



**First Arabo-Friesian inspection in North Carolina
for Foals, Mares, Geldings and Stallions**

At Old Goat Farm, 650 Aiken Rd, Vass, NC 28394, where the inspection will take place Saturday, the 4th of November 2017. The farm is 1 hr SW of Raleigh, NC, USA.

Upon invitation of the American breeders and the sole Owner, Mrs. Vance Holmes, of the EAFS stallion Dark Waterspoon, our president and judges will gladly attend this First Arabo-Friesian inspection in NC.

Through the international successes in the different equine disciplines of the EAFS Arabo-Friesians, the press attention and popularity for this young breed grew incredibly fast.

In America there is an increasing and renewed interest in these black pearls. Motivated breeders want their horses to be registered with the European mother studbook EAFS. (European Arabo-Friesian Studbook).

Mrs. Camilla Vance Holmes puts her Old Goat Farm (NC) at the disposal of the Arabo-Friesian breeders for this first studbook inspection in NC.

HISTORY:

Goal: already 25 years ago to develop a breed of strong sport horses with a lot of stamina, golden character, and drive.

Friesian horses crossed with Pure Arabians.

It started all with a group of enthusiastic breeders, and it rapidly grew out to an association in 2004, later on in 2006 as a studbook. On the 13th of November 2006 we were approved as Mother studbook for the Arabo-Friesian breed, by the Belgian Ministry of Agriculture. European Arabo-Friesian Studbook (EAFS) VZW with headquarters in Belgium.

In the 60's the driving sport started to become very popular, there was a lot of demand for fast , flexible and maneuverable horses. Many drivers choose Warmbloods. By then the pure Friesian Horse could not compete lacking stamina/ endurance. It was obvious that there was a necessity to import Arabian blood in the existing performance breeding.

The goal of crossing of an Arabian with a Friesian is to ennoble the race, and to breed horses that can compete on a high level in the different sport disciplines like dressage, driving, endurance, trec...

The EAFS studbook wants to combine the endurance / stamina of the pure Arabian horse with the sensible, fine and golden character of the Friesian horse. Keeping in mind an elegant black sports horse.

Breeding regulations: An Arabo-Friesian must comply with race description and with the blood restrictions. For the mother studbook meaning: black harmonious, light barok type of sports horse. Carry a minimum of 6 % and a maximum of 40 % Arabian blood. Carry at least 50 % pure Friesian blood.

Possibly a minority of maximum 25 % foreign blood , Anglo-Arabian limited to 3,2% . Further info : www.EAFS.be

Sport results:

Are we successful? When you look at the performances of our Arabo-Friesians, for sure we are!

The EAFS horses are cool-headed horses with enough stamina and drive: they are the ambassadors of the European Arabo-Friesian Studbook.

Other Studbooks like the EASP (Europees Stamboek voor Shagyaarden, Sportpaarden en Sportpony's (EASP)) didn't even exist as studbook when our sportsmen had their first successes.

In driving the EAFS, has now two teams in the world top ten ranking.

Years ago, at first team Schrijvers /Aerts, they were during 10 years in the ranking for the top Driver award.

- Now, Team Jelle's home with driver Edouard Simonet (BEL) four-in hand driving: Silver at the European Championship in Gothenburg 2017, 4th in the FEI world ranking Qualification for the FEI World Cup 2016/2017 and 2017/2018

- Individual Gold Belgian cup 2017, 2nd in Windsor and so many more Aken, Horst etc.

- Team La Pourcaud France with Benjamin Aillaud 5th in the FEI World ranking . Horse team International France - second place CAI3* Donaueschingen (GER) 2017. With very good results in Aken, Horst and many more. Qualification for FEI World cup 2017/2018.

- Eve Cadi Vera (FRA) Horse pair international France.

Dressage /Jumping / Eventing:

Our EAFS Arabo-Friesians in dressage are classified in Z1, Z2, Prix St. Georges and International.

- Jean-Albert Chaumier 1st in Trec driving in France.

- All round 1st in France Noémie Charnay with Ardan du Bélier - National France -2nd place Védène (FRA) 2017 Ch.inter amateur.
- Hugues Rousselière France, International dressage with Tessa du Perche. There are so many other Arabo-Friesians who are performing so well in different sports, we can't list them all. All these out of a rather small population compared to the Warmbloods.

The above mentioned results speak for themselves, keeping in mind this is not even a complete list of all the sports accomplishments.

The EAFS mother studbook works continuously to ennoble and improve the Arabo-Friesian breed. The passports that we give out are in four languages and are FEI approved.

All breeders will get more info on the inspection, via Facebook, the site of Camilla Vance at <http://darkwaterspoon015.com/> or Facebook [darkwaterspoon015](#), and our site www.EAFS.be and our Facebook [European Arabo Friesian Studbook](#).

All Arabo-Friesian breeders and people interested in this rather new breed are invited to this inspection.

You can present your horse to be primed and registered.

The EAFS is proud to be invited at the Old Goat Farm we wish everybody a very successful inspection.

