

= Naborr =

Naborr (April 3 , 1950 ? November 9 , 1977) , originally named Nabor , was a gray Arabian stallion foaled in Russia at the Tersk Stud . He was sired by Negatiw , a Russian @-@ bred stallion with Crabbet ancestry , out of the Polish @-@ bred mare Lagodna . After establishing himself on the race track and show ring in the former USSR , Naborr was exported to Poland , where he lived for seven years , and from there was purchased for import to the United States by a wealthy Arabian horse breeder from Arizona , Anne McCormick . Upon her death , Naborr was sold in 1969 to Tom Chauncey and Wayne Newton for \$ 150 @,@ 000 , which was at the time the highest price ever paid for an Arabian horse at auction . He went on to become a leading sire of champion Arabian horses in the United States and Canada .

= = Life and career = =

Naborr was foaled at Russia 's Tersk Stud on April 13 , 1950 , and was originally named Nabor . He was sired by the Russian @-@ born stallion Negatiw (sometimes spelled Negativ) and out of the mare Lagodna . He was a homozygous gray , and was recorded by the Russian Arabian Stud Book as standing 150 centimetres (14 @.@ 3 hands ; 59 in) . As a two @-@ year @-@ old , Nabor raced at Pyatigorsk and won two times out of eight starts . His highest recorded speeds were 1 @,@ 500 metres (4 @,@ 900 ft) in 1 : 54 , 1 @,@ 600 metres (5 @,@ 200 ft) in 1 : 55 , and 1 @,@ 800 metres (5 @,@ 900 ft) in 2 : 10 . His accomplishments at the track qualified him to become a breeding stallion at Tersk . At age four , he was awarded a " certificate of the first class " , equivalent to a Reserve Champion , at the All @-@ Union Agricultural Fair in Moscow in a competition open to all breeds of horses . His sire Negatiw was the champion . Nabor sired nine foals in Russia , but only one , a colt , was registered .

In 1955 , Nabor was sold to Poland . The Polish were rebuilding their Arabian breeding program following World War II , and wanted a stallion that would restore the Ibrahim sire line to their national studs . Ibrahim was a desert @-@ bred stallion brought to Poland in 1907 by Count Joseph Potocki . The horse was killed in 1917 during the Bolshevik Revolution , and by the end of World War II , the sire line had been lost to Poland . It was preserved via Ibrahim 's son Skowronek , who had been exported to England in 1912 , and Skowronek was the great @-@ grandsire of Nabor . In Poland , Nabor was first put to stud at the Albigowa State Stud , then in 1957 moved to the Michalow State Stud . While in Poland , he was noted for his docile temperament , intelligence , soundness , and Saklawi @-@ style Arabian beauty : " dry , fine head with expressive eye , swan neck and milk @-@ white hair unusual for his age ... he resembled the Arabian horses painted by Juliusz Kossak , the best painter of oriental horses . " In 1962 , the Poles were also able to import his sire Negatiw .

Nabor stayed at Michalow until January 1963 , when he was purchased and imported to America by the heiress Anne " Fifi " McCormick . Upon arrival in America , Nabor 's registered name became Naborr . Naborr came to America via ship , along with 15 other Polish @-@ bred Arabians , including Bask . The voyage lasted 44 days and was rough because the ship encountered a storm at sea . They also ran low on hay . 13 @-@ year @-@ old Naborr came through the trip fairly well but lost 50 pounds . One other horse , a mare , aborted her foal and died , and most of the other horses lost a great deal more weight than did Naborr . McCormick only stood Naborr to her own mares and those of a few select friends , and as a result , under McCormick 's ownership , he only sired about 10 foals per year , a total of 82 foals . Because Naborr 's stud book was closed to outside mares , breeders seeking his bloodlines returned to Poland and purchased several of his offspring bred there , including the mare * Dornaba and stallions * Gwalior , * Mirzaz , and * Aramus . A total of 27 of Naborr 's offspring were imported from Poland to the United States .

When McCormick died at age 90 , in 1969 , the terms of her will called for her Arabians to be sold at public auction . In October , 1969 Tom Chauncey , a television station owner , rancher and horse breeder in the Phoenix area , agreed to team up with Wayne Newton and purchased Naborr at the McCormick estate auction . Chauncey paid \$ 150 @,@ 000 , which at the time was the highest price ever paid for an Arabian horse at auction in America , and brought in Newton as a partner on the

horse a month later . Chauncey had previously bred Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses , but already owned a few Arabians that he kept on his ranch . He initially stabled Naborr at Newton 's more suitable barn , but built his own facility near Scottsdale , Arizona , and bought out Newton 's share in 1971 . In the same period , Newton formed a partnership with other Arabian breeders to purchase * Aramus , who was a son of Naborr . When Aramus was named National Champion Stallion in 1970 , Naborr 's stud fee was advertised at \$ 10 @, @ 000 . That same year , Naborr was brought to the U.S. Arabian National Championship show and honored before the spectators there as one of 10 " Living Legends " . In 1975 he was the fourth @-@ leading sire of champions in the United States . Under Chauncey 's ownership , he sired another 260 foals .

His high purchase price and coverage in mainstream national news outlets was credited as the beginning of a " bubble " of high auction prices paid for Arabian horses . Naborr had the distinction of being the first Russian @-@ bred Arabian to have offspring registered in the United States . Due to his importation from Poland , he could be registered , as the Russian Arabian Stud Book was not approved by the World Arabian Horse Association until 1978 . Naborr died on November 9 , 1977 ; he was 27 years old . In his final year of life , he sired 36 foals , the last of which was born on October 1 , 1978 .

= = Offspring and legacy = =

Combining his imported offspring and American @-@ born foals , Naborr sired 365 horses registered in the United States . By the end of 1967 , 61 of his offspring had won 693 show championships among them . The number of wins later doubled . In 1981 , Naborr was tied for third as the leading sire of U.S. and Canadian National Champions . By 1999 , statistics showed that 1130 championships had been won by 121 of his offspring . Of these horses , 46 of them earned Top Ten or higher honors at the U.S. and Canadian National Arabian Championships .

Naborr 's winning offspring included his son Kaborr , who was a Canadian National Champion Stallion in halter and western pleasure , and reserve U.S. National Champion stallion as well as Senior European Male Champion at the Salon du Cheval in France in 1979 . Other sons and daughters had championship careers as well . The Naborr son * Aramus , foaled in Poland and imported to the United States , became a U.S. and Canadian National Champion Stallion in both halter and performance , showing in formal driving and as a park horse . Naborr 's son Gai @-@ Adventure was U.S. National Champion stallion in 1974 . His daughter , * Dornaba , was a U.S. and Canadian National Champion Mare . Other national champion offspring in performance disciplines included Riffle , a park and formal driving horse , and Ibn Naborr , Canadian National Champion Stock Horse .

= = Pedigree = =

Through his sire Negatiw , Naborr was a grandson of the Skowronek son Naseem , who had been sold to Russia in 1936 by Lady Wentworth of the Crabbet Arabian Stud for a price estimated at ? 50 @, @ 000 . His dam Lagodna was foaled in Poland and the Russians captured her and a number of other Arabians during World War II and brought her to Tersk . Also amongst the captured horses were Naborr 's ancestors Taraszczka , Gazella II , and Enwer Bey . Via his sire line to Skowonek , as well as through Lagodna 's sire Posejdon , and the mare Ikwa , Naborr carries three crosses to the stallion Ibrahim .