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El Ahtal Sloughis

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Follow up the story of two Sloughi-admirers in a "Portrait of a Passion" with me, which is told by Cornelia Riedel as follows. The author renounces in this brief summary consciously with the achieved titles of the hounds, as there will be many details on the homepage very soon.

It all began in March 1972 at Wiesbaden, when Ilse Pfeiffer got her first Sloughi. This was El Ahtal van klein Vossenburch, raised in Holland. It supposed to be - only - a family-hound. But all of a sudden Ilse was in the middle of the occurrence: With the hounds of the Sloughi-enthusiasts of this time about the Schrit family and other and admirers "Eshak" did his first Sloughi-training-races. Successfully - and soon the permission for racing and coursing was obtained.

1974, already incurably stricken by the Sloughi-fever, Chaif Schuru Esch Schams came to stay with the family. This red-sand-coloured, elegant male-dog influenced Ilse's imagination of a Sloughi very much. Not only at exhibitions but also at races he was rather successful. Among other things he became Association-Federal-and UICL-Winner. 1979 he was Vice-World-Winner in Bern just behind the also red-sand-colour: red Ch. Malik from France. When in 1983 Ilse became the Owner with all rights of Chaif's daughter Promesa (from the Tunisian-Algerian Allasha Habib el Tunis) she had the name El Ahtal for her breeding patented in 1984 at Wiesbaden. Promesa became the ancestress of the kennel. Her colour originating from her father goes "like a red thread" through all litters so far. The A-litter succeeded soon in February 1985 after the French male-dog Ch. Sahel, a son of Malik. The litter 1/1 was easy to overlook! Amira, an immovable, friendly, compact grown bitch remained with the breeder. The also red-sand-coloured brother, Ch. Amir (v. Tettenborn) was as well as Ch. Amira presented at exhibitions and races.



el Ahtal v. Klein Vossenburch, born: 29.11.71



Chaif Schuru Esch Schams 1978 at hurdle-race in Bad Homburg



Promesa Schuru Esch Schams, the el Ahtal - ancestress

In January 1987 the 3/2 B-litter came from Promesa and the son of Sahel, MCh. Shaarawi el Djerid, also having Tunisian-Algerian blood. The expectations were confirmed - as above all the unforgettable Ch. Badira with her tranquil character, originated from her father, won numerous titles and prizes. The Achievement-Certificate and the Championship for Beauty and Performance of this bitch will remain worth striving for the EI ATHALs. More about the highly elegant brother CH. Badin later on. The sisters Badira and Baya (Owner of both: Ilse) took part at many races with strong competitors. At the end of their careers each of them had completed 40 official races with Victories and also being well placed. The C-litter came in May 1991 from Ch. Amira after Ch. Badin. More about it later on.

So Ilse took her Sloughis from the beginning not only to exhibitions but also to Races and Coursings, to keep up the original qualities of this race. Yet, she knows quite well the spites of the "Sloughi as a Racing-hound" in the classical sense. Her general commitment in the Association was honoured with the golden Badge of Merit by the DWZRV.



Amira el Ahtal/middle with the semi-brother Badin/left and semi-sister Badira /right



Ilse Pfeiffer with left to right - Amira, Badira and Chaffija el Ahtal

To the end of the 1980s at the nearby Mainz

My first experiences with hounds I collected with a lively, mad for hunting, smooth-haired Foxterrier, a real challenge!

To the same time, once and again, I joined up with fascinating pictures of sighthound-like hunting-hounds in the scientific literature in my occupation as an archaeological restorer.



OF VITALIS, Oswald Fig. Types

CALUS, Germania 26, S. 185, Abb. 1, F

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Oswald, Figure Types . (Depictions on the Roman Terra Sigillata)

Kurt Lotterhos, many members of our Association will still remember him, attracted my attention to the nearby situated race-course of Darmstadt which I visited now and then. Above all I was delighted with the smooth-haired sighthounds and their strong and soft movement.

After visits to different breeders I also got to know Ilse whose kennel just had the 3/3 C-litter. We liked very much the cheerful Amira and the high-legged Badin, and so we soon chose the gentle, red-sandcoloured Chaira with the totally black face out of the three bitches. To this very day she remained our unending jolly "Daniela Düsentrleb". Her sister Chaffija stayed with Ilse who led her to the International Championship among others. Like his sister CH. Chajal (Bravin' was successful at S+L performances.



Chaffija at Coursing

With Chaira we had our first nice experiences, sometimes little less nice, in our Sighthound-community.

I got a member of the DWZRV and SLAG (the French Club for Az, Sl, Ga) and took up contact to my Group of the Land in the Association (LG Baden-Kurpfalz), and take part in their Membership-meetings.

Our regular visits to France with their very old breeding-tradition of the Sloughi broaden our view on the race in its diversity.



Cornelia Riedel with from left- E'Buneya el Djerid, Dido, D`Juba and mother Chaira el Ahtal.

(Training)-Courses of the VDH and other Institutions are offered and attended and help with the further education on breeding.

1993 we visited Rosy Bächtiger (el Djerid) whose E-litter were just born. We collected further information about the Sloughi. I didn't think of a third hound. I was very glad when I was presented with the little black-coated bitch E'Buneya as a wedding-gift by my husband. Since then she is the sympathetic boss of our little party.

The enthusiasm for the Sloughi grew and so Ilse joined logically into the Breeding-partnership with me in 1994. The breeding-address was remove to Mainz . But now Ilse doesn't work as much as before 1996 the D'litter followed from CH. Chaira and Ramadij Schuru Esch Schams with blood-connection to the old lines. The 4/2 whelps were raised and looked after jointly by Chaira and Buneya.

The lively redsand-coloured Dido stayed with us and she soon showed us what her passion was - she brought very special racing-titles to our kennel. Her brother MCh. Dja'far (Fam. Knudsen), too, is a successful coursing-runner. (Long ago he already got our internal Certificate of Achievement). Together with his brother MCh. Djamil (Bravin) they both can display many National and International Championships. The Dutch Championship of Dja'far is particularly important to the breeder!



Race-study, Dido el Ahtal



Dja'far el Ahtal with Iris Knudsen



Djamil el Ahtal (Bravin), Running-study

We plan the E-litter with CH. Dido who puts us to the test a little at the moment.



Dido with her mother Chaira

Our breeding pattern is the functional formed Sloughi as defined by the standard. Besides the presentation of our hounds at exhibitions and achievement-performances we enjoy the daily walkings and dialogues with other people and hounds and yet doing clarification work about sighthound. Non-cramped dealings with other hound-races is possible for us as the number of hounds kept is not too large.



Only flying is nicer! Meeting at walking.

Though originating from Arabic countries, a Sloughi with his "functional design" cannot deny its nomadic inheritance. Almost classically-progressive is the prototype, well-balanced proportional and of appropriate clarity. This model has to be kept up, it is impossible to improve it.