



Silver Sonata

“Shadow”

May 1, 1979 – September 16, 2008

Shadow, known to many as “Silver Sonata”, was a little horse with a big heart. One of the last living sons of the great Arabian sire “Gaypolka”, Shadow spent many years as a companion horse on a racing farm in Alberta before coming to BC and starting a successful show career that spanned over nearly two decades. Shadow competed for many years on the Arabian circuit in the hunter division before moving up the levels in dressage. He competed in the FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider divisions with his owner Sarah Chapple, winning many championships and accolades along the way. Shadow always did whatever was asked of him and gave 110% to every single ride. His sweet personality made him popular with many, and he was always happy to greet visitors and eat whatever was offered to him. His favourite treats included slurpees right from the cup, potato chips, and mini donuts.

Shadow and Sarah participated in many shows, clinics, and performances, demonstrating that even the most unlikely dressage horse can perform the upper level movements. They appeared in “Equestriana” and a BC Young Rider demo at the PNE, qualified for regional and national championships at the FEI level, and performed demonstrations at the IPEC Pacific Rim International Horse Show. Shadow retired from the show arena in 2003 at the age of 24, and the “Silver Sonata BCYR Award” for an outstanding young dressage rider was dedicated in honour of his amazing accomplishments. The perpetual trophy is awarded each year by the BC Young Riders Dressage group.

Shadow died on September 16, 2008 at the age of 29. His incredible personality, huge heart and companionship will be sorely missed.