

DON Luciano SL

BRINGING THE DEFINITION OF TYPE TO A DIFFERENT LEVEL!

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Don Luciano is a story of friendship and success. Bred by Simone Leo, Don Luciano was named after a good friend of him in Brazil. From the moment Don Luciano was born everybody immediately wanted to be a part of this colts bright future. Longtime friend Giuseppe Palumbo joined in on the partnership when Luciano was just a few months old. Watching this colt develop himself beautifully and seeing him win at several shows

all over Europe gave an extra glister to the friendship.

Don Luciano is a son of Psyasic. A bay son of Psytadel and out of the world famous show mare Karoba by Kubinec. The dam of Luciano is the praised broodmare Mata Hari HY. Mata Hari is a daughter of the legendary Lumiar Amadeus and comes out of Kursk HG who is a daughter of Excelladinn. Simone Leo found Mata Hari in Brazil. He bought



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her to complete the cargo to Europe. Once he recognized the quality of this fine Lumiar Amadeus daughter, he knew that breeding her to Psyrasic was the best next step. When Don Luciano came to the world he exceeded all expectations. His exotic ultra dished face was out of this world, his big dark friendly eyes showed the spirit of a true champion. His solid body was a gift from his dam Mata Hari and his movement came natural for Don Luciano. He would lift his tail and do his little dance for everyone who came to see him.

Already as a little foal, he won the silver medal and best head trophy at the show in Travagliato, Italy. He continued this success in Salerno, where he won once again the gold and was also named Best in show! From that time Don Luciano was the talk of the day and everybody was anxious to see how he would develop. In 2012, Simone Leo & Giuseppe Palumbo decided it was time to send Don Luciano to Northern-Europe. In the capable hands of Frank Spönle, he made his entrance at the International B-show in Vilhemsborg, Denmark. Also in Denmark, everyone was charmed by this young exotic colt and he was named the Gold champion once again! Next stop was another international show in St. Oedenrode, The Netherlands. Here Luciano proved that he had more than just the pretty face and showed some fantastic mo-

vement as well. Again he won the Gold medal!

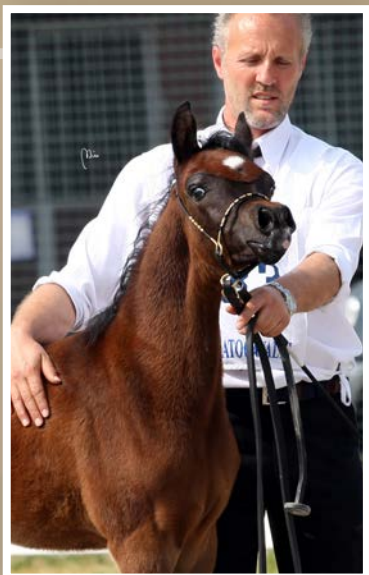
Simone & Giuseppe then agreed it was time to show him at the big shows. Starting at the Elran Cup in Hasselt, Belgium. The competition was high and not only was he entered in the Elran Cup, he also participated at the Arabian Futurity show which was held the same day. Even though he was only a yearling, Don Luciano proved to be a top performer and was named Top Five in the final championships of both shows! The 2012 show season ended with his performance at the prestigious All Nations Cup in Aachen, where he achieved a third placed among the best yearling colts in the world.

In 2013, Don Luciano was shown only once at the International show in Wels, Austria where he was named Bronze Champion junior colt. After this, Simone and Giuseppe took him home to Italy for a well deserved rest.

His little vacation in Italy treated him well and Don Luciano matured into a beautifully grown up stallion. Today, at the age of three, Don Luciano is sole owned by Simone Leo and ready to take his place in the breeding barn as producer of Exotic type. At Il Paradiso stud he will be available to all outside mares by fresh transported semen. □



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Champion Silver Futurity & Best Head Trophy, Travagliato (IT) 2011



Champion Futurity
Salerno (IT) 2011

2nd and Top Five
Yearling Colts
Hasselt (BE) 2012

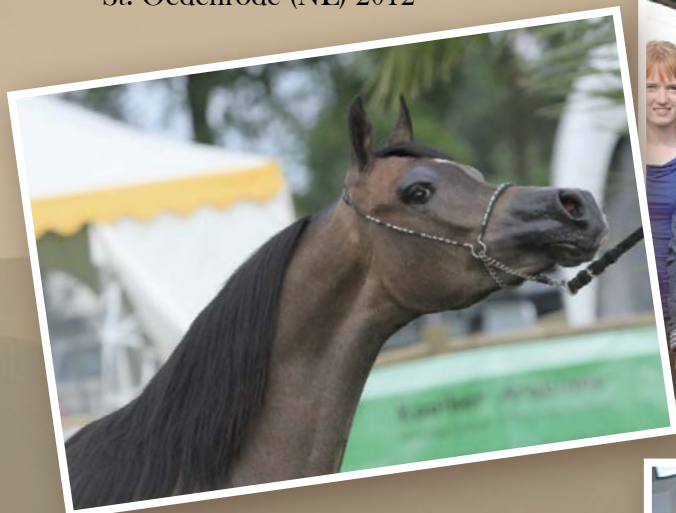




Gold Champion, Int. B-show Vilhemsborg, (DK) 2012



Gold Champion, Int.C- Show
St. Oedenrode (NL) 2012



3rd Place All Nations Cup,
Int. A show Aachen (DE) 2012



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Bronze Champion,
Int. B-show Wels
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