

Memorial

I first met Sjonja, daughter of Hungarian Bravo and Magic Shadow ox, in 1987, when she was a yearling mountaintop pasture full breed, looking to purchase watching each filly, trying who their sires and dams a bit overwhelmed, when she shouldered. This was Sjonja, frolicking about. She shouldered. I knew she was



at a ranch in Montana, in a of Shagyas. I was new to the my first broodmare. I was to remember who was who, and were. I was getting confused and I felt someone looking over my quietly observing her siblings actually placed her chin on my mine, and I was hers.

Sjonja produced eleven foals, four of which are stallions. Dr. Mike Foss leased Sjonja as a three year old in 1989, while I spent a summer with the US Equestrian Driving Team. Her first foal was O'Shaunnessy by *Oman. He went on to a career in endurance. Her next foal was my beautiful Sonata PFF, by *Shandor. Sonata was awarded a score of 8.1 at her breeding inspection, the highest marks given a mare in 1994. Sonata's full brother, Sarvar PFF (stallion) was born in 1993. Szamos (registered as Somos PFF, stallion,) by *Oman, came next. Sadly, both Sonata and Szamos died at early ages, each in separate tragic accidents. Sjonja then gave me Summer PFF, when Sarvar jumped a fence and bred his dam. Next came Odin PFF (stallion) by *Oman, Brahma PFF by Bold Bravo, and then Shalom PFF, Atman PFF (stallion), Salomé PFF, and Saroya PFF - all by Almos. I have kept Salome and Saroya in my broodmare band to carry on Sjonja's family line. Sarvar and Atman continue to produce fabulous foals for me, and Odin is standing for Kilian and Drena Dill.

One fine memory I have happened after Sjonja had been stalled for a couple of weeks with her new filly Summer, who had had an injury (which healed just fine.) Anyway, on a lovely early summer morning I was able to turn them out in a grassy pasture. Sjonja galloped off, then leaped in the air in a perfect capriole! All four feet off the ground, knees tucked high, level and airy. It was something to see.

Sjonja was euthanized today. She is buried next to her son Szamos. I will miss her full-throated and Frielinghaus commented "wise eyes." Sjonja was herd. She never they just acknowledged She was always so easy, whatever I asked; I could the pearl of my herd, and



Sjonja 1986-2008

insistent whinny. Dr. on her evaluation that she had always the lead mare of the intimidated the other horses; her as the wisest of them all. so compliant and willing to do always count on her. She was I loved her.