

# DREAMS COMING TRUE

# ZALIA ARABIANS

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Parnassus ( Ajman Moniscione (IT) x Poruta (PL) )

**T**utto Arabi: First of all – congratulations on the great success, your home bred colt of exceptional pedigree, Primero Marc by QR Marc out of beautiful Monogram mare – Poruta, being on lease as first Polish bred and owned stallion to Brazil just had his debut conquering the ring and beating all competitors on his first show ever. How does it feel for the breeder, especially such young one as you still are?

**Katarzyna Dolińska-Witkowska:** Thank you. Its fantastic feeling for young breeder. Primero brought a very positive surprise to us although we believed in him since he was born. While purchasing his dam, Poruta I trusted with all my heart that she will fulfill my breeding expectations and she didn't fail. I am very proud of Primero and his exceptional debut.

**TA:** What were your expectations when you were signing the lease agreement to Brazil and do they come true as well?

**KDW:** First of all we wanted to present Primero to the world, starting from South America. Then the opportunity came across the way with leasing offer from Brazil and so we decided to send him over there for few seasons. It is also a great promotion to

our stud that is still young with its history. We are first Polish private breeders that leased Arabian horse to Brazil and we do hope that Primero will also prove the quality of his pedigree on Brazilian mares.

**TA:** What other plans and dreams you have regarding Primero Marc? Looking at your stud, Zalia Arabians as well as Primero's own Facebook profiles his group of fans is already huge. Did his success effected in an interest in his breedings so far or in sales offers?

**KDW:** We are looking forward to his come back from Brazil. Once he is back in Europe we are planning to send Primero Marc to professional training center on this side of the Ocean and present him on the European show stage. Yes, we got some sales offers for him already but we refused it by now. We are also receiving the requests for breedings – he will be available when he is back to Europe.

**TA:** We know that the beautiful mother of Primero, being one of the most exotic looking Monogram mares ever bred was one of your first broodmares. Can you tell us how did you manage to acquire such a treasure?





Primero Marc ( QR Marc (US) x Poruta (PL) )  
On lease to Haras Engenho, Brazil  
2012 ExpoGrande Arabian Horse Show Unanimous Colt Champion,  
Unanimous class winner & Most Classic Head



**KDW:** The former owner of Poruta purchased her from Michałów State Stud as a weanling filly. Looking through the famous book „Arabian Horse Farms in Poland” by Wojciech Kwiatkowski I found her picture. I remember how this photo impressed me and I thought it must be a dream horse to have but I knew she was not for sale. One year later a chance appeared as her owner decided to quit breeding. I called him immediately when I found out Poruta is in the gopup of sale horses. We made appointment to see the mare but I already knew I go to buy her and I wo'nt get back without that horse. Poruta happened to be a real treasure, that once in a life time horse.

**TA:** She recently left on lease to Francem what is a purpose of that deal?

**KDW:** We started cooperation with Titanium Arabians from France. It is also young stud farm basen on Pure Polish mares and runned by our good friend. We are looking forward for the exceptional result of that lease that will hopefully appear in one year....

**TA:** Hopefully before her leaving to France Poruta has left

some Primero's siblings at your stud. Can you tell more about these horses?

**KDW:** One year after Primero Marc was born, in 2010 we hot Ajman Moniscione colt named Parnassus. He is very different in type from Primero Marc, chestnut, extremely handsome and very sire-like. We are looking forward to use him on some of our mares as well as we already have some of his breedings sold for 2013.

**TA:** And which of your horses we will have a chance to see at the shows this year? We know that your stud, as one of very few in Poland has a colt by Triplecrowned Abha Qatar....

**KDW:** Indeed we have Abha Qatar colt named Primanus Qatar. We plan to show him in Poland this season first and we will see what will be judges opinion on him and then we will plan his further future.

**TA:** Your farm is quite small as to the quantity but the quality of the mares you collected is surely awesome. Can you tell what are right now your most valuable broodmares, what lines they represent and due to which stallions they are currently?





2012 colt  
Valerio Ibn Eternity x Entia



2012 filly  
Camira of Justice  
(WH Justice x Czaparall)

**KDW:** We try to keep low quantity but high quality of horses. Our main broodmares represent Polish main female lines of Szamrajówka, Gazela db., Milordka, Scherife db., Mlecha db. The pride of the barns are for sure two Monogramm mares: Poruta mentioned above and Czaparall. Czaparall is very refined mare of floating movements beautiful eye and great neck. Her pedigree is also interesting as her dam is by the stallion Gondolier (Palas – Gonagra/Negatiw), 1980 Polish National Champion, 1980 European Champion and 1982 World Champion. He was not widely used in Polish breeding but after his sale to the USA in the '80-ties his blood returned to Poland with our purchase of Czaparall! Another valuable broodmare at stud is the daughter of Triplecrowned Ekstern – Pogoria. She represents the same female line as Poruta. Pogoria is also a dam of Primanus Qatar, Abha Qatar colt mentioned above and very interesting 2012 filly by Valerio Ibn Eternity. Our newest addition to the stud is promising broodmare by Gazal Al Shaqab – Asamoa. She represents excellent damline of Algeria bred in Janów Podlaski. Each of 18 foals of Algeria made the tribute to the world's breeding just to mention her daughter – Algebra (by Ellorus), sold at Polish Ovation Sale in USA (1985) for 700 000\$. In the same year Algeria's son Algierczyk (by Engano) was sold at Polish Prestige sale to USA for 310 000\$.

The most valuable Algeria daughters in Poland were Albigowa (by Fawor), dam of 8 daughters, those sired by Eukaliptus: Amba, Altona (dam of Altamira and Alabama) and Polish National Junior Champion Filly and Best in Show – Amra were sold at Pride of Poland sales for 605 000 Euro in total! The last son of Algeria - Albedo (by Piaff) began successful breeding career last season and now we saw first good foals by him at Michałów Stud. Another great daughter of Algeria that I want to mention here was Algora by Probat, very good broodmate at Janów Podlaski who produced two chief sires: Polish National Reserve Champion Colt Askan and Senior Champion Stallion at the Autumn Show in Janów Podlaski - Alvaro (both by Eukaliptus). It is Algora herself who is a mother of Asamoa, the daughter of World Champion Gazal Al Shaqab, a mare with fantastic huge eyes and swan neck. We hope she will continue the line of champions at our stud. We also have a few mares of very interesting and famous pedigrees that have just started their breeding career: Karla (Galba x Karolina by Laheeb), Entia (Psytadel x Enona by Fawor) or El Diara (Gaspar x Epikasja by Werbum) we are very curious about their future produce.

So far we are very happy with our recent foals but the foaling season is still running at our farm. By now we already got foals





**Owners & breeders:**  
Katarzyna Dolińska-Witkowska and  
Robert Witkowski with Pogoria  
( Ekstern (PL) - Promocja (PL) )

Evolett (Ajman Moniscione (IT) - Erica (PL) )



by Valerio Ibn Eternity, WH Justice, Hassan Ashiraf, Amir Ashiraf, Kabszta and Alert. For sure we can not keep all of them so the final decisions about the sales we will make in the autumn. It's always very difficult. Last year we had Valerio Ibn Eternity on lease to our stud. This stallion represents excellent Arabian type with very good movements and with interesting pedigree. We used him on 4 of our mares. We are very happy with his foals and for sure two of them we want to keep at stud. This year we have one of the prettiest, masculine, correct and typey sons of Marajj – LA Nadeshnij. I was very happy to have him for 2012 breeding season from Lasahr Arabians. He was not so widely used in Europe but due to his type, conformation and interesting pedigree we decided to give him a chance at our stud adding the valuable blood of his sire Marajj to our mares.

**TA:** Do you still have any plans to enlarge your stud with some new mares or stallions?

**KDW:** As to the stallions we don't plan to lease or buy them. We already have very good home bred stallions and we want to give them a chance to prove their abilities in the future. Next year Parnassus will debut. Our broodmares band is complete already

but there are always plans to buy new ones. We would love to enlarge our herd with 2-3 Straight Egyptian mares. But it's still a further future...

**TA:** Your farm is a kind of phenomenon and a good example for many others in Poland and abroad as you are always selling all the horses you want almost immediately once they are put on sale. Very often breeders must face the answer that there is nothing else left for sale! How would you explain this phenomenon? What is the key to this success on the market?

**KDW:** I'm glad that the clients like our horses. We keep in touch with most of the people who decided to buy a horse from us, it's nice to hear and see how the horses develop. There is no recipe for successful sales especially that the horse market nowadays is overcrowded and tough and you need to involve a lot of own work to promote your horse and satisfy the potential clients with lots of good photos and videos. And the success is never guaranteed but when it comes it's so satisfying.



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