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For Historic Bloodlines, The Face Of The Future

Check out the photo of Prosuaded By Love's victory pass in the 2022 AEPA \$100,000 Saddle Seat Futurity, and the first thing you notice may not be his elevated trot or rhythmic high hocks—although both are pretty close to a 10 on the scale of English performance. Instead, what you see first is the kind, confident expression in his eyes. He's enjoying his triumphal procession out of the ring. It's not arrogance; he just knows he's good, and even the demanding class has not dented his delight at showing off.

For those who observed him as a foal, the image just reconfirms what he told them then. Owner/breeder Karlton Jackson remembers that moment as if it were yesterday. "Most of the foals, when I see them at a week or a month old, are so timid that they don't want to get more than a few feet from their surrogate mother," he says, adding that in his small breeding program, they breed via embryo transfer. "The first time we all saw him, instead of staying close to the mare, he got 10 or 15 feet away and looked around as if to say, 'there is a big, wide, wonderful world out there.' He started trotting around the mare, and then stopped, with a perfect pose sideways, and looked around as if to say, 'Hey, look at me! I'm something special.' He just had that attitude of 'I'm special and I know it and everyone else should too.'"



Prosuaded By Love ~ 2022 U.S. National Champion AEPA Ames Foundation \$100,000 Saddle Seat Futurity & 2021 U.S. National Champion English Pleasure Futurity



Noble Aphroditie (IXL Noble Express x EA Aphroditie,) dam of Multi-National Champion Heirs Noble Love, and grand-dam of Multi-National Champion Prosuaded by Love, bred by Karlton and Mary Anne Jackson.

Already the colt's pedigree told the story: by Prosuasion (winner of six national championships in the English division) and out of Heirs Noble Love (who accounted for 10), he comes with gilt-edged English bloodlines. And he exhibits the willing demeanor often seen when a horse finds that doing his job comes easily. "He's an all-around good guy," trainer Joel Kiesner reports. "We bred him only once the first year because we didn't want to interfere with his showing, but he handled it so well that we have a few more due for next year."

Even Joel, who rarely watches videos of his classes because he over-analyzes the slightest mistake, was impressed when he saw the one of the futurity. All along, he's seen Prosuaded By Love—"Karlton," as he's known in the barn—consistently improving, but this time he had to be impressed with how well the young stallion was putting himself together.

"He's quite simply extraordinary," Kiesner says. "He has the best timing and cadence of any purebred Arabian I've ridden. The balance of his motion, front to back, is extremely rare—in a good way. So, his legs work beautifully, and his neck does too. On top of that, he has a beauty and an intense look from his eyes and ears that is charismatic like only a handful of horses I've ever seen."

It's easy to trace the champion's athletic ability in his pedigree; his attitude, however, is also part of the package. Karlton Jackson, who bred Heirs Noble Love, prioritizes a good temperament in his horses; he got into Arabians when his daughters showed them as junior riders, and began breeding when they aged out. "One reason we wanted to show Heirs Noble Love in amateur was to demonstrate that it doesn't take a Joel Kiesner to ride that bloodline," he says. "And we were thrilled when our co-owner, Emily Shippee, teamed up with her [in 2020 and 2022]—the world could see that her star shone as brightly as ever.



That influence, both he and Joel say, relates not only to Afires Heir, but also to EA Aphroditie, who became the foundation

mare for the Jackson program and has since been designated an *Arabian Horse Times* Dam of Excellence. She too was kind; her barn name at Kiesner Training Center, where she lived until she passed away recently, was "Abuela," Spanish for "Grandma."

Abuela's great-grandson, Prosuaded By Love, represents the fourth generation in his owner's contribution to the Arabian breed. Having won the 2021 U.S. National Championship in the English Pleasure Futurity, and the 2022 AEPA futurity, he now will face his biggest challenge yet, as he graduates into the open ranks.

"He was everything we hoped he would be this year," Jackson reflects. "He still has things to learn and more growth to come as a show horse, but he's what we're working for with the whole breeding program."

Joel Kiesner agrees. "He's an all-around great horse, and he's just coming into his own. I can't wait to see his babies—if he passes himself on, we are in for a treat!"

For select breeding opportunities with Prosuaded by Love or Heirs Noble Love, contact Ashton Kiesner 865-556-0412.