



Asil Araber VI – The Noble Arabian Horses

The Long Wait Is Over

Just in time for the Frankfurt Book Fair, the Georg Olms Publishing House presented its new publication „Asil Arabians VI – The Noble Arabian Horses“. Friends and breeders of the Arabian horse had to wait seven years for the latest volume in this high quality series on Asil Arabians. Now the hefty tome – 3085 grams on 944 pages with 500 pictures in excellent quality printing – has reached the bookshops. A truly noble volume for anyone who loves beautiful books.

Whether for browsing or studying, this is a book to savour: 944 pages strong, in German/English throughout except for 140 pages in Arabic at the end. A real treasure, not at least because of the many reproductions of historic prints and great works of art.

From the beginning of this series, publisher W. Georg Olms has appealed for understanding and tolerance between Orient and Occident. In Volume VI, he has himself described the Arabic influences on the cultural heritage of Europe, an interesting supplement to the chapter “The Influence of Arabic Culture and Science in Europe” in Vol. V. Other new contributions include the erudite essay by Professor Dr. Dr. Karin Thieme on the description of the Arabian horse in both European and Arabic equestrian literature. Dr. Dr. Johannes Erich Flade has contributed an article on the pioneer Carl Reinhard Raswan, an excerpt of which was published by the Araber Journal in 2007.

The reader will also find the customary collection of quotes from numerous experts including Lady Anne Blunt, W. R. Brown, Frederico Tesio, and Erich Bilke, on various aspects of Asil Arabian breeding. The story of the Asil desertbred mare Dahaby by Norbert Zalis from Vol. V is again included, as are chapters

on camels and salukis. The “stud book” section with photos and pedigrees is larger than ever, around 50 pages more than in Vol.V. In addition, the Asil Club outlines its aims and its activities and provides a listing of Asil Arabians that have been successful in performance and at shows.

However, the reader will look for in vain for any new scientific contributions on modern Asil Arabian breeding. The subject of inbreeding is covered by the identical excerpts used in Vol. V. Current problems, such as the concentration on very few bloodline by some breeders, are not addressed anywhere, despite the fact that the Asil Club has been discussing the acceptability of the

Syrian Arabians since the WAHO conference. (see AWW 4/07) Perhaps the reader will learn more about this in Vol. VII. All in all, everything has remained much the same, which isn't necessarily a bad thing. In a time of constant, quick changes, some sense of tradition and continuity is definitely welcome. On thing is certain: anyone who appreciates beautiful books on beautiful horses will do well to invest in this treasure.

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