



AUSTRALIAN ARABIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

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1. The Senior Stallion winner was the imported 'AN Mashar' (SM Azraff x Marchesaa) bred by Al Nayfat Stud and owned by Al Munawar Arabian Stud.



2. Junior Colt
'BP El Seghir' (Ghianni WPI x Simeon Serafin) Bred and owned by Denis and Dianne Hewat



3. Yearling Colt
Sovereign FF (Crave FF x Mystica Sunshine) Bred and owned by Doyle and Kate Dertell

The pinnacle Arabian Horse event in Australia, the Australian Arabian National Championships, was held in Werribee, (Melbourne) Victoria for 2024. The decision by the Arabian Horse Society of Australia to run the show in Victoria proved extremely popular, with competitors showing measures of support. 240 Horses were entered for the show which was more than an 18% increase on the previous year's numbers.

Competitors came from Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales, ACT, Tasmania and a contingent from New Zealand crossed "the ditch" to compete for the title of Australian Champion.

Our esteemed judges for the Open halter classes were Paul Kostial from the United States, Berengere Fayt from France, and Peter Pond from Australia. Kym Dyball and Marilyn O'Dea from Australia judged the non-pro and saddle classes, Jan Smith and Debi Hamid the dressage.

The competition was run over four days culminating in the Purebred Halter classes which attracted some excellent quality horses and really good numbers. The extremely hot and humid weather unfortunately caused some issues for organizers, not the least in ensuring both competitors and their horses were safe in the conditions. Sadly, a few horses withdrew from the final day of competition – not wanting to show in the stifling heat.

One of the bigger and most spectacular saddle classes was the Arabian Costume. Fourteen beautiful costumes with well-mannered Arabians were entered.

This year an Endurance Horse Halter and saddle class was added to include our Endurance enthusiasts in the show. Whilst certainly a different "look" to the open halter class, these horses were sound and of high quality and all were "yellow book" horses.



4. Yearling Gelding

SF Jaheris (RD Dynamo x Jalilah FF) Bred and owned by Sable Farm



5. Junior Gelding

SF Jamaggio (Emerald J x Jalilah FF) Bred and owned by Sable Farm



7. Senior gelding

Jasper FF (Volcom FF x Mystica Jamarlee) bred by Doyle and Kate Dertell and owned by Sable Farm.



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Madonna ORA

A fantastic class of senior mares saw one of the biggest classes of the show. The eventual winner was another import, Madonna ORA (Vitorio TO x TM Mona Lisa) bred by Oak Ridge Arabians and owned by Steve Walker.



Junior filly

TIA GA (Sayyad Al Jannat x Victorious Ardela) Bred and owned by Anita Garth



Yearling Filly Nitaka FF (Volcom FF x Nefertiti FF) bred and owned by Doyle and Kate Dertell.



HIGHLIGHTS

CRABBET & EGYPTIAN SHOWCASE



Champion SE Gelding - SAADIQ EP



Champion Crabbet Gelding - SHIVRON PARK KENAI



Champion SE Mare - MAYSAMA JALILA



Champion Crabbet Mare - DANAES XENIA



Champion SE Stallion - SHERIDAN PARK



Champion Crabbet Stallion - OSO HUNTER

I for the past 19 years watch a young lady become one of the most accomplished horse women in Australia, Her Journey of the Arabian horse starts at 'Future Farms' with her parents Kate, Doyle Dertell brother Kody. Jessica has grown up in Arabian horse world showing some of the most amazing Arabians.

She has grown up competing in nearly all disciplines in Arabian industry, Jessica has also represented Australia in the Middle East riding endurance horses.

I personal have been privilege and truly one of her biggest fans to watch her journey from one of her 1st AANC competing in a under 10yrs old class, Jessica over the past few years has branched out competing our Arabian horses in open events throughout Australia with great success, but with growth becomes more opportunities and her Dance card became bigger.

I photographed Jessica doing dressage at the AANC 2024 on a pure Bred 'RD Dynamo' that lead me to this write up, I actually saw that this was one person who really deserves a mention for her involvement she have become the most amazing role model and achievements the list goes on.

Even though she will not be competing on and Arabian horse she is still in our Arabian horse family, Jesica Dertell has had met the qualification criteria for Paris 2024 Games, Samantha, Brett Thomas of Sable Farms and owners of amazing stallion Cennin (IMP NL) Warmblood Station, headed off to Europe to continue their campaign in hope of representing Australia at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games in Dressage.

Jessica Dertell will be the youngest dressage rider in Australian Olympic Games team history if selected for Paris 2024. We wish you all the success on the journey.



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