

## FONT SCARFACE AND CHAZELLE SMITH

Font Scarface was born on 5 November, 2002, by an Arab stallion out of Font PTW. He was about 30 months old when one day he came back to the stables on the farm with an open gash on his face which was too deep to leave unattended. Neville tried as best he could with his limited sight to stitch the wound. It was only later that the Vet was able to come and complete the job. She felt that between Neville and her they did quite a neat job as the scar is not half as bad as it looked it would be initially. Although the cause of the cut was never known for sure, it was believed that he stumbled down the embankment onto the railway line which ran through the farm.

He is now owned by Jorja Joan Rohrich who, after an illustrious career, graciously offered him to Chazelle Smith in June 2018. At the tender age of 9 the novice rider started her partnership with Scar.

A consummate schoolmaster across disciplines, Scar ensured that the horse and rider team was selected to represent the Eastern Cape Schools Team for Show jumping, Dressage and Showing by August of that same year. This was again the case in 2019 with COVID interrupting the 2020 event.



Similarly, the pair was selected to represent the Eastern Cape Team for the graded South African National Pony Championships in Show jumping, Showing and

Equitation in 2018 and 2019 and once again for Show jumping and Showing in 2020.

Scar's fearless forward pace served the team well in Hunter classes and Arena Eventing and gave Chazelle the confidence to try Eventing in 2019. They were soon invited to join the KZN Interprovincial Team in 2019. The formidable pair finished the 2019/2020 season ranked third in the Pony Rider Category.

Selected to represent South Africa in the Shield Team for the Group 8 Nations Series held in Zimbabwe in March 2020, Chazelle and Scar made their country proud by winning the event on an individual basis and earning their South African Equestrian Federation colours. Scar was detained in Zimbabwe due to lockdown, which necessitated a petition to the Minister of Sport, who assisted with the return of the South African Equine Athlete.



*Scarface after winning the Africa Shield in Zimbabwe*

At present the team is currently successfully competing at the highest level of eventing for Ponies, being 95cm, Open level for Arena Eventing and Showing as well as Dressage and Show jumping.

Whilst Chazelle is currently also competing on three other ponies, the Welsh Arab

combination has proven its superiority in tenacity, fearlessness and general fitness, all qualities that serves the pair well in challenging competitive environments.



*Chazelle with Scarface showing his distinctive scar*

We wish Chazelle all the best for her future career, hopefully retaining some Welsh-bred equines.



*All these pictures by Charine Smith*