

# The 2022 Breeders' Cup Arabian Horse Show



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A famous saying in Brazil states that if something comes too easily, it is usually not properly valued. That may be true but it was not the case when it came to realize this year's Brazilian Breeders' Cup show. After bravely dealing with the chaos brought by the COVID pandemic just recently the Brazilian Arabian Horse Breeders Association was faced this time with yet another challenge as unpredictable as the previous one. Amidst an intense political turmoil in Brazil that led to some major logistical issues the show committee endured and thanks to their tireless effort, the event was once more a major success.

A total of three shows happened between November 12th and 14th in the city of Tatuí, São Paulo, namely the Brazilian Breeders' Cup, The Brazil Cup and the International Show. An increase of 38% in the number of entries was a good indication of the importance of this show in the Brazilian calendar.

In charge of judging were George Z from the U.S.A, Antonia Bautista from Spain, Vico Rocco from Brazil, Joseph Polo from the U.S.A and Majed al Mehyawi from Saudi Arabia. The scoring system was used as always in the Brazilian Breeders' Cup, which was the first show to introduce its use in Brazil.

# The Brazil Cup

The absence of Haras JM, one of the great supporters of the Brazil Cup circuit was strongly felt this year. Nevertheless and despite the smaller number of entries, the quality of the horses did not disappoint.

The winner of the Junior Colt Championship was Nawan HEC a son of Brazilian National Champion Wandan El Madan and Mars Natasha HEC, bred and owned by Haras Estancia California.

The Filly Championship went to Princess Anna FWM (FA El Shawan x Nahla El Madan), bred and owned by Haras Lone Star. The filly Sara Di Ajmer 7F (Ajmer Moniscione x Emira HEC) bred by Haras Sete Flechas and owned by João Carlos Milan came in Reserve.

Curiously the same lineup of owners happened in the Colt Championships. The winner Jafar FWM (Prince Valentino FWM x Victoria FWM) is bred and owned by Haras Lone Star. His runner-up Fuego Royal JM (Royal Treasure JQ x Shea Di Pscore JM) is owned by João Carlos Milan and was bred by Haras JM.

In the Mare Championship, mother and daughter shared the spotlight by winning respectively the Gold spot with Karenina El Madan (El Tino x TM Jamili) bred by Haras El Madan and the Bronze spot with VV Yasmin (Preludio OSB x Karenina El Madan), bred by Vinicius Viana of Viana Arabian Horse who also owns both of them. The Silver Champion was Nigraa REC (Bandit SRA x Alaya REC) bred by Haras Brown River and owned by Haroldo Dante of Miluna Arabian Horse.



2022 Stallion Cup winner - Pharaoh HBV

**Judges:**  
Joseph Polo,  
Antonia Bautista,  
Jerzy George Zbyszewski,  
Majed Abdullah Al-Mehyawi  
and Vico Rocco



# The Brazilian Breeders' Cup Show

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The 2022 edition of the Brazilian Breeders' Cup brought in for the competition ten of the finest breeding programs in the country. Each of these farms chose four of their best production to defend their colors at one of the toughest shows in Brazil.

One of the show's great admirers is Luciano Cury from Haras Boa Vista: "The Brazilian Breeders' Cup is one of my favorite shows and the fairest show there is in Brazil because it limits the maximum number of entries to 4 horses per farm (one of which must be from a different sex), it also limits the age limit at 36 months and most

importantly all horses entered must be bred by the farm who is showing them. Under these conditions all exhibitors are at the same level of competition and it is always a thrill to wait until the last animal is judged to find out which farm was the winner".

The winner of this year's Brazilian Breeders' Cup, RFI Arabians, of the Forte family, repeated their triumph of last year presenting RFI Intense, RFI Elena, RFI Lenno and RFI Sharam. It is the fourth time that RFI Arabians wins the coveted Brazilian Breeders' Cup.

2022 Breeders' Cup winner – RFI Arabians





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**Shahbrys HVP (Royal Asad X Rebecca HVP) – Premium Cup - Highest score of the Show**

## **The Breeders' Cup Champions of 2022: RFI Arabians**

Rodrigo Forte, the founder of RFI Arabians alongside his father Carlos Forte, and the president of the Brazilian Arabian Horse Breeders Association, reflects over their journey from the first victory to the latest, revealing us thus the very evolution of his breeding program through these years:

“We are extremely pleased with the fourth title at the Breeders' Cup 2022, the second in a row, since we also won in 2021. We feel very honored to be the farm (still in activity) with the most amount of wins at this show, not forgetting that in the past Haras Vanguarda from the Diniz family won it five times, a feat that inspires us all.

The horses that won us the four titles (2011, 2017, 2021 and 2022) have always represented the RFI breeding program in the best way and most of them descended from paternal and maternal families developed by us. By analyzing the horses that represented us in these four victories throughout the years, we can observe a

clear evolution of our program and of these bloodlines.

In 2011 we won with three sons of RFI Maktub, the most important stallion of our breeding history, namely: RFI Sophie AlMaktub (x RFI Sophia Al Neschi by Neschnij) who also conquered the Premium Cup, RFI Fire Al Maktub (x Fire Glory by NV Sure Fire) and RFI Fidji Al Maktub (RFI Faiza El Shiraz by Shiraz El Jamaal).

After the loss of our beloved RFI Maktub in 2014, we started to give more visibility to his sons from which Quasim CRH (x Maxine CRH by Nuzyr HCF) stood out and since then has become our chief sire. Then, in 2017, we won the Breeders' Cup with two of Quasim's oldest daughters, namely RFI Fahaara AlMaktub (x RFI Fayara El Shiraz by Shiraz El Jamaal) and RFI Faenza AlMaktub (x Fire Glory by NV Sure Fire) as well as two of RFI Sophie AlMaktub's get, RFI Sawari by Excalibur EA and RFI Splendor by El Tino, all four of them grandsons of RFI Maktub.

Once again in 2021 we gave a big emphasis on the production of Quasim CRH who emerged as the winner





RFI Intense (Quasim CRH x Insignia Rach) – Top 2 of the Show

of the Stallion Cup. In this case we brought three of his offspring including RFI Phenomena (x Evening Star TGS by Lumiar Amadeus), RFI Raffaella (x S Rhapsody by Marwan Al Shaqab) and RFI Theodora (x Turquya Sams by HK Keav Power), as well as one grandson, RFI Fiorano (Dominic M x RFI Fahaara AlMaktub), who was sold and exported to the U.S. shortly after.

For this year's victory we had the opportunity to introduce in the show ring for the first time the production of our new stallion RFI Unique (AF Maden x RFI Ultraa AlMaktub by RFI Maktub) through RFI Sharam (x RFI Sawari by Excalibur EA) and RFI Elena (x RFI Elisha by Quasim CRH) both awarded with a top ten at the Breeders Cup finals. Our team was completed with two sons of Quasim CRH, RFI Lenno (x HDF Saphira by Ajman Moniscione) and the extraordinary RFI Intense (x Insignia Rach by El Shakhyr), who became the second highest scored horse of the show and the best scoring male.

Lastly, I believe that this last victory had a special taste

since we haven't seen such a competitive Breeders' Cup show in a long time."

### **The 2022 Premium Cup Winner: Shahbrys HVP (Haras Vila dos Pinheiros)**

In second place at the Brazilian Breeders' Cup came Haras Vila dos Pinheiros, also repeating the position of 2021 and once again crowning the Premium Cup Champion this time with Shahbrys HVP who was presented alongside her stable mates Moraynah HVP (maternal sister to last year's Premium Cup winner Polarhis HVP) and Lughan HVP.

The farm's general manager, Zetão Rodrigues was extremely glad with the result:

"We are very proud to be the winners of the Premium Cup two years in a row, with Polarhis HVP in 2021 and with Shahbrys HVP in 2022. We were also elected the

second Best Breeders of the show for two consecutive years; in 2021 just one point behind the winner and in 2022 we were technically tied in first place. We are extremely happy with the results and looking forward to the 2023 edition”.

Like Polarhis HVP in the previous year, Shahbrys HVP was the talk of the show, receiving high praises from the judges and spectators. Her sire, Royal Asad, is by El Tino and out of the iconic black RFI Maktub daughter Lumiar Ethna, whose dam line traces to the Brazilian

National Champion Promise V, as well as Varian Arabian's foundation mare Bachantka. In the mother side Shahbrys HVP is the fourth generation of HVP breeding, through Rebecca HVP who is a daughter of U.S National Champion Magnum Chall HVP whose aristocrat mother Tamaara HVP was also bred at the farm. Rebecca's dam line traces to S Justa Dream, the mare that won most U.S National halter titles in history. Guess the apple really did not fall far from the tree in this case!



Iza 7F (Bandit SRA x Sublime Morab) – Top 3 of the Show

## The Stallion Cup Winner: Pharaoh HBV

The Brazilian Breeders' Cup is the favorite show of many breeders in Brazil. That is the case of Luciano Cury, of Haras Boa Vista, who bred one of the Top Tens of the show this year (fourth place) La Belle De Jour HBV, and have previously won this show twice and the Premium Cup three times (with Psyche's Illusion HBV, Seduction HBV and Margiela HBV). This is the second time that Haras Boa Vista takes the Stallion Cup, the first being with RHR Mercedes (Marwan Al Shaqab x Ellegant Dream).

Pharaoh HBV was bred by Haras Boa Vista and divides his time between Belgium and Brazil. He is by Psyche HBV (Padrons Psyche x NV Cocoa by Bey Shah) who is a full sister of the famous Psyche Illusion HBV, herself a Premium Cup champion. His mother is the distinguished and above-mentioned RFI Sophie AlMaktub, Brazilian National Champion Mare and also a Premium Cup winner.

Despite his young age, Pharaoh HBV has been a sire champion in several countries and in continents such as Europe, North and South America. Three of his babies helped him win the Stallion Cup this year: La



Belle De Jour HBV, Phalyssa HBV and Pharagon HBV.

Completing the top five winning farms at the show were:

## Haras Cruzeiro

It was a great show for the Haras Cruzeiro team who ended up in third place and brought with them three offspring of Brazilian National Champion EKS Farouk, whose production has been much anticipated by many breeders in Brazil and abroad. Completing the team was the beautiful Jamaica LA who also took top honors at the International show.

Zico Guardia, the general manager of Haras Cruzeiro shares with us the farm's criteria to choose their contenders:

“We are very fond of the Breeders Cup show, and we select our contenders based on what is more adequate to assemble and show at a given time, in order to fulfill our goal of presenting the best qualities of our breeding program.

We had still not so many foals from our stallion EKS Farouk who was having his first foal crop, so we decided to take his son, our National Gold Junior Junior Colt, Keanu LA since we knew of his great quality and his potential of obtaining high scores. We also took a very refined daughter Karmela LA and Kaspya LA who has never been shown before. All three of them were probably still very young for a show with these traits.

And lastly we decided to take an older filly, Jamaica LA a very feminine daughter of Bandit SRA, with a long neck and excellent structure and still very different in type from the offspring of EKS Farouk.



La Belle de Jour HBV (Pharaoh HBV x Prada HBV) – Top 4 of the Show



**Kaspya LA (EKS Farouk x Faena LA) – Top 5 of the Show**

For the next edition of the Breeders' Cup, we hope to assemble a select group of animals with a lot of quality that may be able to validate the merit of a breeding program based on a great stallion.

## **Haras FT**

Flavia Torres brought a group of beautiful horses for this edition of the show, representing the lines of two of her cornerstones FT Sofia El Bogart, through the offspring of her son FT Saeed and FT Shaella, whose full sister FT Saamira produced that who is arguably the most important mare at the farm right now, FT Sephora (by HK Keav Power). Two of Sephora's beautiful daughters were presented at the show in 2022.

"It was very special for us to participate and earn such great results at this Breeders."

Besides the high level of competitiveness in this 2022 edition, we have placed all four of our contenders within the 15 highest scores of the show, two of them being by our stallion FT Saeed (El Tino x FT Sofia El Bogart), and that made it all even more special.

We are really thrilled!" (Flavia Torres)



**Karmela LA (EKS Farouk x Gazala LA) – Top 6 of the Show**







RFI Elena (RFI Unique x RFI Elisha) – Top 7 of the Show

## Haras 7 Flechas

The team at Haras 7 Flechas, whose name means seven arrows in portuguese, seemed to be prepared for the battle when they brought their contenders to the show. Three fillies and a colt were presented to honor the brothers Leandro e Junior Santos, their proud breeders who shared their thrill with the top five results:

“The Breeders’ Cup is one of the most important shows in Brazil and after eleven years since we started our Haras 7 Flechas we decided to gather a team to compete for the Cup, much aware that we were surrounded by amazing breeders who have been breeding excellent quality horses for many years with international pedigrees. A feeling of being a small ant in the middle of a herd of elephants for we knew that the best bred horses in Brazil would be there. Nevertheless, we did not fear and were very confident for our team that was comprised of:

Iza 7F (Bandit SRA x Sublime Morab by RFI Maktub);  
Hermione 7F (Dominic M X Beatrix ZR by Salieri K);  
Kiara Di Ajmer 7F (Ajmer Moniscione x Grazyzy 7F by Shiraz De Lafon);  
Inocenzo Di Ajmer 7F (Ajmer Moniscione x Carmen HVP by Legacy Of Fame).

It was not an easy task, but with a lot of dedication and hard work from the 7 Flechas Team and A&D Arabian Horse, we conquered TOP 5 honors at the Breeders’ Cup, with our Iza 7F placing third overall and named the second best mare in Brazil for 2022.

Considering it was our first participation at the Breeders’ Cup, we achieved an extraordinary result along with many emotions and teachings for the future. We thank God, the ABCCA, the 7F Team and A&D Arabian Horse. We now look forward to 2023 show season!

And now, here are this year's top ten high scoring winners of the show:



**PREMIUM CUP** Champion:

Shahbrys HVP (Royal Asad X Rebecca HVP) – Haras Vila dos Pinheiros

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

RFI Intense (Quasim CRH x Insignia Rach) – RFI Arabians

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

Iza 7F (Bandit SRA x Sublime Morab) – Haras 7 Flechas

**4<sup>th</sup>**

La Belle de Jour HBV (Pharaoh HBV x Prada HBV) – Haras Boa Vista

**5<sup>th</sup>**

Kaspya LA (EKS Farouk x Faena LA) – Haras Cruzeiro

**6<sup>th</sup>**

Karmela LA (EKS Farouk x Gazala LA) – Haras Cruzeiro

**7<sup>th</sup>**

RFI Elena (RFI Unique x RFI Elisha) – RFI Arabian

**8<sup>th</sup>**

Moraynah HVP (SM Azraff x Charis RBV) – Haras Vila dos Pinheiros

**9<sup>th</sup>**

FT Marquesa (FT Saeed x FT Miss Moon) – Haras FT

**10<sup>th</sup>**

RFI Sharam (RFI Unique x RFI Sawari) – RFI Arabians

Moraynah HVP (SM Azraff x Charis RBV) – Top 8 of the Show





FT Marquesa (FT Saeed x FT Miss Moon) – Top 9 of the Show

## Judges Testimonials

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*A view from inside the ring*

### George Z (USA)

“I always enjoy judging in Brazil and this time was no different. Because the dates of the show changed, I spent longer time in São Paulo than planned. I’m forever grateful to the Association and especially to Maria Helena Vidal for spending time with me and sharing some beautiful and interesting sides of São Paulo.

The show itself was beautifully organized and was nothing but perfection. It wasn’t a huge group of horses but the quality made up for the smaller number of entries. Looking back at the quality of young horses, I am absolutely sure that the Brazilian breeding as whole is doing well and it is heading for a bright future.

Of course, it is almost impossible to pick just one favorite horse. Several classes had a few fantastic individuals. However if I had to pick just one that captured my heart it would be the beautiful filly by Royal Asad (Shahbrys HVP). She was not only very correct and beautiful but despite of number of her appearances in front of the audience, she was always fresh, happy and showy.

Over all, once again I could witness the tremendous talent of Brazilian breeders. No wonder we are able to see the influence of Brazilian horses all over the world.”



2022 Premium Cup winner – Shabbrys HVP

## Vico Rocco (Brazil)

“It is always a pleasure to judge the Brazilian Breeders’ Cup show, especially with this amazing group of judges. This year there were several horses with a very good degree of type, which is essential to be competitive anywhere in the world right now. Congratulations to the ABCCA for once again overcoming external challenges and organizing a great show. Congratulations to all the winners and all the breeders who attended the show.”



RFI Sharam (RFI Unique x RFI Sawari) – Top 10 of the Show



# The International Show

Shahbrys HVP (Royal Asad X Rebecca HVP) – Gold Champion Jr Filly



The International Show traditionally follows the Brazilian Breeders' Cup and it is judged by the comparative system. The same panel of judges of the Brazilian Breeders' Cup was assembled for the show.

This year's Gold Junior Champion Filly was Shahbrys HVP (Royal Asad x Rebecca HVP), bred and owned by Haras Vila dos Pinheiros, who also emerged as the Premium Cup winner at the Breeders' Cup in the previous day. Following her with the Silver champion was the beautiful FT Simphonia, bred and owned by Haras FT. She is a daughter of FT Saeed and FT Sephora and therefore the bearer of the same dam line

as the famous FT Shaella. The winner of the Bronze was Katara LA, a daughter of EKS Farouk and the WH Justice daughter Dakota LA, bred and owned by Haras Cruzeiro.



FT Simphonia (FT Saeed x FT Sephora) – Silver Champion Jr Filly

Katara LA (EKS Farouk x Dakota LA) – Bronze Champion Jr Filly

Haras Cruzeiro was also the winner when it came to the Gold in the Junior Colt Championship with Kayak LA, yet another beautiful son of EKS Farouk this time out of the Ajman Moniscione daughter VA Exotica by Alija. The Silver Junior Champion Colt Azkaban El Farid RB comes from the traditional breeding program of Haras das Cascatas who also owns him. He is by the acclaimed RFI Farid out of Lakyshah

Moon RB, a maternal sister to the Brazilian and U.S National Champion Honey's Delight RB but by the Marajj son Sirajj UB. The Bronze Junior Champion Gazani JSZ also comes from nobility. Bred and owned by Jorge Selume of Haras Santa Marta, he is by Gazal Al Shaqab out of Sahara Gallina whose family includes the National Champions Sahara Dagherah, Wandan El Madan, Sahara Dawarah and Emir Sahara.



**Kayak LA (EKS Farouk x VA Exotica by Alija) – Gold Champion Jr Colt**



**Azkaban El Farid RB (RFI Farid x Lakyshah Moon RB) – Silver Champion Jr Colt**

**Gazani JSZ (Gazal Al Shaqab x Sahara Gallina) – Bronze Champion Jr Colt**





**Carandá Lulikah (Bandit SRA x Sahara Latifa) – Gold Champion Filly**

Two daughters of the impressive son of DA Valentino, Bandit SRA (x LL Albufera) took to two top spots in the Filly Championship. Winning the Gold for Haras Carandá was their beautiful homebred Carandá Lulikah whose mother Sahara Latifa is a daughter of Sadeek Van Ryad, a former chief sire for Haras Sahara by Ryad El Jamaal. Jamaica LA, the Silver Champion is bred and owned by Haras Cruzeiro and her mother is the DA Vinci FM daughter DA Vinci's Jewel. She also helped Haras Cruzeiro achieve top five honors at the Brazilian Breeders' Cup this year. DA Vinci FM is also the maternal grandfather of the Bronze Champion Filly Monah HVP, bred and owned by Haras Vila dos Pinheiros who is by Hariry Al Shaqab out of Monalisa HVP.



**Jamaica LA (Bandit SRA x DA Vinci's Jewel) – Silver Champion Filly**



**Monah HVP (Hariry Al Shaqab x Monalisa HVP) – Bronze Champion Filly**



**HK Gran Valehoso**  
(Dominic M x HK  
Sweet Musique) –  
Gold Champion Colt

**Kamal Ali HEC (HP Ali x Khyki HEC) – Silver Champion Colt**



**Pharagon HBV (Pharaoh  
HBV x Abbiat El Shams) –  
Bronze Champion Colt**

HK Gran Valehoso, a very typey chestnut son of Dominic M out of champion daughter of HDF Lugano won the Colt Championship for his breeders and owners Cesar Schmidt of Haras Katu and Humberto Florezi of Haras Al Hosçan. Taking the Silver was another beautiful colt who has won the National Champion Junior Colt

some years before. Kamal Ali HEC, bred and owned by Haras Estancia California is by the Chilean import HP Ali and out of Khyki HEC a cross between HK Keav Power and their iconic Khyara HEC. The Bronze medal went to Pharagon HBV (Pharaoh HBV x Abbiat El Shams) bred and owned by Haras Boa Vista.





The Mare Championship brought back into the ring some powerful contenders many of which with previous wins at the national level. It was indeed quite a line up of national winners in this championship. The Gold Champion Mare RFI Sawari (Excalibur EA x RFI

Sophie AlMaktub) bred and owned by RFI Arabians is a previous Brazilian Gold National Champion Young Mare and her son RFI Sharam was placed among the top ten winners at the Brazilian Breeders' Cup.



**RFI Sawari (Excalibur EA x RFI Sophie AlMaktub) – Gold Champion Mare**



**Felma LA (Mashoor Al Mohamadia x Bela LA) –  
Silver Champion Mare**



**Rhona Vul Do Divino (Vulcano HVP x Rhona Rach) –  
Bronze Champion Mare**

Felma LA (Mashoor Al Mohamadia x Bela LA) took the Silver medal at the show and was also named the Brazilian National Silver Young Mare in 2021. She is owned by Leandro Aguiar e Cristiane Durante Guardia and was bred by Haras Cruzeiro. The Bronze Champion Mare Rhona Vul Do Divino (Vulcano HVP x Rhona Rach), bred and owned by Ricardo Mesquita was previously named Brazilian National Silver Filly Champion.





**Toryno JQ (Halysr Meia Lua x Giorgia El Shawan JQ) – Gold Champion Stallion**

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Crowned with the Gold Champion Stallion by unanimous decision, Toryno JQ is a son of Halysr Meia Lua, a stallion bred by Haras Meia Lua who was exported to the U.S.A and that has been producing several champions in different countries such as Brazilian National Silver Champion Stallion Abbas Al Ventur and European multi champion Bianca AL. His mother is Giorgia El Shawan JQ by FA El Shawan. He was bred by Haras dos Faveiros and is owned by Rach Stud of Paulo and Ricardo Saliba. The Silver spot went to the chestnut Daimmen HVP, bred and owned

by Haras Vila dos Pinheiros. He is a son of Nuzyr HCF and Maqna Leenda HBV by Magnum Psyche. Another chestnut bred and owned by Haras FK conquered the Bronze. Stefan FK is a son of Dominic M out of Big Soul W.

Toryno JQ also had the distinction of winning the most classic head for males while Hanna 7F (HDF Lugano x Venza El Madan), bred by Haras 7 Flechas and owned by João Carlos Millan won the prize for females.

The Brazilian Breeders' Cup 2022 will be remembered as the show edition that brought back the energy, the joy and the many beautiful horses after the limbo created by the pandemics. People were all looking forward to participate and engage in such an atmosphere of joy that only a true "Made in Brazil" style event, in the best sense of the word, could be able to create.

**Daimmen HVP (Nuzyr HCF x Maqna Leenda HBV) –  
Silver Champion Stallion**



**Stefan FK (Dominic M x Big Soul W) –  
Bronze Champion Stallion**

*See you all  
in 2023!*

