

NOMAD ARABIANS, FRANCE

In trying to preserve the 100% Crabbet Arabians in England, it may be of some comfort to know that despite a journey across the Channel, no fewer than 14 100% Crabbet Arabians live at Carol Carpenter's Nomad Arabians. Carol found her French home near the picturesque town of Argenton sur Creuse which is situated in lovely valleys with rolling hills and woods.

In 1995, Carol transported her horses and with her husband, Richard, they continue to breed 100% Crabbet bloodlines. Ludomino (Ludo x Yemama) bred by Mr. and Mrs. D.D. Wright, started Carol's quest for the Arabian and the two most important foundation mares were Silver Sheen (Bright Shadow x Silver Grey) bred by Crabbet Stud and Platinum Pearl (Indian Star x Platinum Bell) bred by Miss PJ Pointer. These mares continue to be the mainstay of Carol's stud as can be seen from the pedigrees and she successfully line breeds to them.

One of their two main stallions, Spirit of Silver (who appeared at the Crabbet Convention) is by Ludomino out of Silver Sheen. Silver Sheen's dam, Silver Grey was a full sister to Royal Radiance who was exported to Australia and the influence of both mares in the breeding programmes of both countries has been immense. Spirit of Silver has been standing at Stud in England for the past few years alternating between Ba Tobin's stud near Gloucester and Hazel Crowle in Cornwall.

It was good to see three promising young fillies, the chestnut Veletta Pearl (Silver Blue Ludo x Velvet Wings) and the greys, Ludara (Silver Blue Ludo x Lusarah) and Dominita (Silver Blue Ludo x Domino Rose). These young mares are a good base for Carol to continue her programme in the future. Silver Blue Ludo, Carol's main stallion is the only 100% son of Silver Blue. He has enormous eyes, large jowl and great breadth between the eyes with good legs and body and of course that wonderful Ludo movement and outstanding temperament. He is out of the mare Golden Ludo and so is a full brother to Golden Silver, sadly no longer alive. If you wish to use this stallion, transport to France is not as expensive as imagined and Carol is quite happy to take visiting mares.

The 100% Crabbet son of Silver Blue Ludo out of the lovely Lusarah (Ludomino x Masarah) is available for sale. It was planned that he should be at Nomad at the time of my visit but unfortunately things did not work out. It is very possible he will be sold to England.

Many years ago I remember Richard leading a very pretty chestnut yearling filly at the National Show when it was held at Ascot. A short time later he returned with a red rosette. I was therefore very pleased to see that Carol had retained that line through the aforementioned Dominita. Although the stallion Platinum Domino (Ludomino x Platinum Pearl) had an injury on his near fore, he could be used at stud if desired. This stallion is very correct and would be a very useful sire.

Carol has line bred to Ludo in many of her breedings with the upstanding mares Magic Mistral (Dream Too), Velvet Wings (Platinum Pearl), Wings of Pearl (Pearl of Wisdom), Lusarah (Masarah) all by the famous stallion Ludomino. There is not much blood of Silver Gauntlet

(Rajeyd x Silver Mantle) in the UK but Carol has secured the mare Crown of the Universe (x Amazing Crown) bred by Mrs. Rosemary Bretherton. The Brethertons famous Hawkhurst Stud moved to France in the early 1990's and some of these rare bloodlines have been traced in France whilst some are also available in the UK. The mares Velvet Wings, Lusarah, Pearl Silva are the Pure Crabbet mares in foal to Silver Blue Ludo for this year.

Mention should be made of Carol's Russian programme. Carol obtained the beautiful stallion Muskov, (Muslin x Podkova), now elderly but he remains proud despite his years. He has been joined by Malak de Navarre (Abakan x Maikova). Carol has bred most of her mares to Muskov showing again that Crabbet mares blend well with other lines. Results of these matings are the mares Dusk Rose (x Domino Rose), Lumuscat (Lusarah), Saima Bint Saila (Saila) and Russian Pearl (Pearl of Wisdom).

Also at Nomad Arabians are the Old English mares, the ever young and beautiful Saila (Ludomino x El Arabella), Luissa (Ludomino x Iridissa), Badyra (Ben Rabba x Bright Gleam), Lissa (Ludomino x Ludisha) and Sengala (Sengoran x Shemali Magic).

Carol assures me that she intends to always keep her Crabbet base in their purity as well as continuing her Russian programme. The horses looked so well and were so friendly and it was lovely to see the strength of bone in this stud. The number of Ludomino stock competing in endurance in the UK says much for the breeding programme and none better to advertise her stud than the successful Tigre (Platinum Domino x Masarah), owned by John Hudson who has just come 4th in the Red Dragon 160K ride in Wales.

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