



THE STATE STUD FARM ĐAKOVO

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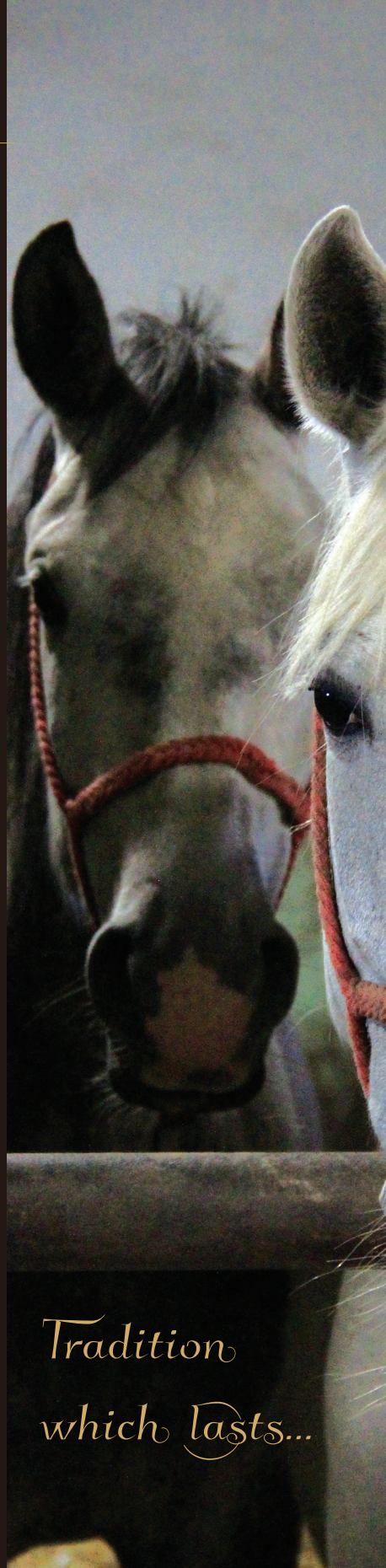
Horsebreed Lipizzaner has spread, through the film records, all over the world, a reputation of the town of Đakovo and of the State Stud Farm Đakovo, from the world championships up to the Royal Court. A well-known Đakovo's Four-in-hand for Lipizzaner stallions has been all around Europe, from Aachen, Munich and Lucerne to Windsor, but also from Budapest, Vienna and Verona to the glorious Rome. A great number of Lipizzaners from our State Stables are proudly bearing the title of European champions.

In this area of Slavonia the cultivation of tradition is decidedly expressed, and the Lipizzaner is a very important part of it, which is also recognized as a national and cultural heritage.

The State Stud Farm Đakovo, in the domain of horse breeding, is of the great importance to the town of Đakovo and Slavonia, but also to the country of Croatia. The State Stud Farm Đakovo has preserved the tradition and the love towards horses through the centuries. Long tradition of Lipizzaner breeding is so firmly rooted into this area of Slavonia that it has become a fundamental, fully fledged part of every tourist, economy and sports postcard.

Apart from its main activity, which is a preservation of the genetic potential of the Lipizzaner breed, the State Stud Farm is very significant by its tourist activity. Because of its attractiveness, it has become an inevitable tourist destination, not only for Đakovo and Slavonia, but also for the whole country.

The State Stud Farm own horse food production is one of its many activities. Hay, straw and oat are being produced through dedicated work by the Stud Farm employees, who take care of agricultural land, which consist of 307 hectares of meadows and plough-fields, and they're being used for horse feeding throughout the whole year.



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The history...

The Stud Farm in Đakovo has been established by Bosnian-Srem bishops on their own properties in Đakovo, which were given to them by the Croatian-Hungarian king Koloman in 1239. This charter was confirmed by the king Bela IV of Hungary.

1506 – is the year of the Stud Farm establishment. It was for the first time that the name of the Stud Farm was mentioned / The bishop Mijo Keserić had the stables containing 90 stud horses.

The year of 1806

The Stud Farm Lipica, running away from the army of Napoleon, has settled in Đakovo. That was the beginning of the horse breeding of the Lipizzaner breed.

The year of 1854

Bishop Josip J. Strossmayer had brought seven Lipizzaner mares and one stallion from Lipica, Slovenia.



The year of 1972

A visit of the Queen of England, Elizabeth II, prince Phillip and princess Anne.

The year of 1997

The Stud Farm Đakovo has become a public institution under the ownership of the country.

The year of 2016

A visit of the duchess of Cornwall, Camilla, to Ivandvor and to the Stud Farm Đakovo



The location of the State Stud Farm Đakovo

The Stallion station

It's located in the centre of the town Đakovo. The stallions, which are put under the training for the horse racing, the riding school, the double-trots and Four-in-hand driving, are situated there. Because of its attractiveness and places of interest, the activities of the stallion station attract a great number of domestic and foreign tourists.

The stallion station presents "a treasure chest", the storage of professional records, original stud books, hundreds of gilded and silver thropies won by Đakovo's horses in a great number of competitions.

The newly-constructed maneger, which is a central place for all activities happening in the State Stud Farm Đakovo (equestrian shows, competitions or other happenings), is situated in the vicinity of the Stallion station.

Ivandvor

Because of the infrastructure and the typical lavonian landscape surrounding, it was named as a protected monument, which was built more than a hundred years ago and founded in 1912 by the bishop Krapac and has retained its original appereance up to this day.

120 heads of Lipizzaner breed, namely the livestock units of mares, foals and young stallions, dwelling in the open, vast lands surrounded by the green, are placed in this location.

Curiosity seekers can head to sightseeing of native rural households; lavonian barn, well pole, well and oven, walk to the lookout via well ordered road, or just look for a rest in the shade of summer houses.



The Lipizzaner



Breeding and selection work, namely the work and care about the breeding and formation of the Lipizzaner in Đakovo is under the constant surveillance of the horse breeding experts in order to achieve the selective development and preserve the Lipizzaner breed's elite genetic potential in the Republic of Croatia.

Great attention is being given to the selection of the main mares for the further breeding, with the focus given to the appearance, movements and breeding potential of every single mare. Furthermore, all stallions, as an important factor in the selective development, are going through the special selection criteria. Quite often the stallions bred in other countries are being used in order to maintain the genetic variability, most commonly the ones from the European State Stud Farm's of Lipizzaner breed.

Stallion lines, which are being bred in the State Stud Farm Đakovo, are:

CONVERSANO

PLUTO

TULIPAN

SIGLAVY

MAESTOSO

FAVORY

NEAOPOLITANO

Mare families, which are being bred in the State Stud Farm Đakovo, are:

TROFETTA, line Traviata

TOPLICA, line Siglavy

KRABBE, line Rendes

MARA, line Margit

ZENTA, line Rendes

GAETANA, line Gedran

MUNJA, line Famosa

SLAVONIA, line Almerina

MONTENEGRA, line Spadiglia

MIMA, line Wanda

BATOSTA, line Africa

SANTA, line Almerina

ALLEGRA, line Englanderia

Spending time with the Lipizzaners

A horse has always been man's best friend. Its beauty, grace, long-lasting tradition of its breeding and strength, which uplifts him, are on of the many reasons to spend your spare time with the horses. Surrounded by the Lipizzaners in this part of pristine nature will give you a glimpse of the real cohesion this noble creatures have with the nature. One, seemingly, ordinary day will have become a part of your unforgettable memories.

Escape the restless everyday life and "book" a free time for you and your family. We have arranged tourist-educational programmes which will fulfill your visit here with quality, mutual bonding and, especially, with love. Time spent with Lipizzaner horses is a right way to make your children filled with joy and to give them unforgettable moments, which will results in a happy childhood.

The animals and the nature, just like their symbiosis, are presenting a domain of the interest for children from their youngest age. Through their personal experience, children are learning and bulding their attitude towards the world surrounding them. Learning about the horse as a noble and nvironment animal, and spending time with it, is a quality basis for developing the social responsibility, nvironmental communication, tolerance and respect, but also for improving the self-confidence. The time spent with horses, learning about their process of growing up, their habits and, generally, life in the community have educational and soothing effects on children. Furthermore, it creates a bond between them and, despite the horse's physical dominance towards the child's age and results in two of them becoming best friends in the end.





Shows

Horse shows for the visitors

Horse shows are presenting a multilingual horse displays which last about 30 minutes (in Croatian, English and German language) intended for local and foreign visitors of all ages. These shows have musical and theatrical components, and the main intention is to show the work done with horses and their training at the Stud Farm Đakovo. The programme with the riders includes "quadrilles" containing four riders and two riders working in pairs ("Pas De Deux"), while the programme with the carts includes individual acts with the baggy, with the double-trot and with the four-in-hand.

Thematic shows - Lipizzaner Christmas ball

It's a musical and theatrical show with an appropriate pre-Christmas theme, which includes riders, drivers and an extra, wearing the baroque finery. The Lipizzaners Christmas Ball is held every year around the mid-December time.

Taking a tour around the town monuments while driving in the Lipizzaner carriage through the town streets in the heart of Slavonia – Đakovo is an experience for a lifetime, especially during the Christmas season days.

"The Day of the Stud Farm Đakovo" is traditionally being held and celebrated in September as an anniversary of the founding of the Stud Farm in Đakovo and the breeding of the Lipizzaner breed.





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