

ANIMAL KINGDOM BIO, FACTS, NOTES FROM TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL PROFILES, CHRONOLOGY OF THE MAJOR PLAYERS IN ANIMAL KINGDOM

Name	Animal Kingdom (named by Barry Irwin)
Sire	Leroidesanimaux (sold by Irwin to Stonewall Farm, for whom he won Eclipse Award (Champion Turf))
Sire Race	Won 8 of last 9 in North America, \$1-million, Grade 1 Atto Mile, only loss Breeders' Cup Turf (sore foot)
Sire Stud	Oldest foals age 4, sire of Grade 2 winner Always a Princess; stands at Stonewall Farm, near Ocala, Florida
Dam	Dalicia (bought at public auction by Barry Irwin in Germany as a 4yo, raced for Team Valor in Southern California)
Dam Race	Group 3 winner in Germany beating Horse of the Year Soldier Hollow (placed G1 Arlington Million in U. S.)
Dam Stud	AK first foal; mare has 2 colts by Mr. Greeley; mare sold for \$400,000 Newmarket auction to Shadai Stud of Japan
Dam Sire	Acatenango (7 Group 1 wins in Europe, German Derby, German Horse of the Year 3 times, leading sire 4 times)
Color	Chestnut
Age	3
Bred at	Denali Stud, Paris, Kentucky
Trainer	H. Graham Motion
Breeder	Team Valor
Owner	Team Valor International
Height	16 hands 1 1/2 inches
Record	4 starts, 2 wins, 2 seconds, \$326,900
Synthetic	3 starts Polytrack, 2 wins, 1 second
Stakes	\$500,000, Grade 3 Spiral Stakes by 2 3/4 lengths at Turfway Park, Kentucky
Grass	1 start, 1 second
Dosage	Dosage Index 1.67 Center of Distribution 0.50 Dosage Profile 2 0 6 0 0
Beyer	94
Ragozin	8 3/4
ThoroGraph	3

BARRY IRWIN Chief Executive Officer/Sole Owner of Team Valor International. Brokered a deal that formed a partnership to continue to race and eventually stand the sire of Animal Kingdom, Leroidesanimaux. Bought at public auction in Germany the Group 3-winning dam of Animal Kingdom, Dalicia, and imported her to race in the United States. Did the mating between the sire and dam that produced the mare's first foal, Animal Kingdom. When Animal Kingdom was offered at the Keeneland yearling sale in September as part of a dissolution of partnership, Irwin bought Animal Kingdom for \$100,000 and formed a partnership to race him under the Team Valor umbrella.

LEROIDESANIMAUX Bred in Brazil by TNT Stud (Goncalo Torrealba), he raced 3 times in his homeland and once in California before winning 8 of his 9 races for the late Bobby Frankel, whose lone loss came when the colt sustained a sore foot, raced with a special shoe and finished second in the Breeders' Cup Mile. For the partnership formed by Irwin, the chestnut won the Grade 1, million-dollar Atto Mile at Woodbine by nearly 8 lengths, earning a 115 Beyer speed figure. He entered stud in the bluegrass at Stonewall Farm and now stands at that outfit's Florida farm near Ocala. His first crop is 4 and Animal Kingdom is from his second crop. Always A Princess, double Grade 2 winner and Grade 1 placed in Southern California, heads his first crop runners.

DALICIA Bred in Germany by Carlton Consultants, she raced 16 times in Europe, where in her seventh start she broke her maiden going a mile and a quarter. She improved at 4, her high water mark coming in the Group 3 Preis der Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe at Baden-Baden, where she took the scalp of Soldier Hollow, the German Horse of the Year that went on to finish second in the Arlington Million. Dalicia was bought by Irwin at a Baden-Baden mixed auction and imported to Southern California, where she ran 5 times (all long on turf), won once and finished fourth of 9 in the Grade 2 Beverly Hills Handicap for Neil Drysdale. She was covered three times by her Team Valor partnership, producing Animal Kingdom and his current Team Valor-owned unraced 2-year-old colt Thursby by Mr. Greeley. The mare was sold at the Tattersalls mixed sale in December in England in foal to Mr. Greeley and was bought by Shadai Stud of Japan, for whom she foaled a Mr. Greeley colt that was sold as a foal for \$250,000.

DENALI STUD A "strategic partner" with Team Valor International, this farm and sales agency is based in Paris, Kentucky, and is home to all of Team Valor's breeding stock in the bluegrass. Craig and Holly Bandoroff, the proprietors, were partners in the original acquisition of Dalicia and raced her in Southern California. When the mare was retired to the breeding paddocks, she was sent to Denali, which got her covered for three seasons, before preparing her for and sending her off to be sold at the December Sale in Newmarket, England. The Bandoroffs opted to participate in the partnership that races Dalicia's son, Animal Kingdom. The Bandoroffs also participate in the group that owns Secret Heart, the dam of Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf hero Pluck, who was raised at Denali Stud, as was Animal Kingdom.

RANDY BRADSHAW Broke and trained Animal Kingdom after the colt was sent to him in the fall of his yearling season. Operates the training center at Adena Springs near Ocala, Florida. The training track at Adena is composed of dirt. Bradshaw told Team Valor as early as the late fall of 2010 that Animal Kingdom was special. Animal Kingdom had several breezes on the conventional dirt track and Bradshaw said the colt “got over it just fine.” Team Valor left Animal Kingdom with Bradshaw until the early summer of last year, when he was sent to Wayne Catalano to be trained. After Animal Kingdom broke his maiden last fall at Keeneland, Bradshaw once again was sent Animal Kingdom, as Irwin wanted the colt to be let down for a month before being built back up again, in anticipation of a hard Classic campaign at 3. Prior to the colt’s one and only dirt breeze on April 30, Irwin reconnected with Bradshaw, telling him that a dirt work might not be possible and asking the former D. Wayne Lukas assistant for some advice. Bradshaw said he was confident the colt would act on dirt.

WAYNE CATALANO Received Animal Kingdom last summer and trained him up to his first start at Arlington Park. Under Catalano’s guidance, the colt ran twice, once in an off-the-turfer going long in his debut and then in another Polytrack maiden at the Keeneland fall meeting. Shortly following his last outing, the colt was sent to Adena Springs trainer Randy Bradshaw in Ocala, Florida.

GRAHAM MOTION Received Animal Kingdom shortly after the first of the year at Palm Meadows training center near Boynton Beach, Florida. The colt galloped on the main dirt track, but all of his breezes came on the turf training course, most of them being in company with Pluck, winner of the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf last season. Motion has run the colt twice this year, first when he was second going a mile on turf at Gulfstream in an allowance race and then when he won the Spiral Stakes at Turfway. Motion has trained for Team Valor International for 3 seasons. He currently trains all of Team Valor’s horses except for one with Marty Wolfson. He trains the Team Valor stock out of a barn that was acquired by a Team Valor partnership earlier this season at Fair Hill training center near Elkton, Maryland. Barry Irwin said “Graham is off to a fast start with our stable this season and we have a world of confidence in him.”

ROBBY ALBARADO Rode Animal Kingdom last season in his second outing, when the colt broke his maiden impressively to score by 3 ¼ lengths going a mile and an eighth on the Polytrack at Keeneland at the fall meeting. The Churchill Downs veteran was chosen for Animal Kingdom because of his familiarity with the colt from last year and his years of success in riding at Churchill Downs. Motion and Team Valor relied upon his opinion to advise them about the colt’s chances for success on the dirt after Albarado breezed Animal Kingdom on April 30. The Cajun rider injured a shoulder last summer at Saratoga and returned to the saddle this spring. “We feel fortunate in having Robby ride for us,” said Barry Irwin. “Animal Kingdom is a big, strong horse and Robby has the strength to handle him. Because the colt has only run 4 times, he still has a lot to learn and there is nobody better to teach him than Robby.”

ANIMAL KINGDOM 3yo chestnut colt, Leroidesanimaux—Dاليا, by Acatenango. Bred by a Team Valor partnership at Denali Stud in Paris, Kentucky. Bought by Barry Irwin of Team Valor at the 2009 Keeneland September yearling sale for \$100,000 and syndicated to race for a new Team Valor International partnership.

- **ARLINGTON PARK**, September 18, mile one-sixteenth, entered for turf, ran on Polytrack when race came off. Broke awkwardly, stymied twice in traffic, rallied strongly in lane, second beaten 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ to Willcox Inn (placed G1 Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland and G2 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Churchill Downs).
- **KEENELAND**, October 23, mile one-eighth, Polytrack at Keeneland. Raced forwardly, took over when ready in lane, drew out to win by 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ lengths, running 1:49-flat under Robby Albarado for trainer Wayne Catalano. A few weeks later he was sent to Randy Bradshaw in Ocala for a freshening.
- **GULFSTREAM PARK**, March 3, one mile, turf, allowance race, raced in middle, made wide run, closed a big gap late to run second beaten a head by unmolested pacesetter Powhatan County, ridden by Rajiv Maragh.
- **TURFWAY PARK**, March 26, mile one-eighth, Polytrack, Grade 3, \$500,000 Spiral Stakes. Shuffled back entering first turn, far back on rail beginning of the backstretch, rallied rail to stretch curve, angled out, ran down leader, drew off late to win by 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths, ridden by Alan Garcia.

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