

Portrait of HERAKLES TSF

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The grey gelding Herakles TSF was born at the Trakehner stud farm of Lore and Horst Tessner in Germany in 1993. He is a son of the **Shagya Arabian Ghazzir Sh.A.** and comes from a Trakehner Mare Family that was founded by the mare Heimische by **Gazal Sh.A.** It is not unusual for a modern Trakehner sport horse to carry some Shagya blood, and in fact, the introduction of Shagya Arabian blood into the Trakehner breed started over 100 years ago and is still often a route to success today.

Herakles' dam was Hera by the famous Trakehner elite stallion Consul – himself an Anglo Trakehner by the excellent thoroughbred stallion Swazi xx. A closer look at Herakles' pedigree shows the high amount of special blood he carries. And that in turn predisposed him to become an above average eventer.

Herakles' career began in 1998, when he was trained by the German Olympic eventer Andreas Dibowski. In 1999, he took the promising youngster to the German National Championships for Young Event Horses (called the Bundeschampionat) – the biggest and toughest young horse event in the world. Herakles did very well and would have ended up high in the final rankings if his rider had not neglected to cross the finish line. In 2000, Herakles was introduced to international competition and did well at the CCI* level. He placed 8th at Bialo Bor in Poland, and was 3rd at Intermediate in Sahrendorf (Germany) and 4th in Princehagen (The Netherlands). In 2001, he placed at CIC**s, among others in Berlin-Hoppegarten and Biefeld, and won Team Gold at the CCIO** in Bonn-Roddernberg as part of the German team. With his rider, he also finished 7th in this prestigious event. Herakles TSF continuously showed at the CCI*** level from 2002 throughout 2007, and switched riders when Elmar Lesch took over. He qualified the gelding for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens with a win at the eCCI*** Bialo Bor (Poland) and since 2007, Herakles TSF serves as the “schoolmaster” mount for German Young Rider Christoph Wahler, who continues to show the energetic gelding at international levels throughout Europe.

In many ways, Herakles embodies the perfect blend of substantial Trakehner and TB lines with the endurance and nobility that comes from the Shagya. He is a horse with many years and even more miles under his belt, yet still impresses with outstanding cross country rounds and the much admired ability to stay sound and healthy under the most demanding of circumstances. And it is his inner quality and his intelligence that makes him a perfect match for a young rider in one of the toughest sports around!

HERAKLES TSF G, TRAKEHNER, 1993

HERAKLES TSF gr 1993 TRAKEHNER	GHAZZIR* gr 1.61m 1983 SHAGYA ARAB	BAJAR* gr 1.55 cm 1969 SHAGYA ARAB	SUAKIM* gr 1963 SHAGYA ARAB	SULTAN* gr 1936	O BAJAN VII gr 1923	
			GAZELLE gr 1961 SHAGYA ARAB	GAMA gr 1946	82 SHAGYA XXII gr 1927	
		GALINA gr 1.59m 1963 SHAGYA ARAB		GAZAL VII* gr 1.61m 1944 SHAGYA ARAB	SULTAN* gr 1936	LANDSKNECHT* b 1927
			172 SHAGYA XXXVI- gr 1955 SHAGYA ARAB	GAZAL II* gr 1922	O BAJAN VII gr 1923	
		129 SHAGYA XXV gr 1933		82 SHAGYA XXII gr 1927		
		SHAGYA XXXVI* gr 1948		LANDSKNECHT* b 1927		
	143 SIGLAVY IX gr 1948	IPOMEA gr 1927				
	HERA b 1989 TRAKEHNER	CONSUL* dkb/br 1.71m 1980 TRAKEHNER	SWAZI* dkb/br 1.70m 1973 THOROUGHBRED	HERERO ch 1959	BOREALIS ch 1941	
				SAYONARA blk 1965	HORATIA ch 1949	
		CORNAU* b 1.64m 1971 TRAKEHNER	LOTHAR dk ch 1960	BIRKHAHN* blk/br 1945		
			CORRY b 1.57m 1955	SULEIKA blk/br 1954		
		HEMMINGWAY* b 1.65m 1969 TRAKEHNER	FLANEUR* dkb/br 1.67m 1965	JULMOND* ch 1.62m 1938		
			HELIANA ch 1.60m 1961	LOGE* b 1948		
			HONDA IV b 1.67m 1979 TRAKEHNER	KARWENDELSTEIN b 1.64m 1967	ALTAN* ch 166 cm 1943	
				HANTEL ch 1.65m 1975	CORRIDA blk 1.66m 1941	
		HERAKLES TSF G, TRAKEHNER, 1993	HERA b 1989 TRAKEHNER	HEMMINGWAY* b 1.65m 1969 TRAKEHNER	FLANEUR* dkb/br 1.67m 1965	MAHARADSCHA* gr 1.65m 1957
					HELIANA ch 1.60m 1961	FLOCKE IV* b 1.60m 1959
		HERAKLES TSF G, TRAKEHNER, 1993	HERA b 1989 TRAKEHNER	HONDA IV b 1.67m 1979 TRAKEHNER	KARWENDELSTEIN b 1.64m 1967	ALTAN* ch 166 cm 1943
					HANTEL ch 1.65m 1975	HEIDEMARIE ch 1.60m 1943
	HERAKLES TSF G, TRAKEHNER, 1993	HERA b 1989 TRAKEHNER	HONDA IV b 1.67m 1979 TRAKEHNER	KARWENDELSTEIN b 1.64m 1967	HESSENSTEIN* b 1.61m 1958	
				HANTEL ch 1.65m 1975	KABIRA b 1.59m 1962	
	HERAKLES TSF G, TRAKEHNER, 1993	HERA b 1989 TRAKEHNER	HONDA IV b 1.67m 1979 TRAKEHNER	KARWENDELSTEIN b 1.64m 1967	GRIMSEL* ch 1.67m 1970	
				HANTEL ch 1.65m 1975	HEIMISCHE gr 1970	