

On the cover

Words by Samantha Mattocks - Photography by Javan

Celestina^{INZ}



Celestina INZ taking Gold with handler Ted Carson at Scottsdale this year



Celestina INZ as a foal

Psyche x HS Mostly), a double Padron (Patron x Odessa) grandson, ML Mostly Padron has won a host of titles across the US, including a memorable championship at the Arabian Breeders' World Cup in Las Vegas. Her dam, Serenitee CA (ex Falcons Faith BHF by Falcon BHF) is sired in turn by SF Veraz (Gazal Al Shaqab x Veronica GA), who has since been sold to Brazil. Like ML Mostly Padron, SF Veraz is also a multiple winner in-hand and the combination of these two stallions has proved to blend in a perfect package.

"I was in the stall with Serenitee and her filly walked under her neck to have a closer look at me," Suzann smiles. "I took one look at her huge eyes, and that was it – she had to be mine. Frances Butler bred her, and kindly let me name her. Celestina is "heavenly" in Italian, and this filly has certainly proved to be that, and more."

One of the youngest horses at the show, Celestina immediately attracted a lot of attention in Scottsdale, and everyone was talking about her. Come Monday's championship, the interest levels were high and Celestina showed herself beautifully to take what is sure to be the first of many crowns. For the rest of the show, all eyes remained on this laid back, correct, vibrant filly. Not all foals live up to their early promise; Celestina has already proved that Suzann's faith in her was well founded, and we can all look forward to seeing the next steps for this newest star in the bright world of the Arabian horse.

Owner Suzann Vince with Celestina INZ



Our cover star for this edition is the incredibly feminine yearling filly, Celestina INZ. At just 11 months of age, this beautiful chestnut filly made her show-ring debut at the Scottsdale All-Arabian Horse Show, taking part in the highly competitive International Arabian Breeders Championships. Having won her class with a huge score, including rare 20s for type and head, this graceful filly danced her way to the title of Gold Yearling Filly Champion – quite the introduction for Celestina INZ to the world! Owned by Suzann Vince of Iniziare Arabians, whose Sicilian heritage comes through in her naming of her horses, Iniziare marks the return of Suzann to the Arabian horse industry, having been very involved in the 1980s with her father through their Twin Creek Arabians. Having found two perfect fillies to reignite her programme with – H Bella Bellezza H (Da Vinci FM x *Sashaa LHT) and Benedetta INZ (Shanghai EA x *Legacys Rose HVP) – Suzann was not looking for a third. But a visit to Ted Carson's Training Center at Butler Farms in North Carolina last May changed all of that. While already a fan of two of the, then, resident stallions at Ted's, Suzann was not expecting to fall in love with a 10-week old filly that would not only encapsulate both bloodlines, but would go on to be her first major champion for Iniziare Arabians. It was during a presentation that a very feminine chestnut filly caught Suzann's eye – and a visit to the stables confirmed that this filly was for her. The filly was sired by ML Mostly Padron (Padrons

ML MOSTLY PADRON

Celestina^{INZ}

PADRON'S PSYCHE

HS MOSTLY

SF VERAZ

FALCONS FAITH BHF

PADRON

KILIKA

PADRON

MOSSI

GAZAL AL SHAQAB

VERONICA GA

FALCON BHF

MEGAA

PATRON
ODESSA
TAMERLAN
KILIFA
PATRON
ODESSA
NURI SCHALAN
MADERA
ANAZA EL FARID
KAJORA
VERSACE
ECHO BELLE
BEY SHAH
BEY SERENADE SF
RETADOR
TRASKA

