

EXHIBIT OVERVIEW



The Darley Arabian 1

Modern Thoroughbreds trace their lineage to a stock of Arabian horses imported into England between the late 1600s and early 1700s.

The English Thoroughbred was gradually introduced in other countries where it was bred for racing or used to improve local breeding stock.

A son of the Darley Arabian, one of the three dominant foundation sires of modern Thoroughbred bloodstock, was imported to Virginia in 1730.

The Darley Arabian's son, Bulle Rock, along with roughly 180 Thoroughbreds introduced into the American colonies in the following decades, became the foundation of Thoroughbred breeding in the United States.

This exhibit highlights the centrality of Arabian horses to the history of the Thoroughbred breeding industry, features prominent early Thoroughbred sires, and spotlights select celebrated Kentucky Thoroughbreds.

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Arabian Roots

The Pedigree of Kentucky Thoroughbreds

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ARABIAN SIRES

The offspring of three Arabian stallions - the Darley Arabian, the Byerley Turk, and the Godolphin Arabian, along with roughly 200 horses imported into England from Syria, Persia, and Turkey in the 1700s, evolved into the Thoroughbred breed.

The exhibit's **Arabian Sires** panels provide an overview of these foundational sires.

The exhibit's **Prominent Sire Lines in America** panel highlights the connection between one of the foundational Arabian horses, the Darley Arabian, and five early Thoroughbreds. This connection continues in the sire lines of six featured Kentucky Thoroughbreds.

Arabian Sire

1 - Darley Arabian

Early Thoroughbreds

2 - Eclipse

3 - Camel

4 - Diomed

5 - Boston

6 - Lexington

Kentucky Thoroughbreds

7 - Man o' War

8 - Nashua

9 - Graustark

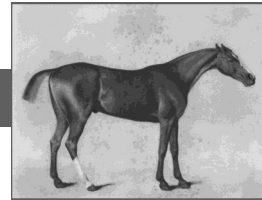
10 - Alydar

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