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ARABIAN KNIGHTS



Waterford Farm currently has four registered Arabian stallions, three of which are pitch black and very striking! This handsome boy on the left is 6-year old XA Fames Venture, imported from the United States and whose oldest foals on the ground are now 2 years old.

To the right is Banghor Sharcoal, a four year old beauty who is throwing the most stunning head and neck carriage. He has an enormous personality as well and is a very sociable boy, he will always come and say hello when you go out to his paddock.



Spirit Azzam is the baby of the group, and is the son of Fames Venture. He is 2 years old and has recently been put with his own mares and is really impressing us with his maturity. His first crop of foals will be due at the end of 2013 so we look forward to seeing what he produces, it is sure to be great with his beautiful breeding.

Below is Spirit of Destiny, our 4th Arabian stallion. He is also the son of Fames Venture and has recently turned 2 years old. He has the presence and stunning conformation of his sire, and is sure to produce spectacular progeny.



ABOUT THE ARABIAN HORSE

The Arabian or Arab horse is a breed of horse that originated on the Arabian Peninsula. With a distinctive head shape and high tail carriage, the Arabian is one of the most easily recognizable horse breeds in the world. It is also one of the oldest breeds, with archaeological evidence of horses that resemble modern Arabians dating back 4,500 years. Throughout history, Arabian horses spread around the world by both war and trade, used to improve other breeds by adding speed, refinement, endurance, and strong bone. Today, Arabian bloodlines are found in almost every modern breed of riding horse.

The Arabian developed in a desert climate and was prized by the nomadic Bedouin people, often being brought inside the family tent for shelter and protection from theft. Selective breeding for traits including an ability to form a cooperative relationship with humans created a horse breed that is good-natured, quick to learn, and willing to please. The Arabian also developed the high spirit and alertness needed in a horse used for raiding and war. This combination of willingness and sensitivity requires modern Arabian horse owners to handle their horses with competence and respect.

The Arabian is a versatile breed. Arabians dominate the discipline of endurance riding, and compete today in many other fields of equestrian activity. They are one of the top ten most popular horse breeds in the world. They are now found worldwide, including the United States and Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, continental Europe, South America (especially Brazil), and its land of origin, the Middle East.



BREEDING AT WATERFORD

Here at Waterford we like to combine the traits of certain breeds, to produce something unique and special. In the picture above is Waterford Superstar, who is by an Arab stallion out of a Shire x Thoroughbred mare, making her 50% Arab, 25% Shire and 25% Thoroughbred. This combination produces a horse that is athletic, has endurance, can carry weight with ease and has a calm, quiet temperament. Superstar's foal at foot, Waterford Idol, was also sired by an Arab stallion, Spirit of Faith – so the foal is 75% Arabian with the remaining 25% being Shire X Thoroughbred. This is an exciting blend and it is sure to be a horse that can excel at many different disciplines, from jumping to dressage and in particular endurance. We look forward to seeing just our well our future champions do!

CHRISTMAS WISHES

We would like to thank you all for your interest and support these last few months. We really hope that you enjoy receiving our newsletter on a monthly basis, and that it might inspire or motivate you to either pursue an interest in horses or develop your relationship with your own horses further. May you all have a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year with friends and family. For those who will be travelling over this period, be safe.

STAYING CONNECTED

Just a reminder that Waterford has its own Facebook page, that is updated on a regular basis with news and photos from around the farm. Please take a moment to find and 'like' our page and feel free to add photos and comments of your own! The page can be found at

www.facebook.com/WaterfordFarmSA. For any of you who might own Waterford horses please feel free to post photos of them on this page so we can share it in our "Happy Homes" album – we always love to see how our horses fare once they leave us!



Until next month,

From the Waterford Family