

Simeon Stud

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Spring has sprung here in Australia, and at Simeon Stud the months of waiting patiently for the new crop of foals has been rewarded with the birth of five foals at the time of writing.

The first was special in so many ways, being the first foal from mating Simeon Shifran (Asfour x Simeon Shavit) to our German mare CM Moussameh (Mulayh Ibn Maareesa x Moussab Bint Moussameh). Not only is she very exotic, she is especially exciting as she is the third of our three imported German mares who have produced fillies by Simeon Shifran, and each has been as lovely as the last. The two fillies born last, the grey Simeon Shaarin (x El Dahma II) and the chestnut Simeon Samira (x Mussallah) continue to impress with their structural soundness and deep, dark eyes.

The next foal was a colt by Simeon Shifran, this time from Simeon Sanaa (Imperial Madaar x Simeon Sukari). He has the height and stretch of his family, and we are looking forward to his maturing. He is absolutely gorgeous.

The third foal at the time of writing was another of our Simeon/German matings, however this time in reverse with the sire being Mulayh Ibn Maareesa (Ansata Amir Zaman x Maareesa) and the dam, the liver chestnut, double Asfour daughter Simeon Simone (Asfour x Simeon Simona). A leggy, bay filly it is expected she will remain here at Simeon. She displays the lovely, curly ears which I covet, an amazing poll and great length of leg.

Simeon Seda (MB Talmaar x Rafaalaa) has foaled a colt by Mulayh Ibn Maareesa, who is lovely. He is so very tall, perhaps the tallest foal ever bred at Simeon. Simeon Salit (Asfour x Simeon Shavit), a full sister to Simeon Shifran has given us a breeder's dream in the form an absolutely divine

grey filly by Mulayh Ibn Maareesa.

During 2012 we have been fortunate buyers from around the world have continued to visit the farm for their show and breeding stock, and we welcome them to our extended family. Simeon Shiferies (Imperial Madaar x Simeon Sayver) has gone to the Middle East, while the colt Simeon Shamal (Imperial Madaar x Simeon Sabaya) has gone to New Zealand to start an endurance career.

2012 also saw the stallion Simeon Sharav (Asfour x Simeon Shuala) sold by his long-time owner Nasr Marei of Albadeia Stud in Egypt to a wonderful home in Iran. Back here in Australia, the mare Ibtetbag Albadeia was retired to the warmer climate of the mid-north coast with Diamond Road Arabians. At Simeon, we have retained a daughter by Asfour and a breeding with her daughter by Simeon Sabron.

We have welcomed home to Simeon on lease a daughter of Asfour and Simeon Sippora (Imperial Madaar x Simeon Safanad), Simeon Sehelda. The Sippora line had been lost at Simeon when her daughter Simeon Sura (Asfour) was lost as a youngster.

Sadly, we lost one of our best mares during 2012, the bay daughter of Anaza Bay Shabb and Simeon Sukari, Simeon Safran. She was one of my favourite mares, who is now survived at Simeon with a daughter Simeon Sehora (MB Mayal) and incredible colt Simeon Shanun, by Imperial Madaar.

We are looking forward to the nearly 30 foals that are due at Simeon this year, and invite your visit so you too may share in the joy we experience each and every day with the Arabian horse. □

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