

Foundation Mare - Georgie Girl

(Genius/Witzbold b.1992)

Genius	Garibaldi I	Grande	Graf/Duellant
		Marbel	Marcio xx/Duellant
	St.Pr.St. Dreamy	Diskus	Domspatz/Senat
		Cycla	Cyperm
Carousel	Witzbold	Winnetou	Ferdinand
		Lady	Lugano II
	Rondeau xx	His Grace xx	Knight's Romance/Ruthless
		Hogmanay xx	Scottish Custom



Georgie Girl and one of her foals, with Gary Freeman at Bilbar Lodge

In 1996 Gary Freeman purchased a chestnut, 4 year old Hanoverian mare from Michelle Skinner of Palmerston North, after the mare had won Reserve Champion Sporthorse at the Horse of the Year Show at Karaka. The mare's name was Georgie Girl.

The Freemans put her straightaway in foal to Anamour. The resulting foal, a filly born in 1998, was Azena, sold as a weanling to Judith Matthews of Matthews Hanoverians. Azena was eventually broken in and did her mare performance test with a German Inspector, scoring 8.5 for rideability. She is a NZ Premium mare. She has competed and has 200 dressage points. Judith says she has amazing paces with a huge moment of suspension.

As a foundation mare at Bilbar Lodge, Georgie Girl went on to produce more lovely foals by Anamour: Arabella, Anaversary, Alesha, Arawn, Audane, Absolutely Awesome, Award, Aragon. Although she is no oil painting, in fact rather dumpy and plain now, matched with Anamour, she has had exceptional progeny, with presence, looks, good bone and superb movement.

Her foals are so eye-catching that they have mostly been sold at birth and at times before they are born.

She teaches her foals well and is a very good mother.

Her paddock name 'George' is very appropriate as she has many stallion-like behaviour patterns. She is a very dominant mare in the herd and is well respected by all mares. She has been known to sit like a dog in a yard of mares, ready to dominate, and the Freemans have learnt to yard her separately.

As a seven year old, Georgie Girl developed a type of cancer in the glands under her chin, and her future did not look good, but with treatment and time she has fully recovered.

Many of Georgie Girl's foals have been fillies, so the chances of her founding a dynasty would be good if her daughters were not mostly still competing. Perhaps this is a testament to their potential quality as riding horses.

The afore-mentioned Azena has had three foals for Matthews Hanoverians. They are:

- 2004 - "Gatsby MH", Bay colt by Gymnastik Star
- 2005 - foal by Contucci (deceased)
- 2007 - Chestnut filly by Dream Boy

Alesha has been sold to a rider in Australia, where she is competing at Prix St George level

Arabella died of colic as a youngster.

Anaversary – the Freemans sold her and she has had a non- Hanoverian foal by frozen semen.

Arawn – was sold to Vanessa Way and now a five year old, is competing. He has had limited outings but has either won or placed second at all of his starts. A super horse, standing at 17.1hh, he is of international quality.



Above: Georgie Girl's tenth foal, a bay colt by Anamour, born November 2008.
Photo Wendy Freeman.

Audane – Now owned and ridden by Christine Reed, who bought her from the Freemans as a yearling. Christine is thrilled with her.

Absolutely Awesome - was sold unborn. He is still at Bilbar Lodge and is shortly going to be broken in. He is a big gelding with superb movement.

Award - Vanessa Way owns him, although he, too, is still at Bilbar Lodge. He shows the big movement and good temperament of all his siblings.

Aragon - Has been promised to Emma Malcolm, who is currently training in Germany. Another one still at Bilbar Lodge, he is stunning and will be a big horse also.

At the age of 18, Georgie Girl gave birth to her tenth foal in November 2008 - a fine, upstanding colt.

Aware that they have been fortunate in placing these promising youngsters with competitive riders, Gary and Wendy put some effort into nurturing good relationships with their buyers. In competitive hands, the horses have a good opportunity to reach their potential. It will be a few years before we see the younger progeny holding their own, but the Freemans are very excited about them all.