

March Cover And Leaders Of The Times:

VITORIO

A Once-In-A-Lifetime Horse

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Once in a lifetime, a stallion comes along who fulfills our every ambition and dreams. He is a model for breed standards, an international champion, and the progenitor of offspring that are his equal, and perhaps even better. For Janey Morse, that once-in-a-lifetime horse is Vitorio TO.

VITORIO TO

(DA Valentino x Sol Natique)

IGNITING THE WORLD!

2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018 Leading Halter Sire in North America

Over \$350,000 in prize money won by Vitorio offspring

Multiple International Champion winning offspring

The most accomplished son of multi-National Champion DA Valentino, Vitorio TO is out of the double-Negativ mare Sol Natique. Ever since he won his first United States national title as a yearling, Vitorio has identified himself as a leader of his generation. Likewise, he has identified himself as a leading sire from the time his first progeny hit the show rings of the world. His exceptional quality and conformation have earned him national championships in three countries, while his genetic prepotency makes him a perpetual leading sire at the most prestigious shows on the planet. Vitorio TO leads by example, time and time again.

Vitorio reinforces his dominance with each successive foal crop. One after the other, his progeny rise to the top. Meanwhile, Vitorio himself continues to mature into an even more impressive version of an almost perfect stallion.

In 2017, Vitorio and his trusted guide David Boggs returned to the U.S. Nationals, looking to add to his previous titles of National Champion Yearling, National Champion 3-Year-Old and National Champion Futurity Colt. In a closely contested final, Vitorio was named the 2017 United States National Reserve Champion Senior Stallion with the high point score of the show.

Janey Morse appreciates Vitorio not only for the physical attributes that he passes on to his foals, but for his fine mind and great attitude, which he also doles out in large measure. The trainability of the Vitorio progeny has been a major factor in their show successes, both in-hand and under saddle. They are fun to work with and can also cross the boundaries between show horses and family riding horses. He is the perfect choice for diverse crosses because he consistently adds beauty as well as correct Arabian conformation and type into the equation, producing predictably great results—even on the world's largest stages.

Vitorio TO has been the perpetual leading sire at “The World’s Largest Arabian Horse Show,” the Scottsdale All-Arabian, for the past two years—spanning all halter categories for both purebreds and Half-Arabians. Achieving the Leading Halter Sire title at Scottsdale even once is a tremendous accomplishment, but Vitorio TO did it for the third consecutive time when he was once again named the Leading Halter Sire at the 2018 Scottsdale show. Even more impressive, *he led by total points (142, to second-best 98)*, another mind-boggling endorsement of Vitorio, the sire.

In May, Vitorio TO will turn 10 years old. It is a startlingly young age to have accomplished so much, either as a show horse or as a sire. To have done it so handily across the board is truly remarkable and bodes well for the future of Oak Ridge Arabians, and the breed. There are many years ahead for Janey’s once-in-a-lifetime stallion to add to his already impressive legacy. ■

