

NILE ROZE+ mating consult

I have been asked to find a stallion to breed to NILE ROZE+ to produce a foal capable of upper level dressage performance. This mating consult is based on a study of her conformation in still photographs and DVD footage made to my specifications, knowledge of the horses in her ancestry, and the available stallions whose pedigrees and performance criteria meet the standards set.

Still photos of NILE ROZE+ show a breedy mare whose head is somewhat plain as it is longer than desirable with a wide muzzle and lacks wedge shape. Her eye is set high but is of good size and she has small well shaped ears.

NILE ROZE+'s neck is of good length and breaks well at the poll although it is somewhat low set. Her shoulder is one of her best assets-well angled and positioned. Her chest is of good width. She has good solid bone in all four legs-no "matchstick syndrome". She does have some foreleg issues-her left foreleg is slightly tied in and the left front cannon appears very slightly offset from the front view.

NILE ROZE+ has a slightly long back. Her weakest point is her sacral/lumbar joint which inhibits her from pushing off strongly with her hind end. She also is somewhat posty in the hind legs and if she had a more correct hock angle could get under herself better when in motion. She has had OCD in the past and hock surgery so this factor must also be taken into consideration when evaluating her movement.

In movement at liberty, NILE ROZE+ shows good freedom of stride in front thanks to her good shoulder angle and correctly positioned forearm. She is able to cover ground effectively at the trot, but at both the trot and canter the lack of power from the hindquarter is evident and she lacks overstride at the walk which indicates her body is not able to fully flex properly (which is due to the weaker than ideal sacral lumbar joint).

Under saddle NILE ROZE+ presents an attractive picture as she is a willing performer who has a lovely canter and better than average extended trot, though her walk could be better if she had more power from the hindquarter.

I feel NILE ROZE+'s performance ability comes from the presence of NABIEL+/- as her sire's maternal granddam, her dam being by *FAKHER EL DIN, her second dam being a daughter of the significant race horse sire NASRALLA and the dam herself of winners in reining, show hack and hunt pleasure. NILE ROZE+'s second dam is a full sister to the sire of *IBN AMOURA. NABIEL+/- sired National winners in dressage and other performance disciplines and his get have produced a significant number of performers under saddle. *FAKHER EL DIN daughters have produced National winners in dressage and also successful endurance ride competitors. *IBN AMOURA sired a multi-National Champion in upper level dressage as well as successful hunter/jumper performers.

There are not many straight Egyptian stallions competing in upper level dressage currently, and those who do are often of Babson Egyptian breeding. My initial

recommendations were for stallions with significant amounts of Babson blood such as HR WAJUR or straight Babsons such as 2005 U.S. Top Ten Fourth Level Dressage SERRPERLATIVE+/ and multi-regional dressage champion SERR SOTAMM+, whose sire IBN SABBAH BEDU+/ was a National winner in upper level dressage and hunter over fences. Unfortunately SERRPERLATIVE+/’s owners do not wish to breed him, and SERR SOTAMM+ has a somewhat plain head with a throatlatch thicker than NILE ROZE+’s so would not compliment her in that area.

My final recommendation was for a breeding to 2011 U.S. Top Ten Sport Horse Show Hack MASADA MAZAL, who does not have upper level dressage wins but is a well conformed individual with a better head than NILE ROZE+ (wedge shaped with large eyes set correctly) and a stronger coupling who can push off and flex better than she can in the hindquarter. Like NILE ROZE+, he has plume like tail carriage and a very willing temperament when performing. He also has a well shaped neck that is higher set than hers and a shoulder properly angled as she does. I have seen him perform under saddle during a show hack demonstration at the Egyptian Event, in which he had a wonderful extended trot, and also in a native costume class at the Egyptian Event in which he had a lovely canter. MASADA MAZAL is a full brother to MASADA BEN ASAR, who competed successfully in America in both all breed and Arabian shows in western pleasure, English pleasure, reining, trail, sport horse in hand and native costume. MASADA MAZAL is a paternal brother to MASADA MASSUD, sire of the Dutch sport horse competitor MANARA SAMIRA, a successful TREC competitor, finishing second in the fourth Dutch TREC event in 2006 and completing several distance rides as well. MASADA MAZAL’s paternal grandsire IBN FA-SERR sired a National Champion Park Horse and his second dam ASF HANNAH is by U.S. Reserve National Champion English Pleasure ROUFAS.

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