RUSSIAN STALLIONS
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The Russian Arabian stallion is the product of many different bloodlines skillfully blended over several generations by the horsemen of Tersk. The result is a horse of above average conformation and athletic ability with the genetic potential to pass on his best qualities to his foals. And despite the fact that Russian Arabians were only accepted for registration in this country seven years ago, Russian stallions have already had a considerable impact on the breed in this country.

On the following pages, 38 Russian-bred Arabian stallions are presented with a brief summary of their accomplishments as sires. For this feature, we asked stallion owners to send a list of their stallion’s 1985 book so that we could analyze the variety of bloodlines being brought to Russian stallions. We also asked that they name the three mares who they felt would produce the best foals when bred to their stallion this year, and the three best foals he has already sired. From this information, we hope to provide an overview of the success of Russian Arabian stallions in the breeding shed, with an idea of the future for these stallions’ offspring.

*ABDULLAHHH
(Patron x Psikhe by Arax)
Owned by Dan and Maureen Grossman, Stone Ridge Arabians, Bloomington, IN, and standing at Windy Meadow Farm, L'Esprit, KY.

The Grossmans, who own 11 purebred Arabians, purchased *Abdullahh for $3.2 million at the 1984 Lastra Star Stallion Auction in Kentucky. He has sired 47 foals in the U.S., and approximately 119 abroad, nine of which have been imported into the U.S. His daughter *Petsjora (x Kama) was named 1983 Region 15 Reserve Champion Mare; *Sandor (x Siniora) has won two senior and four junior championships in stallion halter; and Amal (x Naomi) was named World Champion Stallion at the 1984 Salon du Cheval in Paris, a title that his sire won in 1981.

In 1986, 40 mares are due to foal to *Abdullahhh, including nine mares of Russian bloodlines, by the stallions Aswan, Nil, Antey, *Podsnejnik, *Namiet, Mag and *Muslin. He also bred 1985 Canadian National Top Ten Mare *Melody and 1971 U.S. National Reserve Champion Mare Gioia, as well as daughters of *Bask, Cognac and Tornado.

“Like many stallions, *Abdullahhh sires good foals; but unlike many other stallions, he also has the ability to sire the one-of-a-kind superstar,” say the Grossmans. “He gives his foals beautiful heads, large eyes, laid-back shoulders, an upright neck, straight legs, good tail carriage, and well-balanced bodies. He adds refinement to even the finest of mares.”

*BALTIC
(Aswan x *Poznan by Nabeg)
Owned by John and Susan O’Brien and standing at Sand spur, Scottsdale, AZ.

“Sandspur owns mares of each of the major sire lines in modern Russian breeding,” says John O’Brien. “We feel that *Baltic reinforces all of the mares’ important characteristics, and improves a broad range of pedigree types. He possesses the extreme type and expression of his sire Aswan, plus the strength of structure and athletic ability of his maternal grandsire Arax. *Baltic is three years old and his first two foals, a filly and colt owned by Sandspur, both look just like their sire.”

*Baltic was bred in 1985 to twelve mares, five of which were bred by embryo transfer. His book included four *Padron daughters: Bint Pustinia (x *Pustinia by *Salon), Polenova (x *Pesenka by *Salon), Anastazja MBF (x Play Anneys Song by *Bask), and Beluga (x Barasche by SX Saladin).

*EL KASAKA
(Patron x Purga by Kankan)
Owned by *El Kasaka Syndicate and standing at Willomar, Taber, Alberta, Canada.

Ten of Willomar’s 150 purebreds are straight Russian, and *El Kasaka was bred to four straight Russian mares this year out of a book of 42 mares altogether. He has sired 122 registered foals and his offspring “have wonderful attitudes toward work and possess a powerful, balanced, cadenced trot,” says Dr. George Allen, syndicate manager. “*El Kasaka’s contribution to his foals are the good bodies, legs,
Kilimanjaro progeny have been shown successfully in Europe and in the U.S. Neschi (x Nevada) was International Champion, while her full sister Neschima was European Champion twice. Maklouf (x Mabrouka) was National Champion of France, European Champion, and World Champion Stallion at the Salon du Cheval. *Penalba (x *Pionga), was named Junior Champion Mare and World Champion at the Salon du Cheval, as well as U.S. and Canadian National Reserve Champion Mare. *Nego (x Nevada), owned by Spurs Arabians, Reddick, FL, was European Champion at the Salon du Cheval.

Silvia Garde-Ehlert says, “Kilimanjaro’s internationally-admired and prize-awarded offspring speak for themselves. His foals have type, classic beauty and a high market value.”

*MANDAT
(Aswan x Miest by *Salon)
Owned by Rev. and Mrs. Robert Kennaugh and standing at Manx Farms, Corsicana, TX.

*Mandat has sired 41 foals including O’ Babushka (x TC Witanska), Scottsdale Top Ten Yearling Filly, Star World Champion, and Region 9 Sweepstakes Yearling Filly; MXN Nickolai (x Promenade), Region 9 Sweepstakes Half-Arab Gelding; and MX Alexikov (x Chance), the winner of 1985 Colts at the Lone Star Classic, Waco, TX, and the Kansas All-Arabian Show in Salina, KS.

“Refined, pretty mares with good basic conformation are the best broodmares to put with "Mandat — the better the mare, the more we can expect from the mating," say the Kennaugh’s. "He has sired outstanding foals out of the best representatives of Russian, Polish, Egyptian, and Crabett bloodlines. *Mandat improves the length and shape of the neck, as well as the horse’s ability to use the neck properly for halter and performance. Our smaller mares, when bred to "Mandat, are producing taller, leggy foals that retain refinement. He also sires overall smoothness, especially in toplines."

*Mandat bred 12 mares in 1985, including the straight Russians Antonina (*Muscat x *Dhiafa by *Naiyvi) and *Sorrenta (*Moment x Strunka by Naslednik). He also bred three daughters of U.S. and Canadian National Champion Stallion *Elkin and two daughters of Canadian National Champion Stallion Tornado.

*MARSIANIN
(Aswan x *Magnolia by Arax)
Owned by The *Marsianin Syndicate and standing at Keg Arabians, Lafayette, LA.

*Marsianin was named 1981 U.S. National Champion Stallion and has sired 272 registered foals. In 1985, he bred 82 mares, of which 15 were straight Russian. Asked to name some of his most promising foals, Keg’s Chris Stewart mentioned the full brother and sister Spiridon and Anastacia, both out of Canadian National Champion Mare SB La Ina (*Barich de Washoe x Jamal Colleen). Spiridon is the winner of two grand championships as a two-year-old and Anastacia was Top Ten at both the 1985 Scottsdale and Star World shows. At the 1985 Keg Select Sale 1, 12 *Marsianin daughters sold for a total of $1,787,000, averaging $148,916.67.
promising are Khemostara’s weanling colt V Galaxey; V Melina, a yearling filly out of Valhalla Gigi (El Hilal x Nehushlan) and FA Mystic Moment, a yearling colt out of “Modnitsa (Nabeg x Margaritka), owned by Ford Arabian.”

*MUSCAT
(Salon x Malpia by Priboj)
Owned by The *Muscay Syndicate and standing at Karho, Inc., Scottsdale, AZ.


*Muscay is the sire of seven U.S. and Canadian National winners, as well as the top seller of the 1985 Scottsdale sales, Amber Silk, who brought $1.7 million from Joe Ogden of Circle O Arabian, Austin, TX. The Karho Study Guide, prepared for the Karho’85 auction, says of *Muscay: “He has received the classic head, large expressive eyes, and long arched neck which are typical of the Naseem line. His excellent shoulders, superb legs, great balance and harmony of structure and function are contributions of the Priboj line. These are the qualities “Muscay faithfully passes on to his offspring.”

*MUSKOV
(*Muslin x *Podkova by Kankan)
Owned by The *Muskov Syndicate and standing at Boronow Arabian, Jackson, MS.

*Muskov has sired 75 registered foals and was bred to 20 mares in 1985. Syndicate manager Liz Langford feels that his most successful crosses this year will prove to be *Marsianin and *Ptersk daughters. “Muskov looks like his pedigree, so he should produce consistently,” Ms. Langford says. “Although there is no Aswan in his pedigree, improvement can be seen in the heads of his foals, and this is probably due to his grandsire Naseem’s influence. Length of hip and long, well-angulated shoulders I attribute to *Magnolia’s sire and dam, Arax and Mammona.”

*Muskov’s oldest get are now three-year-olds, and among his show-winning progeny are a colt out of Fadjesty, chosen Mississippi Champion Futurity Colt; a junior champion filly out of a Skorife daughter; and a junior champion colt out of a Nimrod daughter.
of Nazeer through Aswan and his son Palas, and Naseem through his son Negatiw and grandsons *Bandos, *Nabor, and *Etiv, which are represented in the Russian Depot broodmare band by *Paluba (Aswan x *Pustinia), *Ententa (Negatiw x *Elstera), and Perkaria (*Perkal x Cerkaria), among others. Although his first foals are just three years old, *Nanit's progeny have already met with success in the show ring: Siberiann Express (x *Theresa) was Top Ten at the Ohio Buckeye; So Neat (x SW Sophia) was four-time junior champion and three-time grand champion; Sakura (x Princess Nibar) was reserve junior champion.

"As a breeder, I have found the most difficult areas to correct are length of croup and shoulder set. *Nanit improves on type and overall smoothness, passing on his fine bone structure and grace of motion. Almost any mare would breed well to him, but I feel a mare with size would be a good choice."

*NAPITOK
(Pirrit x Neposada by Priboj)
Owned by The *Napitok Syndicate and standing at Zodiac Farm, Cedar Hill, TX.

At Zodiac Farm, where *Napitok stands, there are 30 purebred Arabians, four of which are straight Russian. *Napitok was bred to 42 mares in 1985, and has sired 178 registered foals. He bred two daughters of *Muscat in 1985, including Muscavaya (x *Mashhoora), who is expecting twins by embryo transfer. He also bred daughters of the Russian stallions *Nariadni, *Ptorsk, *Marzianin and *Abdullahhh, as well as two mares by *Bask.

"Napitok exhibits size, athletic ability, and intelligence, and passes these traits on to his foals on a consistent basis," says Dr. Dee Whittlesey, syndicate manager. "He improves the length and angle of the shoulder and the neck-set of the mares, who in turn contribute overall prettiness and refinement.

"The versatility of *Napitok progeny can be seen in their championships in both halter and performance. EL Chivas Regal (x Ceylon) was named 1984 Region 9 Reserve Champion Stallion, and Top Ten Pleasure Driving at Scottsdale. In 1985 he won pleasure driving and informal combination championships, as well as Region 9 Reserve Championship in English Pleasure. Mitok (x Silver Luv) won two English pleasure championships in Texas; and BA Forever (x Horizon Llama) was reserve junior champion filly in 1984 and first in English Pleasure Junior Horse at the Alamo Fall Show in 1985."

*NARIADNI
(Nabeeg x *Nariadnia by Aswan)
Owned by The *Nariadni Syndicate and standing at Karho, Inc., Scottsdale, AZ.

*Nariadni has sired 191 registered foals and was bred to 80 mares in 1985. Included in his book were 12 daughters of his stablemate *Muscat, who in turn bred 14 *Nariadni daughters, including Karho Nura (*Nariadni x Bint Elba) high-
*NEFISON
(Mag x Nejisa by *Salon)
Owned by Crawford, Rice, Taylor, and Smith and standing at The Oaks, Germantown, TN.

*Nefison has been bred to 17 mares this year, and his owners are looking forward with anticipation to his first foal crop. The outlook is promising, with breedings to mares like HH Zeeba (*Aladdin x *Daaida Negatiwa), Halali Fleur-delee (Gdansk x Halali Filigree), and WN Finale (*Naboor x Tinynainia). “*Nefison will lend high-set necks, good hips, size, and type to his foals,” says Paul Crawford. “I like to see him bred to mares with refinement, and I invite more owners to come and look at his foals.”

*NEGO
(Kilimanjaro x Nevada by Assam)
Owned by Suzanne E. Klein and Carol Poudiot and standing at Spurs Arabian Farm, Reddick, FL.

European Champion Stallion *Nego was bred to nine mares in 1985, including two imported straight Russian daughters of *Muslin, *Jenissa (x Nissa) and *Bandsia (x *Panama of Tersk). His book also included a daughter of *Muscat and *Statuss. “*Nego crosses best with straight Russian, Russian/Egyptian, and Russian/Polski mares,” says owner Suzanne Klein. “He has reduced the white factor to a minimum, and all his foals are tall and leggy. He furnishes type and consistency of conformation as well.

“While *Nego’s foals in the U.S. are sucklings and have not yet begun their show careers, his offspring sired outside the U.S. have been most successful: Douchka (x Alwernia) won a second at the Salon du Cheval as a weanling filly; Dilaala (x Dicile) was a Junior Champion Yearling, and Nelson (x Aldura), was Reserve Junior Champion at the International Show in Marseilles, France.”

*NELSON
(Mag x Nelka by Elfar)
Owned by Ray and Susan Stafford and standing at Stafford Showcase Arabians, Phoenix, AZ.

In 1985 *Nelson's book was closed, as he was on a busy show schedule. He earned two championships and a reserve in stallion halter, and two western pleasure championships, all on the East Coast. With *Nelson's return to Arizona, the Staffords have opened his book for 1986 breedings. “With his excellent show record and extremely correct conformation,” says Susan Stafford, “*Nelson will improve on any mare. His best characteristics are his strong body and length of hip. He also has a long, well-arched neck, good tail carriage, and presence. If I had to use just one word to describe *Nelson, I would say ‘correct.’ Proof is in the pudding: his son Bizmark (x Fashionscapateena) was first in the 1985 Virginia Futurity.”

*OTHELLO
(*Padenjirin x Nejisa by *Salon)
Owned by "Othello & Partners and standing at Siri Arabians, Chester, NY.

“*Othello looks to me as though he has just stepped out of a Stubbs painting — like a 19th-century horse with an up¬
reproduced his beautiful front-end, swan-like neck, and large eye. "Podsnejnik offspring are very well-balanced, with short backs and long hips. Our goal is to breed athletes, and Podsnejnik passes on his athletic ability."

**Ponomarev**

(*Salon x *Palitra by *Salon)*

Owned by Tersk Associates and standing at Lasma East, La Grange, KY.

Ponomarev was bred to 23 Russian mares this year, out of a total of 43 breedings. Ponomarev's 1985 book included the reigning Canadian National Champion Mare Sonoma Lady, as well as ten daughters of Aswan, four by his son Kilimanjaro and three by his son *Marsianin. Ponomarev also bred six *Bask daughters and two mares by *Aladdinn.

"His first crop of fifteen foals has hit the ground this year," says John O'Brien of Tersk Associates. "The outlook seems best for the crosses to Aswan daughters, Arax-bred mares, and Offir-bred mares, such as *Bask and *Aladdinn daughters. There are many Aswan daughters in the Tersk herd, and Ponomarev gives their foals excellent necks, smooth, balanced bodies and athletic ability. He has done the same for all mares he has bred, plus he adds the beautiful *Salon head to plain-headed mares."

**Procent**

(*Aswan x Panel by Nil)*

Owned by Dr. and Mrs. Jerald White and standing at Carlsbad By The Sea Arabians, San Marcos, CA.

Says Dr. White, "Characteristic of Aswan get, Procent will transmit type and charisma with good movement and large size. He also has an excellent disposition. He improves on our broodmare band by passing on to his foals increased size, length of leg, well laid-back shoulders, action, tail carriage, type, and a good hip and head. He will also decrease white on legs and occasionally on the face. Mares that reinforce his characteristics should have long necks, a fine throat latch, and a nice head.

"Procent's most promising 1985 matings were to Akcj (by *Bandos), Darfrances (by *Cytrus), and Juris Sultana (by Ben Rabba), and he was bred this year to a total of 21 mares. His daughter *Karny (x *Charmy van Linssenhof) was named Pacific Slope Champion Mare and U.S. Top Ten Mare; *Paarden (x *Odessa) is a multiple champion halter and western pleasure horse; and Trishia (x *Tina Tersk) was Top Ten at the Cal-Bred Futurity."
**STATUSS**  
*(Topol x Salvia by Lak)*  
Owned by Peter and Rita Clausen and standing at Valhalla Arabians, Spokane, WA.

In four years *Statuuss* has been bred to 136 mares. "*Statuuss* corrects legs and builds structure," says Pete Clausen. "He sires very correct individuals when bred to mares who either lack substance or who have leg problems. He is a big, bold, very correct horse that builds structure and crosses well with a variety of mares." His influence can be seen in his champion-winning get: Valhallas Nicolina (x Bonnie Brae by Comar Bay Brummel), junior champion filly; Statusque (x Tenacas Torifa by Tornado), senior champion and reserve junior champion; and Royal Status (x Syringa's Rafiki by *Silver Drift*), junior champion colt and gelding halter champion.

**STUYVESANT**  
*(Mag x Statistika by Topol)*  
Owned by Bendigo Arabians, Burlingame, CA, and standing at Palo Verde Arabians, Santa Rosa, CA.

Stuyvesant's first foal crop was born this year, and already his get have won two ribbons at the Region 3 Show — a first place in the Weanling Halter Class, and a second place in the Get of Sire Class. Says Bendigo's Sandy Danieth, "Stuyvesant's beauty and athletic ability are reinforced by the Bendigo mares, which are triple Nazeer-bred with tail-female lines tracing to the Crabbet lines. We see in his foals his superior shoulder, long and high-set neck, length of leg, and especially his fluid motion and type."

Bendigo owns 21 Arabians, five of which are straight Russian. Twenty-four mares were bred to *Stuyvesant* in 1985; two were imported straight Russian mares: *Acadia*, sired by European Reserve Champion and Belgian Champion Stallion Numizmat; and *Porcia*, by the Nabeg son Nadejeini. Another mare bred to *Stuyvesant* this year was CC Saleesaa, an Egyptian-Crabbet-bred mare.

**TSAAR**  
*(Muslin x Putina by Aswan)*  
Owned by Jim and Julie Grissom and standing at Windy Meadow Farm, Edmond, OK.

The Grissoms own 60 purebred Arabians, seven of which are straight Russian. "We have some short-legged mares that tend to be a little long in the back," says Julie Grissom. "*Tsaar* both lengthens the legs and shortens the backs of his foals to produce horses with athletic ability and lots of pizzazz. He will also supply a good head for a plain mare, but the mare should be refined and long-necked to begin with."

*Tsaar* has sired 22 registered Arabians, and 14 National Show Horses. Among the eleven mares bred to him this year were Deanna, a pure Polish *Gwallor daughter*; Elegant Lady, by Tornado and out of a *Bask daughter*; and Kaboutershoeve Valina, an imported Mamluk daughter.

*Tsaar*’s son Rostov (x Diamond Saira by *Corsair*) was a three-time junior champion as a yearling; Tsarina (x Fire Koral by Hask) has won in halter and in liberty classes; and SH Tsarstruck (x Sunstruck) was a Regional Reserve Champion in NSHR competition.

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*Statuuss (Topol x Salvia).*  
*Stuyvesant (Mag x Statistika).*  
*Tsaar (Muslin x Putina).*