



Conestoga Annual Bulletin August 2023

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GC209 Conestoga Gandalf.

Introducing Conestoga Gandalf. Gandalf is the latest herd sire bred out of the old Diana's Gugi bloodline. We imported Gugi from Namibia where he had been a Windhoek Junior Champion. Gugi was bred by the Diana's Simbra stud of Otto and Karin Herrigel. Gugi bred Excelsus Galen who was Champion at many shows. Galen bred Excelsus Galen 2nd who was a short, stocky, early maturing bull. Galen 2nd bred Conestoga Galen who helped Ian Currin Jnr win the Royal Show youth show. Conestoga Galen bred beautiful daughters for us and also Conestoga Gandalf. Gandalf must be one of the best of this outstanding bloodline.

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Our Front Row



Prop: LZ14136 Rotswand Gigolo.

A privilege to have this bull heading up our breeding program. He has bred beautifully for Tito at the Delft Simbra Stud.



Hooker: GC2154A Conestoga Massey Ferguson

New Genetics. MF is a Conestoga Zurainne son who in turn is a Leeupoort Zagreb son. Bred from our best cow lines.



Prop: EXL1498 Excelsus Palace

Palace is another blast from the past with an incredible pedigree. We are using him in our AI Program. His son Conestoga Palace plays wing in our dream team.



Lock: DIP1369 Tauro Timbuktu.

What a bull. Timbuktu has been a major breeding cog these last two seasons. He is also the sire of our current Fly Half Conestoga Temujin.



Lock: EXL14180C Excelsus Pioneer.

Pioneer has been in many breeding rugby teams in his illustrious career. The cattle he bred for the Delft Simbra Studs is incredible.



Flank: EXL1532C El Paso.

Another Amazing Excelsus stalwart. El Paso has 224 registered calves and has been the chief stud bull for the El Shaddai Simbra stud of Daleen Van Zyl for many years.



8th Man: GC209 Conestoga Gandalf.

Gandalf is one of the best bulls we have bred at Conestoga, Gandalf plays a pivotal role at the back of our scrum next to his outstanding sire Conestoga Galen.



Flank: GC177Conestoga Galen.

Galen is the 4th generation of bulls that have played a major part in my breeding programs, Galen plays along side his son Gandalf



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The Conestoga Dream Team Back line.



Scrum Half: GC2142B Conestoga Pattern.

A magnificent young bull to have at the base of our scrum. This is a Conestoga Payton son from the great bull Excelsus Prairie 2

Fly Half GC2148 Temujin

Temujin is our current playmaker at fly half. His Sire Tauro Timbuktu is in the forward pack and we expect great things from this young bull.



The Conestoga Centre Pairing



Centre GC2157 Conestoga Patron

A half brother to our scrumhalf Pattern, this Prairie grandson is out of imported Namibian genetics on his Dams Pilansberg Bridgit Bardot's side.

Centre GC2118B Aruba

Aruba also has Namibian genetics with Diana's Gugi in his blood lines. This is an Excelsus Aco son and brings a lot of excitement into our back line.



The Conestoga Back Three



Wing: GC218 Conestoga Palace.

We are very lucky to have this bloodline to bring electric pace into our breeding program. Palace is an Excelsus Palace son who was a Embryo calf bred from PRR Prevail and Zamugo Zoranna.



Full Back: GC2119 Conestoga Ajuga.

Ajuga is another Excelsus Aco son but bred from the Excelsus donor cow Excelsus Rohini. This makes Ajuga a PRR Rito grandson. Ajuga has the honour of been our general in the heart of our defence.



Wing: GC212 Conestoga El Tigre.

El Tigre is our star flanker Excelsus El Paso's son. A lovely bull to have on the wing in our dream team from the top Conestoga Coco blood lines. Coco is an Excelsus Aegean granddaughter.



*A Picture tells a thousand Words:
Hennie De Lange*



A quiet walk through the Conestoga 2023 summer photo album.



Top, Well Bred Cow lines are the way to breed those outstanding Bulls.

Distinguished



Genetics

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Royal Show 2023

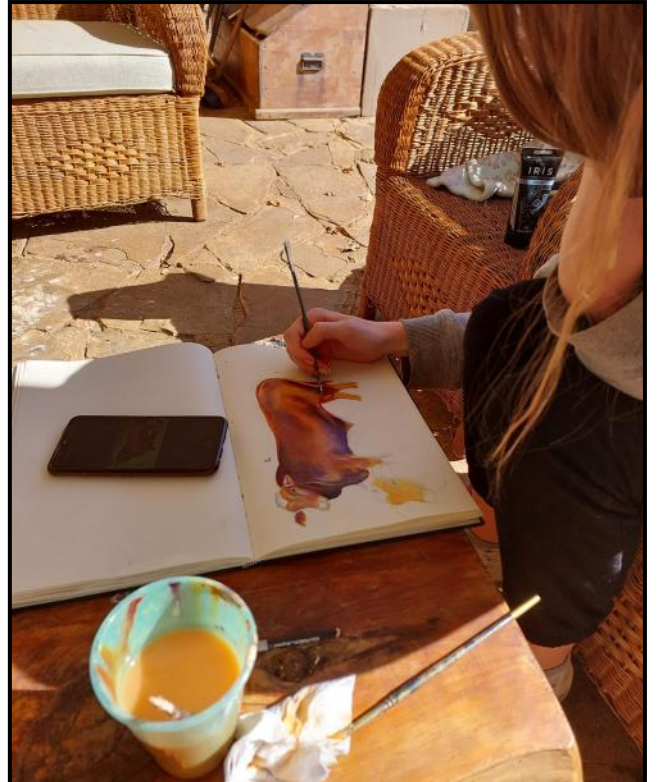


We had the privilege of taking a small part in the last Royal Show to be held at the present show grounds in Pietermaritzburg. We organized a youth show team from local farm kids, got them some sponsorships and headed to Pietermaritzburg. Thanks to all our sponsors, Kyron Agri, Sure Joy Industries, Max Bastard Farming, AECL Plant Health and Farmers Livestock Agents. A great time was had by all.





A Picture tells a 1000 words. It seems as hard to paint a good Simbra Bull as it is to breed one!



GC209 Conestoga Gandalf.

Our latest stud Bull!

A Peach of a bull bred out of the old Excelsus Landgoed and Pine Ridge Ranching blood lines

Art work by Tayla Currin



GC209 Conestoga Gandalf will be on Sale at our annual sale at the Mortimer EG Bull Sale:
15 August 2023