin at Podlesie

Arabians, the daughters of Wojsław, Piaff, Gazal Al Shaqab and the mentioned mares sold to Iran and Romania – Poganin and Etnodrons Psyche (Padrons Psyche) daughters. I also leased one mare in Poland to be bred to Hassan – it is Centra by Eldon, representing valuable Kurozweki Stud line, and proven dam of show offsprings.

TA: Do you also plan to repeat some combinations?

AN: I already started. First mares who produced good Hassan foals already are just now covered again. For sure I will repeat the „H” line mares like Hina or pretty young Hayah by Poganin.

TA: At the end of last season you purchased some very interesting mares from famous lines.



Yasira (Al Maraam x Nana)
on lease to
Azienda Agricola Roncaccio, IT



Nautica
(Psytadel x Nesst'ka Bint Nessa)



Nana
(Fawor x Nejtyezanka)



Neva
(Hassan Ashiraf x Nautica)



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Can you tell more about them?

AN: I purchased Pantera from Michalów Stud. She has excellent pedigree – daughter of Ekstern and Pampa who is by Gazal Al Shaqab out of famous Palestyna by Monogramm. It is young mare but maybe at the end of this season I will breed her to Hassan. I also purchased Diaspora by Ganges. She already produced great show filly Diara – 2011 Polish National Reserve Champion Mare, she will be bred to Kahil Al Shaqab that we have now standing in Poland. One year earlier I bought Fragaria, also great pedigree as she is granddaughter of Laheeb and Fallada by Monogramm. She already produced good foal by Hassan and maybe we will repeat it. These purchases were to enlarge my dam lines collection with Ukrainka and Gazella d.b. lines and with well proven show pedigrees.

TA: There will be also one foal born for Italy at your stud...

AN: Yes, out of Nasra who is by Al Maraam and out of our foundation mare Nana. Urszula Bialobok from Michalów Stud while visiting our stud and inspecting mares she said that Nasra represents excellent type and can be great dam while crossed with good stallion. Now she is on lease to Italian stud Azienda Agricola Roncaccio expecting foal by their Fluke who is full brother to Amir Ashiraf – sire of Hassan. The foal is expected in May and it will be a good proof for Nasra as well as her mother line of Nana how they can cross with Hassan Ashiraf family.

TA: So fingers crossed!