

## THE GREAT MILITARY STATE STALLION GARBO

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GARBO, grey stallion, (ORIVE x BALDOSA) SSB 2592, was foaled in 1965 at the Military stud farm at Vicos, near Jerez de la Frontera in the south of Spain. GARBO was in the first foal crop by ORIVE at the Yeguada Militar in Jerez.

GARBO was considered in Spain to be the perfect 'Model Stallion'. He was a real horseman's horse, delighting the eye with his superior proportion and balance in addition to being a real 'dancing horse'. Most of the Military stallions stood quietly when led out for display. GARBO would lead quietly enough. But, bored with standing, and aware of his audience, he would give exciting, wonderful capriole leaps into the air, coming back down in the same place, never touching his handler. GARBO really knew who he was.

The photograph of GARBO speaks eloquently to the perfection and quality of this stallion. What cannot be seen in the photograph is his great strength of character, which he passed on to a high percentage of his offspring. The Stanley Ranch has owned several sons and daughters of GARBO, and can attest to it. GARBO had the quality that the Spanish call 'noble'. In the USA, we call this an 'honest' horse; careful, considerate, and, if asked, willing to go until he drops.

Combine that with the tremendous athletic ability of GARBO, and the result is a truly awesome Arabian horse. Dave and Molly have never seen a Military stallion to equal GARBO's athletic prowess.

The GARBO family breeds on with supreme athletic potential, correctness of conformation and particularly beautiful balance and symmetry. The GARBO sons and daughters are noted for their well-shaped and well-placed necks, good lay of shoulder, short backs, deep hips, and good sound feet. A consistent prepotency for these qualities through many subsequent generations makes this family especially important in the continued development of the Spanish Arabian.

GARBO lived to the age of 30+ years, a feat in itself. His other exemplary feat is the number of sons and daughters that have been used as breeding stock in Spain, and exported to a great many other countries in the world. In his lifetime, GARBO produced 200 foals, a very large number for Spain, attesting to the quality of his get. Through the second generation, this stallion has 1220 descendents.

GARBO died in 1997.

## THE GARBO HERITAGE

The Domecq-Ybarra stud in Spain was granted the use of GARBO for several years, producing, among others, EL SAUCEJO, grey, 1972 (x YUCA [Fabuloso x Fifinella]), who became *Supreme Spanish Champion Stallion* in 1976. EL SAUCEJO was purchased by Dave and Molly Stanley in 1979 and imported to the USA, where his name was changed to \*PADRE.

\*PADRE was bred to several mares at the Domecq-Ybarra farm the year of his exportation to the USA, and produced in Spain, among others, ABUTIG, chestnut, 1980, (x HAGUNIA [Jabalpur X Iama]). ABUTIG set a record by becoming the first *Supreme Spanish Champion Stallion* sired by a *Supreme Spanish Champion Stallion* (\*PADRE).

ABUTIG has been the sire of many fine offspring over many years, including HELENO (x ZAGUA [Dandi II x Palijha by Garbo]), chestnut, 1987. HELENO was shown to

many championships, and was the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation to be *Supreme Spanish Champion Stallion*. In his turn, HELENO sired MONTERO, Chestnut, 1992 (x DINASTIA [Al Jauf x Candileja]). MONTERO again held up the family honor by winning numerous titles in Spain and Europe and becoming *Spanish Supreme Champion Stallion*.

MONTERO's sire HELENO has set another record, sire of two *Supreme Spanish Champion Stallions*, as he is also the sire of the 2004 *Supreme Champion Stallion* TITANIC, grey, 1998, (x KENYA [Dakalieh X Calatrava]). The Domecq-Ybarra stud has continued to use HELENO as a sire for many years. In addition, FRAGUA, HELENO's full sister, foaled in 1988, has been *Supreme Champion Mare* of Spain.

\*PADRE sired 123 foals in Spain and the USA, including EL DORADO I, chestnut, 1983, (x \*AVILA [Dandi II x \*Ochava]). EL DORADO I is sire of (among others) EXODUS I +//, chestnut, 1990 (x \*ABHA ODALIC [Al Jauf x Iaba ]).

EXODUS I +// is a *U.S National Champion* in performance several times over and was High Scoring Arabian of the first Sport Horse Nationals in 2003. He has also won several National High Score awards as a Working Hunter from the Arabian Sport Horse Assn. of Suffolk, Virginia.

Other Spanish breeders such as Diego Mendez and Pedro Salas Garau also utilized GARBO. GARBO sons were used by many more, including Valjuanete. This rich heritage has produced exceptional horses in several countries. The horses mentioned and shown in this article are but the tip of the iceberg.

#### **ORIVE - SIRE OF GARBO**

GARBO's sire line is that of the prepotent SEANDERICH family. SEANDERICH was a grey, born in 1902. He was imported by the YM from Baghdad in 1908, and was a bred-in-the-strain Saklawi.

GARBO's exceptionally beautiful sire was the SEANDERICH grandson ORIVE, grey, 1951 (BARQUILLO x GALATIFE). (An article on GALATIFE appeared in the previous issue of QUE PASA).

ORIVE was born at the Yeguada Militar farm in Vicos, and when of age he was posted to the Spanish Military outpost in Ceuta, Northern Morocco. There he was essentially lost to the breed, producing only three Arabian get, one in 1956, one in 1957, and one in 1959.

Fortunately for ORIVE, he was "discovered" by MariPaz Murga Igual de Heredia (then the Condeza de Belalcazar). She was able to get ORIVE re-posted to the Stallion Deposito in Jerez de la Frontera, near her home, a 17<sup>th</sup> century palace (now the location of the Royal Spanish Riding School). MariPaz could then utilize the services of the deserty and classic stallion.

MariPaz produced five foals by ORIVE in 1963, including GARBI (x CEQUI), dam of Five time National Champion \*ABHA HAMIR (x BAMBU). In 1964, at the age of 13, ORIVE was returned to the Yeguada Militar as an official sire and produced five foals in 1965 including GARBO. There were three ORIVE foals at the YM in 1966, five in 1967, and one in 1968. Although few were available, ORIVE sons or daughters were exported to the USA, France, Germany and Great Britain.

ORIVE died in 1971.

### **BALDOSA - Dam of GARBO**

BALDOSA, liver chestnut, 1960 (MAQUILLO x HABLADURIA) was a famous YM mare who lived her whole life in the Yeguada Militar pastures at Vicos. She produced eleven foals. Her offspring into the second-generation number 427.

BALDOSA's first foal in 1965 was GARBO (which puts to rest the theory that the first foal is not the best). In 1975 BALDOSA produced an inbred son, RAJA, sired by her own first son GARBO. This type of inbreeding is rarely done by the Yeguada Militar, and only in the case of extremely outstanding mares.

BALDOSA's final foal was ZACATECO (x JACIO), foaled in 1980. ZACATECO has been utilized as a stallion by the Yeguada Militar, by Domecq-Ybarra, and by S.A.R. Teresa de Borbon. Princess Teresa produced several notable offspring of ZACATECO, including FIOLEK (x RIJEKA), Reserve Supreme Champion Stallion in 1997, and GHORAK (x RIJEKA), Reserve Supreme Champion Mare in 1997. Also produced at Her Highness' stud farm was FAKETEKO (x ZAKATEKA), who is sire of \*S S ORION (x DAIKIRI), and NAGASAKI (SAUCUDIR x NEVISCA), sire of \*SASAKI (x SAFIA).

BALDOSA's full sister, \*SABIDURIA, liver chestnut, 1954, was one of the best of the Steen importation in 1965. \*SABIDURIA was dam to many of the early Arabian pari-mutual race winners in California.

BALDOSA died in 1980.