



BADRAWI STABLES ACQUIRE

"WAGD"

A 100 THOUSAND DOLLAR ARABIAN MARE

**(THE HIGHEST PRICE EVER PAID
AT AN EGYPTIAN AUCTION)**

The Egyptian Agriculture Organization (E. A. O.) holds an Arabian Horse Auction twice a year, once in January and once in August. A list of the horses to be shown is published and disseminated to the breeders 25 days prior to the auction. This enables the breeders to better study the horses and prepare the necessary funds for the purchase. This year's list included 22 colts, fillies, stallions and brood mares. Contrary to normal procedure, a fillie by the name of "WAGD" was added to this year's list only 3 days prior to the auction. "WAGD" belongs to the rare OBEYAN family strain, which is divided into two families. One being the "EL-MAHROUSSA" from which "WAGD" is descendent, and the other "KARIMA". EL MAHROUSSA and KARIMA are two of the five rarest family strains in the Egyptian Arabian Horse.

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The E. A. O. "EL ZAHRAA" owns 3 mares and one fillie from "EL-MAHROUSSA" line. One of the 3 mares "WASIFA" which is no longer producing, is "WAGD'S" dam. "WAGD" and the 2 mares are the only remaining members of the OBEYAN, and in Egypt there are less than 10 mares and fillies from the "EL-MAHROUSSA" line.

The morning before the auction, the HAMZA family and my family rushed to the E. A. O. to see the horses listed. Towards the end, an elegant fillie was brought out and caught our attention. To our astonishment it was "WAGD.". We inquired about her identity and the reason behind showing her.

We discovered she was recently added to the list, thus, immediate measures had to be taken. We went to the director in charge at the Ministry of Agriculture, and brought the matter to his attention. He informed us that he ordered the addition, because an Arabian Shiekh offered 35,000 US \$ to be increased to 50,000 US \$ for her purchase. He indicated that "WAGD" was included in a previous E. A. O. auction and was not sold. We responded that we did not recall "WAGD" ever being on an auction list. He, therefore, told us that this was brought to his attention but sought not to confirm the information. Our discussion came to an end with the director sarcastically pointing out for us to enter the auction and bidding against the Shiekh. Mrs. Fatma Hamza and myself left the director office with one objective in mind: buy "WAGD" no matter what the cost is and keep her in EGYPT and at home.

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In the midst of a loud applause, I bought "WAGD" at the given price of 100,000 US\$. Today I feel proud that I was able to preserve this fillie and the strain she represents. A strain that is one of the precious gem of our beloved country EGYPT.

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