

NIL NAJADA is dead

NIL NAJADA, “La Grande Dame” of Nile Arabians, is no longer with us. On July 7th we had to euthanize the Swiss Elite mare at the age of 27 years.



NIL NAJADA, 1985-2012 (Ansata Halim Shah x Naya), straight Egyptian foundation mare of Nile Arabians and a prominent representant of our N-Line belonging to the Kuhaylan Rodan family.

A part of Swiss breeding history

During the last 25 years, **NIL NAJADA** had the biggest impact of our broodmares on our breeding program. We owe her a main part of our breeding success and she was writing a part of Swiss breeding history. In 2000, she gave birth to the Maydan Madeen filly **Nil Nebetuu**, her last of eight foals. Since then she enjoyed and spent her remaining years together with our broodmares in the fields.

Champion and Swiss Elite Mare

Born 1985, the Egyptian bred **NIL NAJADA** became one of the most valuable Ansata Halim Shah daughters. Her mother was our foundation mare **Naya**, 1975 (Kaisoon x Nana by Tuhotmos). In 1987, at the age of two years, **NIL NAJADA** was winning the Swiss National Junior Championship and in the same year she was placed third in class at the European Championships in Frauenfeld and at the World Championships in Paris.

A broodmare with a breeding legacy

Certainly more remarkable than her show career were **NIL NAJADA**'s breeding qualities which qualified her as an Elite mare in the Swiss studbook. In Arabian horse breeding she is probably one of the very rare and exceptional broodmares, whose descendants were, and still are able, to compete successfully on an international level in the show ring, on the race track and in endurance sport.



NIL NAJADA's daughter **NIL NUBIA**, 1990 (Versal x Nil Najada), owned by the Bochsler family. **NIL NUBIA** is a multiple National and International Champion mare and a Champion producer.



Champion and Swiss Elite mare **NIL NOUZA**, 1994 (Gips x Nil Nubia) is a granddaughter of **NIL NAJADA**. **NIL NOUZA**, owned by Lasahr Arabians, is a first class broodmare with Champion progeny.



NIL NANA, 2003 (Extreme x Nil Nouza) is a great granddaughter of **NIL NAJADA**. **NIL NANA**, an unbeaten Champion mare, will continue the breeding legacy of **NIL NAJADA** at Nile Arabians.



NIL NIKINKEE, 2009 (QR Marc x Nil Nana) is a great great granddaughter of **NIL NAJADA**. At the Swiss National Stock Show she won twice the title Best in Show at the age of 1 and 2-year old. In 2011 she was nominated as the Best Horse bred in Switzerland and won the WAHO Trophy.
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Today, **NIL NAJADA's** family counts four generations and her genetical power impacts each generation. Within these four generations her breeding record shows many successes:

- 4 mares out of her family were nominated as Elite mares either in Switzerland or Germany
- 6 horses out of her family passed successfully the Swiss performance test in racing or endurance
- All in all her direct or indirect descendants won
 - 17 National or International Show Championships or Best in Show titles
 - 14 International flat races
 - 8 endurance races

Founder of a racing line

Beside her qualities as a producer of top class show horses, **NIL NAJADA** was produced winning racing progeny, too.

Her son **Nil Krushan**, 1991 (Versal x Nil Najada) is still the most successful race horse bred in Switzerland. The stallion won eight races in England and Switzerland and was placed six times. After his racing career he was used as a sire in France.

NIL NAJADA's daughter **Nil Incipit**, 1997 (Dormane x Nil Najada) is so far one of the best racing mares in Switzerland. She was placed two times in Group I races at the age of three. Because of her racing and breeding record she was nominated as Swiss Elite mare. Until today she produced three foals, two of them were on the race track and are winners. Her most successful descendant is **Nil Ishan Ibn Al Sakbe**, 2006 by Al Sakbe with three wins and a second place on listed level in Germany.

As a broodmare, Nil Incipit continues representing the **NIL NAJADA** family in our performance breeding program.



NIL KRUSHAN, 1991 (Versal x Nil Najada) – Swiss Champion race horse of his generation with 8 wins in England and Switzerland.



NIL INCIPIT, 1997 (Dormane x Nil Najada), is a black type race mare with sprint qualities. After her racing career she has born until now two race winners out of three foals in racing age.

Also in the endurance sport the **NIL NAJADA** family is successfully represented with horses like **Nil Nebraska**, 1998 (Pamir x Nil Najada), **Nil Khatan**, 1998 (Kubinec x Nil Nubia) und **Nil Khaznah**, 1998 (Kubinec x Nil Nouza)

During the last three years, the mare **Nil Khaznah** was a highly successful endurance horse in Germany. She was winning six races

and was first in the final scoring of the Arabian World Wide Trophy in 2010.



NIL KHAZNAH, 1998 (Kubinec x Nil Nouza) is one of the most successful endurance horse in Germany.

We will keep **NIL NAJADA** for ever in our memory and she stays always part of our life. **NIL NAJADA** was not only the lead mare of our broodmares; she was also leading us on our breeding path during the last 25 years. We will always keep in mind **NIL NAJADA's** proudness, dignity and her intelligence. With these values she is living on in her descendants.



NIL NAJADA, la Grande Dame of Nile Arabians, was keeping her dignity and her distinctive expression through her old age. (Picture taken in winter 2008)

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