



# PROSUASION

## PRODUCING THE FUTURE

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The bold and handsome stallion, Prosuasion, is gaining more and more praise and attention with each passing breeding season. With over 60 offspring on the ground, Prosuasion is certainly not the new kid on the block. Bred by Lindsay Rinehart and born in 2008, Prosuasion is by the superb SF Specs Shocwave and out of the Matoi daughter, MZ Kitty. \*Bask++ runs deep through Prosuasion's royal veins, providing him with everything from his classic, elegant beauty to his electrifying athleticism and showmanship. The chestnut stunner is trained by and stands at Rooker Training Stable in Fenton, Michigan and has been producing outstanding babies for over 10 years.

Proudly owned by Laura and Nora Shaffer, Prosuasion has been a dream come true for the family. "He is so sweet and has so much personality and work ethic," Laura says fondly. In 2016, the Shaffers were searching for a horse to purchase for Nora to finish out her final two years as a youth exhibitor on. After seeing Prosuasion at U.S. Nationals that year, the two were smitten, and after hearing that the gifted stallion was available for purchase, they knew he was the horse for them.

Over the course of Prosuasion and Nora's career to date, the talented pair have crossed from the youth exhibitor arena to the amateur ring, to their current standing in the open ring. During their time together, they have earned six National Champion or Reserve titles between their performances in Arabian English Pleasure and Park at Youth and U.S. Nationals; as well as multiple top tens, including their most recent one at U.S. Nationals in 2020, in the extremely competitive Arabian English Pleasure Open class.





Prior to being owned by Laura and Nora, Prosuasion was already a highly decorated English Pleasure champion. Purchased by Robin Porter of Crescent Creek Farms when he was just a yearling, Prosuasion's undeniable beauty, charisma and athletic ability were evident even at a young age. Under the expert training of Shawn and Carmelle Rooker, Prosuasion was crowned victorious in his U.S. Nationals debut in 2011, winning the Arabian English Pleasure Futurity with Shawn in the irons. "He was so smart and gifted as a 3-year-old," Shawn and Carmelle explain. "He arrived at our farm in July and went on to be the National Champion English Pleasure Futurity horse that October."

In 2014, Prosuasion and Robin were crowned U.S. National champions in a nearly 20-horse Arabian English Pleasure AAOTR Maturity class, and in 2016 with Dalton Budd aboard, he turned up his power and talent another notch, taking home the reserve roses in the Arabian Park Open.

With Prosuasion's irrefutable, jaw-dropping talent in the show ring, the copper-colored powerhouse is continuing to add credence and desirability to his name as a sire of top-notch offspring. Laura Shaffer raves about the stallion, "He loves himself!" she says with a laugh. The Rookers concur, stating that the stallion's trainability and show horse attitude have been a "huge bonus."

Discerning breeders are regularly picking Prosuasion for their breeding programs. Jill Sherman, of Sherman Ranch, has a truly breathtaking yearling filly on the ground that is a spitting image of her sire, and Tim and Marty Shea of Shea Stables have two yearling colts, Barrister DGL and Barrynn DGL; all three out of IXL Noble Express+ daughters. Ashton Kiesner crossed the sensational Afires Heir daughter, KT Mahalo, with Prosuasion in 2019, resulting in the chestnut colt, KT Shaka, who will no doubt carry on the winning legacies of his parents.

Nora Shaffer further elaborates, "The best traits Prosuasion passes on are a tall, upright neck, open shoulder and strong hocks. These qualities enable [his offspring] to have natural talent and be extremely successful English show horses." The Rookers agree here too, saying, "We are seeing from Prosuasion beautiful, stylish babies with big eyes and bouncy, square motion."

Rob Haar, owner and breeding manager of Signature Oak Stables, praises the stallion's personality and abilities. "He adds a lot to your mare program. He has a ton of beauty and motion he passes on every time." Currently, Rob has two purebred yearlings and a weanling by Prosuasion, and while it is early yet, Rob already sees a promising future for his youngsters. "The trainability is there with all three of them, as well as athleticism. The two yearlings came out trotting, upright and pretty. We've hit a home run with them," Rob enthuses.



Laura and Nora Shaffer are looking forward to the future with their spectacular stallion. As this year's U.S. Nationals approaches, Nora is eagerly awaiting the debut of some of Prosuasion's get, "I am very much looking forward to watching multiple Prosuasion offspring show in the Futurities at Nationals. There are a few exciting ones that will display his success as a sire," she says enthusiastically.

There is no doubt that with his dedicated owners and skilled, knowledgeable trainers, Prosuasion's success and impact on the Arabian breed will have an impact on the breed for years to come. ■