



1956 Heirloom/El Deree stallion *Morafic (Nazeer x Mabrouka by Sid Abouhom) as rendered by artist Heather Rohde

Background, cont...

The Heirloom/El Deree blend has survived over 70 years, and the horses resulting from this minimal outcrossing of Heirloom lines tend to be athletic, personable, and typey, while retaining the genetic potency and consistency associated with generations of line-breeding within the Heirloom group. Many carry high percentages of Abbas Pasha source blood. By identifying them as a variant breeding group, we are attempting to complement and expand the preservation of Heirloom bloodlines, often now lost to the Heirloom herd proper, in a closely related breeding group that has survived the tests of time, numerous breeding programs, and the rigors of performance and halter competition.

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Background

Heirloom/El Deree horses trace in all lines to the oldest Egyptian blood identified as Heirloom (Al Khamsa's Egypt I/Blunt ancestral elements) with the addition of one ancestor from the Egyptian Inshass ancestral element: The Al Khamsa Foundation horse, El Deree. Imported to Egypt for King Fouad, El Deree raced from 1924-1927, and stood at Inshass where he sired a 1931 daughter, Saada, out of an Heirloom mare, Ghazalah, that remains extant in AK lines. He was presented in 1934 to the Royal Agricultural Society (R.A.S), Egypt's first official preservation organization dedicated to breeding purebred Arabians, where he sired 25 foals. Among his 1936 foal crop at the R.A.S. was the prolific stallion Sid Abouhom, out of the Heirloom mare Layla. Since the 1930s, progeny of Saada and Sid Abouhom have been bred together and back to Heirloom stock without further outcrossing.



El Deree, born ca. 1920 Al Khamsa Foundation Horse



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Why Preserve This Gene Pool?

Our research suggests that there have been over 1200 Heirloom/El Deree horses born between 1979 and 1990. Hopefully the ongoing quest will show that we're still looking at around 2000 living animals worldwide. The 1970s and 1980s were huge decades for these bloodlines. After the 1980s, with the change in tax laws, times got rough. As with many bloodlines, the big herds were dispersed, and many of these horses landed in places where folks had no idea the new horses standing in their backyards would become so rare.

El Deree comes into the living herd most often through crosses to *Morafic, but also exists in non-*Morafic combinations, notably among Babson/Ansata Abbas Pasha bloodlines. Additionally, a small number of Heirloom/El Deree horses carry high amounts of Abbas Pasha blood descending from Doyle-bred ancestors.

That there should be such wondrous variety within such a small group of animals is one of the greatest traits of the Heirloom/El Deree horse, and, indeed, of the Al Khamsa Arabian horse in general. They are truly gifts to be treasured, and there is sure to be something in them to appeal to every horse lover.

The Heirloom/El Deree preservation effort operates within the bloodstock definitions set forth by Al Khamsa, Inc. The exhaustive effort put forth by its Board of Directors and its dedicated group of volunteers provides a strong foundation for all preservation efforts. Thank you!

We invite you to visit the Heirloom/El Deree Breeders' Resource on the Web at www.heirloomeldereearabians.com for an explanation of terms you may be unfamiliar with, or if you have any questions or comments.



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