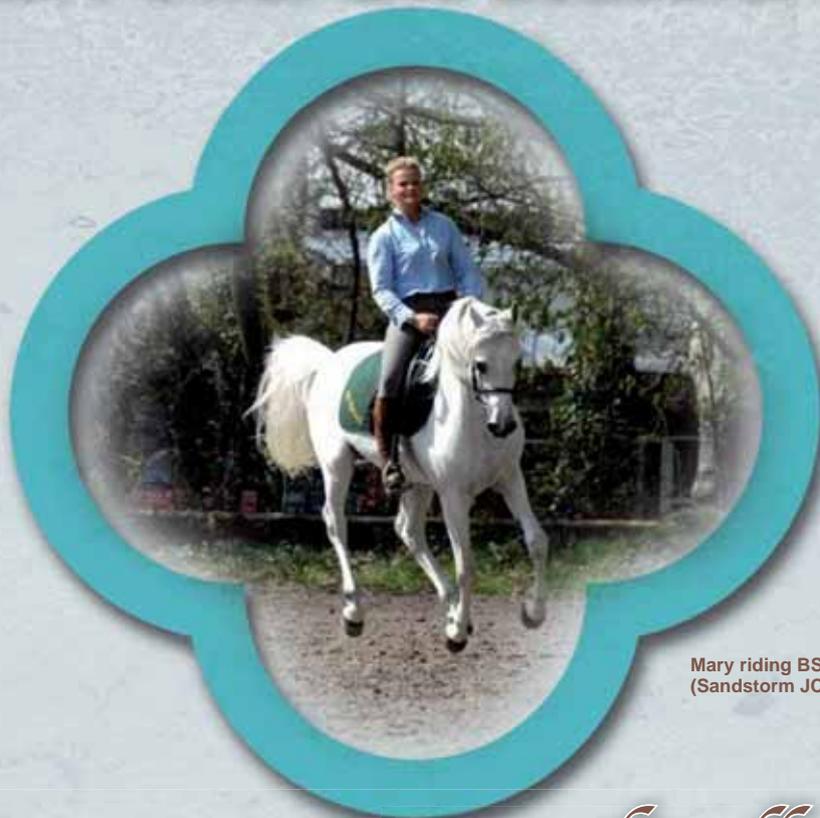


Woman Power and beautiful horses



Mary riding BS SPECIFIC
(Sandstorm JC x Basara Saiyana M)

Mary Lang and the Specifically Equine Training Center

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2009 was a great new start for the Specifically Equine Training Center and its owner Mary Lang. The young and successful trainer moved to a new facility located in Austria, very close to the German border. "The farm is located in the beautiful city of Lauterach, just ten minutes

from Germany and close to the well known city of Bregenz at the Lake Constance", tells Mary. That gives her the perfect opportunity to be very close to all of her German clients and in a good position for her clients from Austria, Switzerland, Italy and France as well.

The new facility has 20 comfortable stables, a beautiful large indoor arena with a big grandstand and is surrounded by wide fields. All of the boxes have outside paddocks so that the horses can play outside or have a rest in their boxes whenever they want. "The farm has a perfect size for me and my concept of working with these beautiful Arabian horses", tells Mary. I don't want to have too many training horses because I would like to be in close contact with each of them. I personally condition and work with all of my training horses. That gives me the possibility to create a special bond with each of them. Knowing their strengths and weaknesses is very important for me to be able to show them at their best".

The success proves her right: With the gorgeous snowwhite mare Kankan Maf (Elart x Katun), a fullsister to successful Kastillia MAF, bred and owned by Mrs. Ingalil Martensson, she recently won the Reserve Champion filly title at the international A-show in Wels/Austria as well as the Austrian National Champion mare title with the beautiful polish bred mare Faustyna, owned by Lutetia Arabians. Earlier this year Mary has achieved many classwinners and Championship titles at the national Show in Bahrain for the Aali Stud of Bahrain.

The success and the specialised skills Mary has to train and to work with these beautiful horses are based on a longtime experience the young woman already gained since she was a child. Growing up riding Iceland ponies, haflingers and warm bloods, Mary already knew very early that she was going to commit her life to the horses. "While I was in school studying to be a riding instructor, I worked at an Arabian horse farm in Austria to gain experience in the different fields of caring for horses. The first day at this Arabian farm was a turning point in my life. The first time I walked through the barn, I could not believe my eyes. I was overwhelmed and captivated by the beauty and refinement of the Arabian horse. As I walked

by each stall, I was taken by the soft large black expressive eyes of these horses. Finally, when I saw these Arabians for the first time turned out on the pasture and they were galloping and trotting around so gracefully and yet would run right up to me to stop and look at me with such an intelligent gentle eye, it was that moment I decided to commit my life to the Arabian horse", she tells with a smile on her face. With this enthusiasm she soon started her career working for the famous stud of Sax Arabians for 2 years and teamed up with Scott Allman in 1997 to establish Specifically Equine Training Center.

Winning all over the world Mary had the possibility to train and show some of the finest arabian horses of our times, including Redwood Lodge Romantik, world champion stallions Gazal al Shaqab and Dakharo or the timeless beauty WN Fawns Obsession. "If I have to mention two horses that marked my life the most, it is very difficult to say. But I would choose Om el Abadan, a very charismatic horse that taught me more about horses and training than every human being ever could. The second one would be Marajj, not only because I worked with him since his arrival in Germany and I'm convinced he is one of the most beautiful stallions in the world, but also because I know his capabilities as a breeding stallion - I'm currently managing one of his beautiful sons, Marjan Albidayer".

Mary has been successfully showing horses in Australia, America, Bahrain, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates and many other countries. A special relation to the well known Albadeia Stud of Dr. Nasr Marei in Egypt has led her to this wonderful country many times, showing many beautiful straight egyptian horses of that farm to national champion titles, such as Haytham Albadeia, Nagham Albadeia, Simeon Safir, Tamam Albadeia, Simeon Sharav, Hekayet Albadeia - just to mention a few. Dr. Marei entrusted the Specifically Equine Training Center and Mary



TAMAM ALBADEIA (Simeon Sharav x Tamimah Albadeia) shown to Champion Colt at the Sakkara show by Mary, owner Nasr Marei



Mary and Mr. Sorocca from Spain, having fun, riding a camel at the Sakkara show Egypt

SIMEON SHARAV ridden by Mary



Riding Dr. Nasr Mareis donkey "Miss Intelegence"

with the care for one of his biggest treasures: His shining star and later world champion mare Gelgelah Albadeia, today owned by Shirley Watts, Great Britain. "One very special moment for me was also winning the Egyptian Event champion title Baden-Baden with Itlalah Albadeia", remembers Mary. Itlalah also became the egyptian horse of the year that time, a great success for her breeder and owner Dr. Marei. Today Itlalah lives at Mary's farm in Austria, having a beautiful foal by Marajj at her side. Another outstanding experience for Mary was the Egyptian Event 2007 in Kentucky when she won unanimous futurity champion filly with Samara Ka, bred and owned by Kehilan Arabians, Texas.

But Mary does not need to be far from home to have success with horses in her hands – together with her austrian, swiss and german clients some of the greatest moments in her show trainer career became reality:

One of her sweetest wins was the European champion title with german bred SC Dagash, a powerful stallion, today owned by the Albidayer Stud, UAE. A very special bond with the snowwhite stallion and european champion BS Specific (by Sandstorm JC), bred by the Blutbacher family and now owned by Jennifer Dhombre, lead this great team to many successes in the show ring. And also to great hours of joy riding the talented son of former world champion Basara Saiyana. "A very special horse to me is definitely also the bay stallion Bolero, proudly owned by Ruth Wenzel", tells Mary. "It is always wonderful to see young horses growing up, to teach them the best you can and to see them gaining experience and self-confidence for their future in the show rings and as a breeding stallion or broodmare." Another stallion Mary knows and worked with since he was very young is the successful fleabitten DA Caruso (Koronec x



HAYTHAM ALBADEIA (Simeon Sharav x Galagel Albadeia)
shown by Mary in Egypt

Riva), owned by Sunhill Stables in Austria. "Caruso is a very charismatic horse who likes to show himself, but is also a successful western riding horse", she tells. Showing Caruso they won the senior stallion champion title in Baden near Vienna 2008 with the highest points of the show!

Asked about her specialities when it comes to horse work Mary tells: "I think what sets me apart from the competition, is my special style of preparation, training and presentation of the show horses. I offer a wide range of training possibilities for each type of horse, from handling, show training to western and dressage riding. Together with my clients I'm able to carefully choose the horses and teach them the best I can, always according to their individual skills and abilities.

What will the future bring? At her beautiful new farm in Austria, between Lake Constance on one side and a breathtaking view on the austrian mountains on the other side, Mary has put together a very nice group of horses for the ongoing showseason. "A very special horse at my farm at the moment is the yearling colt Marjan Albidayer, owned by the Marjan Syndicate. Still at young age, it is already obvious that Marjan inherited the refinement and outstanding type of his famous father Marajj and the powerful movements and attitude of his mother, the polish bred Pustynna Droga (which I have also shown to some champion titles already). This year he has already been Res. Winner at the international A-Show in Wels. We are very keen to see how Marjan will do in the showring, but also as a future breeding stallion", tells Mary.

We will see Mary with Marjan Albidayer, Kankan Maf and many others at the show rings in 2009 and the years to come. Come and join the team. □

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DA CARUSO (KORONEC x RIVA)
 shown by Mary to Champion Stallion
 highest points of the show in Baden bei Wien 2008



PUSTYNNNA DROGA (LAHEEB x TARCZA DROGA)
 mother of MARJAN ALBIDAYER
 shown to Champion Mare title in Baden
 bei Wien 2008 , 3 x 20 in movement

