

## **25 years Bajar "**

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This report deals with the life and performance of a Shagya–Arabian, that was born in 1969 and died in 1986 and whose blood was spread out sensationally.

It is really seldom, that Arabian horses achieve the interest of the whole public in the breeding and in the sport.

The Anglo–Shagya, RAMZES, produced more winners of Olympic medals and World Champions than any other stallion in the world before and after him. One stallion, the only one since RAMZES, has had a similar ability to pass his performance ability to his descendants, the Shagya–Arabian, BAJAR.

In comparison with RAMZES, it was much harder for BAJAR to gain respect in Germany, because he belonged to an often underestimated breed and his owner was a young riding stable owner, who took part in rural riding competitions.

Bajar was born in Mai, 1969 at Wilfried Kohlmann's near Hamburg. Wilfried had bought his dam already in foal. BAJAR was the product of a doubtful crossing between the brother and sister SUAKIM and GAZELLE. SUAKIM was a stallion with a tight frame and he was not a beauty. GAZELLE was a mare with a harmonic figure of middle size and with a better Arabian expression than SUAKIM. Both horses were bred by Anton ter Harzburg, who was one of the first Shagya breeders in Germany. They are by the Shagya–Arabians SULTAN and GAMA. GAMA is by LANDSKNECHT ox and IPOMEA from MUEZIN and DZIEWANNA ox. As a result, BAJAR comes, like many other precious Shagya–Arabians, from a motherline of Arabian purebred horses.

Here are a few hints about BAJAR's ancestors:

SULTAN, the former Hungarian stallion 530 O'BAJAN VII–4, who was bred in 1937 in Babolna, was rescued from the Russians together with 1000 other precious Hungarian horses before the end of the Second World War. They were all brought to Germany.

After the sale through the Americans (they had occupied Germany in this time)

SULTAN was bought by the journalist Fritz Knippenberg. Mr. ter Hazeborg leased SULTAN for many years from him. SULTAN came from the best stallion of the O'BAJAN – line, O'BAJAN VII. SULTAN's mother 82 SHAGYA XXII was a granddaughter of the excellent Radautzer mare SHAGYA XVII, who left four main stallions in Babolna.

GAMA , a grey mare of middle size, with a great brown spot on her shoulder, was bought by Mr. ter Hazeborg in 1949. She belonged to a group of main breeding horses at the Polish breeding station, Janow Podlaski. After the war, some of these mares went to Holstein, Germany. Her sire was the stallion LANDSKNECHT ox, who was imported in 1928 by a Polish breeder. LANDSKNECHT came from the great KOHEILAN IV ox from Babolna, whose descendants were largely spread in Poland and Russia. He produced several good jumping horses such as NERON ox and the good Russian Trakehner, PRINTS.

The dam of LANDSKNECHT was SOLDATESKA. She came from the legendary SOUAKIM ox Or. Ar., who was imported in utero from SMYRNA Or. Ar., on the great ride of the young Duke Adolf Friedrich zu Mecklenburg-Schwerin from Damaskus to Budapest. SOLDATESKA was also the dam of the most precious Weiler mare JATTA of Marbach and she was also a granddaughter of AMURATH Weil 1881. IPOMEA, the great framed mare with much neck ( she was an elegant sporthorse) from Janow, was out of the beautiful stallion MUEZIN, who was the main stallion for the Arabian purebred horses in Janow first, but because of his non -purebred ancestors he became a stallion for halfbloods. Her dam DZIEWANNA ox, halfsister of FETYSZ ox, produced the performance horses SKRZYP and PIOLUN.

BAJAR has a pedigree that has nearly only outstanding ancestors from main breeding stations. Wilfried Kohlmann sold BAJAR, as a colt, to Mr. Knebusch, who showed him as a three year old at the Korung in Neumunster, where he was put into the Zuchtwertklasse 2. He finished his HLP (100 day Stallion Performance Testing) in Medingen as the Reserve Champion although he had to compete against the Trakehner and Warmblood horses. Manfred Hansen bought him when he was four years old, because his wife wished to have an Arabian horse. The young girls rode him on rural riding competitions. I saw him first at a show in Dillenburg and was fascinated by his jumping abilities. BAJAR had many successes in class L and M., Because of these results and his sensational jumping talent, he started to raise interest among the breeders in the northern part of Germany. The number of exceptional horses increased in BAJAR's offspring. BAJAR was used for 1190 mares of different breeds such as Arabians, Trakehners, Ponies and many Warmblood horses. This is a record for a Shagya-Arabian! His over 800 descendants were all grey and had all a very good character, good riding abilities and they were all talented in jumping. Since 1994 BAJAR is the Arabian Sire with the highest prize money winnings in the tournament sports since RAMZES! BAJAR's prize earnings for the year 1994 is 50,623 DM and his prize earnings to date are 293,136 DM and will rise in the next years.

24 sons of BAJAR were köred:

15 Shagya-Arabians, 4 Halfblood-Arabians, 2 Anglo-Arabians, 2 Trakehner and a German Riding Ponies. 29 grandget have been köred: 20 Shagya Arabians, 1 Halfblood Arabian, 6 Anglo Arabians, 1 Trakehner and 1 German Riding Pony. This is also a record for a Shagya! This means a spread-out of a new Stallion line in a short time in different breeds:

*Bajar, a German Shagya Arabian, is a great exception!*

Good possibilities for a young stallion to prove his individual qualities, his readiness for performance and the quality in breeding are the Körung, the HLP, ( stallion performance test) and the shows.

It is amazing how many of BAJAR's descendants became very successful stallions: O'BAJAR was first in the Korung and first in the HLP with 146.87 points and he became father of "exceptional horses" like the Champion mare GUBA and ten other stallions, for example OBELISK, who was HLP winner, too and OMAN, who was exported to the USA.

Oman represents in America, the athletic type of a Shagya-Arabian and he was the first who has been accepted for Warmblood breeding by the International Sporthorse Registry. Another brother, OMAR, is also very successful. He was European Junior Champion in 1993 in St. Gallen and in 1994 Supreme European Champion. He has also completed his HLP testing as Reserve Champion.

All BAJAR children and most of the grandchildren are grey and very tall (around 160 cm or 16 hh.). The full brothers OBELISK, OMAN and OSIRIS belong to the few bay horses in this family. With the color change there is often a change in the type, too. They have two very famous grandmothers, the bay BABOLNA and the grey GAZALA, who are both out of the bay mare 198 KEMIR II with O'BAJAN blood. Together with the bay sire of BABOLNA, O'BAJAN XIII, it was enough to give the products of two grey horses a totally different genepool. The O'BAJAR son EGMONT (1981), out of EBOLI from GAZAL VII presents himself as a very Arabian looking stallion of middle size with a very good trot and a great jumping talent. His son EL CHAD out of EL ASSA was köred in 1992 in Germany for Pony breeding. The exceptional ability of BAJAR, to transmit the performance qualities to his offspring was recognized especially at the HLP. Nearly all of them dominated there. Many of them reached performance class I (from 120 points) and some of them reached performance class II (from 100 points) and performance class III (from 70 points). The VZAP requires 70 points to pass the test and the ZSAA requires 80 points. No BAJAR son ever failed in the test!

Two examples:

**1. The HLP Test for Arabians in 1990 in Medingen (15 participants) had following results:**

**Winner:** ENDIGO AH, 1985, from BAJAR out of SCHIWA from MANGON (Holsteiner). Temporarily just used in sport. 136.09 points.

**Second:** BOUQUET AA, 1984 from BAJAR out of MÄRCHENFEE from VIERZEHNENDER xx. 125.39 points, especially very good grades in jumping and in the riding ability. Several first places in jumping shows, to class M. 1990 winner of the Körung in Aachen. Accepted for Arabians, Holsteiner, Trakehner, Oldenburger and German Riding Pony. In 1993 and 1994 he was used for more than 80 mares. A stallion with size and future. Breeder and owner Manfred Hansen.

**Third:** BAZAR ShA, 1986 from BAJAR out of SABRINA from RADAUTZ. 121.93 points, winner in the Körung. In 1993 he was leased to the breeding station Moos that belongs to countess Arco – Zinneberg. Breeder and owner is Wolfgang Carl.

**Fifth:** BELCANO AH, 1986 from BAJAR out of WOLGA (Hanoverian) from MARLON xx. 112.92 points. Temporarily just used in sport.

## **2. The results of the HLP for Arabians in 1991 in Medingen ( 13 participants):**

Second: RAON ShA (bay), 1985 from BAJAR from RADAUTZ out of SAMIRAH from BAJAR. 125.39 points. He was very successful in breeding and in sport in Germany and Denmark. His first son REMON AA was köred 1994 in Vechta.

Third: BAJANO AA, 1987 from BAJAR out of ALEPPONE from ALEPPO xx. 124.34 points Because of his jumping talent he is only used in sports.

Fourth: BROKAT ShA, 1986 from BAJAR out of ARIANE from AMOR, he is a very nice Shagya and he is also accepted for Warmblood breeding.

Sixth: BONJOUR N ShA, 1985 out of SHAWAN from O'BAJAN I, 164 cm

Seventh: BABEL ShA, 1987 from BAJAR out of SABRINA from RADAUTZ. He won many jumping shows in class M and starts now in class S.

These results of the HLP show the extraordinary qualities of BAJAR.

Another very important BAJAR son is PAMINO. He was also first in the Körung, second in the HLP in Warendorf, where he had to compete against Warmbloods, 132.66 points. He was also Multi and European Champion. His mother is the "First Lady" of the German Shagya breeding PAMINA, who is from the exceptional stallion, AMOR. PAMINO stands for the combination of best German and International bloodlines. His offsprings are also extraordinary. PAMINO has eight sons, who have been köred, during the short time he was in Germany. Unfortunately, he was sold to Sweden, but there he has a very good chance for the Shagya breeding that is just in the beginning. He is also accepted for Warmbloods. Mrs. Pack owns several sons and daughters of him, they are a good hope for the breeding in the future. An important son, JANUS ShA, 1988, out of JANETT from AMOR, was first in the Korung and European Champion in 1993 at St. Gallen. Another PAMINO son is EROS, 1988, an Anglo-Arabian out of ELEKTRA from BLACK SKY xx. He wasn't as successful in his HLP in 1994 even though he is very good looking, but his 1/2 brother PUSCHKIN did win his HLP testing. He was first among 23 other stallions from all breeds. He scored 131.96 points overall. PUSCHKIN, born in 1988, is a grey with a relatively light frame. His breeder is Eilika Furstin zu Leiningen, Amorbach.

PUSCHKIN is out of CACILIE from O'BAJAN ( ex 4604 O'BAJAN X-5 ) and he was purchased by Ruth Pack, who sold him to Belgium. He is also great-grandson of the Amorbacher mare COUSINE, who was bred in 1945 by the Oberstleutnant Hubert Rudolfsky at the army breeding station, Hostau, and from the Polish purebred Arabian, LOTNIK out of the Terseker mare, CWIETNICA from CILVAN. The famous trainer and rider, Adam Liederman, 27337 Blender-Ritzenberg, trained PUSCHKIN and prepared him for his HPL test. He said of PUSCHKIN, " This stallion has a very good attitude towards work and he is full of trust and always says yes" . SHAMINO ShA, 1987, out of the Topolcianky mare SHAGYA XXI-8, belongs to the first age group of PAMINO sons, who have been kored. He is a very square stallion with a small head and solid foundation. Because of his very good temperament, children ride him during vacations. The owner is Mrs. Regine Lichtenberg.

ZETAN Sha, 1987, 158cm, out of ZAHRAH from Balaton, proved the fact that a connection of the PAMINO line with the BALATON line is very successful. The same is valid for the connection of BAJAR and the AMOR line. ZETAN is a good riding horse with an Arabian head, well formed neck and good shoulder with a very good trot. He was the best Arabian in the HLP in Marbach in 1992.

MultiChampion and "Best. of Show" was NATHANAEL ShA, 1989, out of NICOLETTA from AMOR, 161cm and really received public recognition for his very good jumping talent. Breeder and owner is Ruth Pack. Another promising son of PAMINO is SHAMAN (ex SHARIF) ShA, 1989, out of SHALOM from BALATON. He has an emphasized elegant Arabian riding type and was first in his Korung and "Best of the Show" in Mainaschaff in 1993. Breeder and owner is Ruth Pack. One of the latest sons of PAMINO is ELIAS AA, 1989, 165 cm. He has been kored. He is heavier and more "English" than his full brother, EROS. He has a good chance to become successful in the future.

Back to the Bajar sons, we have BAKONY ShA, 1980, who was an excellent mover, but unfortunately has died. He was the last of five stallions out of BABOLNA, who had been kored and was the 8th of 33 participants of a long distance competition from Hamburg to Berlin, 360 km. Another nice BAJAR son is BEAU ShA, 1981 out of SCHATZCHEN from SHAGYA XXXIX-1, ( in Babolna, SHAGYA XLVI). He has a big frame, nice head with big eyes, large muscles and is 162cm tall. He won his Korung and HLP in Munich-Reim and was 1991 European Champion in Vienna. He belongs to the family Conradt and is the Sire of two stallions with korung, BORODIN and BASCO. BORODIN ShA, 1985, out of AYDA from KOHEILAN II, 159 cm is a good stallion with the type of his Sire. He was fifth in his HLP at Marbach in 1993 and is good to ride and

jump. In 1994 he was leased to Austria. BASCO Sha, 1987, out of SARAH from KOHEILAN II, 160cm, big framed, with good jumping and riding talent, was sixth at his HLP in Marbach in 1993. BASCO was leased to Mr. Otto Dlabola in the Tschechei in 1994 and has already been used for over 40 mares there.

The BAJAR son GHAZZIR ShA. 1983, 161cm, bred by Baroness Wrangel, out of the Champion mare GALINA from GAZAL VII, is a stallion that has been first recognized for his qualities because of his performance and successes in sport.

From the beginning he attracted attention in combined tests and so his owner, Siegfried Frei entered him in the German Bundeschampionat for Cross Country Horses. His trainer and rider, Adam Liedermann brought him through all of the qualification tests in 1989 and 1990 until the finale, where he had to compete against the best 19 cross country horses in Germany!

He achieved in the first year 11th place and then 10th place and had the fastest time on the cross country phase! These results have never been achieved by an Arabian before! This is a very good promotion for our Shagya Arabians. Because of his heavy training and showing career, GHAZZIR has just a few foals. The majority are Trakehner foals and all look very promising. In 1995 GHAZZIR will still show in jumping to level M and there is now frozen semen available to interested breeders.

The Trakehner breeders were the first to discover BAJAR and have also accepted several sons. The BAJAR daughter, WHITE GIRL, out of a Trakehner mare became the "Best German Horse in Combined Tests" in the year 1993 and also participated in the World Championships in Den Haag. She went on to the Olympic Selection trails and was selected for the 1996 German Olympic team.

LE BAJAR, 1986, was the first kored Trakehner stallion from BAJAR. Another was BASILISK II, 1987, from BAJAR out of DONAUWIND.. He has been kored by the Association. for German horses (Verband für deutsche Pferde) and in 1993 completed the HPL in Class I and placed 3rd. in jumping overall. He is now trained in Warendorf by Mr. Plewa for higher level competition. The Trakehner, BIG BEN, 1990, from Eichendorf out of BASILIKA from BAJAR, has also been kored by the Asso. for German horses.

BAJAR was not kored with the Holstein Breeding Association but his son, BACHUS, halfblood Arabian, born in 1986, out of a Holstein mare has been kored and finished very well in his HPL test. He has excellent jumping talent and only lost the Bundeschampionat in 1991, do to a rider error. He has also participated for National prizes in Hungary and Poland. BACHUS has already been used for 140 mares! Meanwhile a second BAJAR son, BOUQUET, has been accepted for Holstein mares and he now has produced three kored sons.

They are the halfblood Arabian, BURAN N, 1989, and the two winners of the koring in their breed, BONSOIR BOUQUET AA, 1990, out of LABELLE from MARISHKA xx and BENEDICT out of DYNASTIE from HILL ANWAR, whose Grandfather is AMOR. This black-grey is a beautiful riding type with a good head, much neck and withers and a long croup. He is 164 cm tall. Two other Anglo-Arabians are among the BAJAR Grandchildren. ORLEON, 1989, from OGLIO out of ESTHER from BAJAR and DELANO, 1981, from DOROAS AA out of BACCARAT from BAJAR. In the German Riding Pony breed, there are also a few kored descendants from BAJAR. The son ALDAN, 1986, out of AIDA from RED ARROW and the Grandson, ARON, 1990 from ALDAN out of BETTINA from BAJAR, second in the HLP in Medingen. Of course there are many mares from Bajar in many differnt breeds that are very successful.

The phenomenon of BAJAR can't be easily explained. Does the heterogeneous pedigree play the most important role or the "outcross effect", that can be recognized by excellent horses like TORA, HALLA and RAMZES? Does the brother/sister breeding of BAJAR'S parents cause the effect of his intensity in the heredity?

Performance abilities have nothing to do with character problems, nervousness or heart fullness. This prejudice is totally wrong. There are as many cool horses with and without performance ability as difficult ones. BAJAR and many of his descendants are very good examples of this combination of performance abilities and very good characters.

**BAJAR has been discovered because of the performance tests in tournament sports and his excellent ability to pass his talents to his descendants. This was proved because of the HLP testing. BAJAR's breeder, Manfred Hansen did a very good job managing him and spent alot of time and money to promote him.** His breeding station is "Nordland" in Schleswig-Holstein,( North Germany). It is also a place for training as well as for breeding operations. In 1994 they had 27 kored stallions, most of them used in the sports or they were leased to other breeders. In 1993 there had been 283 mares used and in 1994 there were 279 mares used with seven stallions. The mares were from several different breeds. Manfred Hansen does a lot of effective advertising for the Shagya and Anglo Arabians, in the public, and many breeders can be grateful for this promotion.