

ANIMAL KINGDOM HAS HIS FIRST AMERICAN BROODMARES IN FOAL TEAM VALOR'S GRADE 2 PRODUCER THAT'S HOT PREGNANT ON ONE COVER DERBY, DUBAI HERO ALSO COVERED STABLE'S HIGH CLASS FLASH DANCE



Animal Kingdom is doing well one month into his first season at stud in the Northern Hemisphere, with reports beginning to trickle in of his first in-foal broodmares, including a proven producer from Team Valor's band.

That's Hot, a daughter of Seeking the Gold bred in Kentucky by Overbrook Farm, is in foal to the Kentucky Derby and Dubai World Cup hero on an initial cover on March 1. The dam of California and Kentucky Graded stakes winner Great Hot, That's Hot was part of a classy group of mares Team Valor purchased in South America last spring and imported to the U.S. to breed to Animal Kingdom.

The cast also includes Flash Dance, a Brazilian-bred mare who visited Animal Kingdom at Darley Stud in Lexington on March 16. Flash Dance is one of the highest rated mares in his entire book, expected to top out at around 150 mares. The daughter of Roi Normand set a Brazilian record for a mare sold at public auction, bringing more than \$400,000. Her first foal is the Grade 1 winning juvenile Micro Chip, a son of Nedawi from the same Blushing Groom sire line as Animal Kingdom and his Brazilian-bred sire, Leroidesanimaux. Flash Dance's dam was a Champion on the track and has produced 3 individual Grade 1 winners, as well as the dams of 2 stakes winners.

Another South American import, Caterina, is on the schedule for Animal Kingdom later this week. Her first 3 foals are stakes winners in Uruguay.

Team Valor CEO Barry Irwin also acquired the Argentine Graded stakes winner Sarasota, the dam of a California Graded stakes winner by Animal Kingdom's sire, Leroidesanimaux.

The quartet complements a trio of mares Team Valor bred to Animal Kingdom during his first Southern Hemisphere season at Arrowfield Stud in Australia. That group features Victory Party, a young half sister to dual champion Beholder and hot sire Into Mischief.

Another mare there, Alexandra Rose, is in foal to Animal Kingdom and embodies Team Valor's "International" outlook. A Grade 2 winner in her native South Africa, Alexandra Rose missed by a nose in the G1 Cape Fillies Guineas, placed in stakes in Dubai and was a G3 sprint winner at Santa Anita Park in California.



Flash Dance, who was bred to Animal Kingdom on March 16, is already the dam of a Grade 1 winner whose sire hails from the same Blushing Groom line as Team Valor's home-bred champion.