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Arabian Horse Sale Results in Record Selling Price 2008

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Report Highlights:

The largest annual Arabian horse show and auction in the world takes place annually in Janow Podlaski in northeastern Poland. This year, Kwestura, who won competitions in Europe and the United States, was sold for a worldwide record price for an Arabian mare of 1.125 Million Euros, \$1.67 million USD. Poland has a distinguished history of horse breeding and this event serves to highlight the world-class stables and high-quality genetics in Poland. Poland's economy is the fastest growing in Europe; new wealth in Poland is dedicated to high-end living, such as upscale stables and horse breeding.

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The largest annual Arabian horse show and auction in the world takes place annually in northeastern Poland and is hosted by the oldest operating Arabian horse stable in Poland, the stables of Janow Podlaski. The event called *Pride of Poland* was held August 8-10 and this year the most well-known and most decorated Arabian mare in the world was for sale at the auction. Kwestura, who won competitions throughout Europe and the United States, was sold for a worldwide record price for an Arabian mare of 1.125 Million Euros, \$1.67 million USD. Kwestura was sired by the U.S. bred Monogram, who is known as the quintessential Arabian mare of all-time. Sales for all horses topped 2.2 million Euros, \$3.27 million USD during the three-day event. Poland has a distinguished history of horse breeding and this event serves to highlight the world-class stables and high-quality genetics in Poland.

Arabian horses have a long history in Poland which began in the sixteenth century when they were imported as battle trophies after conflicts with the Mongols, Tartars, and in the seventeenth century with Turks. The breeding program was formalized in 1699 during a truce and time of cooperation with Turkey (Ottomans). World Wars I and II nearly decimated the breeding program, although several lines were heroically protected. Arabians are still valued in Poland for their stamina, hunting ability and grace.

Polish Arabian horses are prized worldwide and there are many U.S. horse breeding farms dedicated exclusively to Polish Arabian horses. More information on Arabian horses can be found on: <http://www.arabianhorses.org>. The 2009 event will be held August 14-16 and information will be available early in 2008 at <http://www.prideofpoland.home.pl/>.



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