

A tribute to Favory Arva

18 October 1995 - 16 April 2015

The little horse with the huge heart, coming up for his 20th birthday this year, passed away on 16 April 2015. He was a multi-talented stallion, performing piaffe in the Work in Hand, schooled to Long Rein and a schoolmaster for many new riders in the School Quadrille. The riders who were closely associated with him have added their tributes below:

Tribute from Kerry Plumstead

How do you write a tribute to a horse that has touched so many people.. Favory Arva was in fact the first horse I had a private lesson on, when I first joined the Lipizzaner team some 8 years ago. At the time I started training to ride in the School Quadrille, he was already an established stallion in the Pas de Deux routine and I will always have special memories of him when I rode him in my first Quadrille. He was also extremely talented in the 'piaffe' in the Work in Hand.



In 2008, the team was invited to perform in the Grand Arena at Sun International's GrandWest Casino and Entertainment World in Cape Town and we wanted to put on a side saddle item. I had just over a month to train him and he became a 'dream' in side saddle and later on, because he had such a talent for 'piaffe', we were able to introduce this into the side saddle routine .

(Favory Arva with Kerry Plumstead (foreground))

He was an exceptionally reliable stallion, was very photogenic and was often used for weddings and 'guards of honour'.



He was a truly special horse that has taught me more than I can ever put in writing. May he rest in peace.

Tribute from Lesley Steven

Favory Arva was given to me as a fully trained horse in high school riding to perform Long Rein. When he first came to the centre he was immediately nicknamed "Face" for his very pretty looks. He was very sensitive but always kind. His speciality was piaffe in the Long Rein which was always impressive to watch. Favory Arva then had 'time off' from the Long Rein, but was recently brought back to teach a potential handler the ropes and again treated her with kindness and sensitivity. Rest in Peace special horse.



Thanks to Karin Van Deventer and James Guthrie of VVM Attorneys who sponsored Favory Arva since 2008.

Thanks to Dr Karen Bohme, our veterinarian, and to Marina Caenazzo, our Breeding and Operations Manager, for their care and dedication. He will remain in our hearts for ever.