

## Nil Ashal with good speed placed third in Pisa (Italy), Thursday, 14th of April 2016

In a race over 1'900 meters with a donation of € 11'000 Nil Ashal was sprinting with jockey Olivier Plaçais on the third place in field of 14 horses.



above: Nil Ashal, 2008 (Nil Bedouin x Nil Abiat) with his trainer Franziska Aeschbacher

In a field with some of the best Italian Arab racing horses the 8-year old stallion Nil Ashal (Nil Bedouin x Nil Abiat by Darike) and the 4-year old Nil Alamoon (Nil Bedouin x Nil Anablue by Munzjiz) were the only foreign horses. Top favorite was the 4-year old Italian horse Tornado Byzucchele. Out of his 9 starts he won 8 times and was once second. Nil Ashal was running in the second half of the field. On the home stretch he had a nice turn of foot and was the horse with the best speed on the last 100 meters. At the finish line he was placed third 11/4 length and neck behind the winner and second placed horse. The favorite Tornado Byzucchele was placed fourth. For the young filly Nil Alamoon it was a valuable experience at her first season start combined with a long trip from Switzerland to Italy. She finished 9<sup>th</sup>.

Two weeks ago Nil Ashal was honored with the 2016 WAHO Trophy by the Swiss Arab Breeding Association for the best bred horse in Switzerland. It is the first time in Switzerland that a racing Arab was honored with this trophy.