BROODMARE OF THE YEAR SUNSHINE LOVER TAKEN OUT OF PRODUCTION DAM OF G1 GUINEAS HEROINES EBONY FLYER AND CAPTAIN'S LOVER IS 22 ACCOMPLISHED BROODMARE WILL LIVE OUT HER DAYS AT KLIPDRIF STUD



Sunshine Lover, believed to be the first broodmare in the world to produced back-to-back Classic Guineas winners with her first two foals to race, has been retired from breeding this week after she had a stillborn filly by leading South African black-type sire Gimmethegreenlight. She had been booked back to that top son of American/Australian sire legend More Than Ready.

Sunshine Lover was bought privately with Ebony Flyer at her side after her juvenile filly Captain's Lover had won her first couple of races for Team Valor. Captain's Lover went on to be awarded Champion status among 3-year-old filly after account for the Group 1 Cape Fillies Guineas. She then went to France to win the Group 3 Prix du Pin for Andre Fabre at Longchamp and in America to win the Matchmaker Stakes when it was switched from turf to sloppy dirt on the main track at Monmouth Park.

Ebony Flyer was a better runner than her illustrious half-sister, winning 3 Grade 1 races, two over a mile and one sprinting. Had she not been inflicted with a wind ailment which actually showed up in the Guineas victory, she likely would have been successful up to a mile and a quarter and taken her place

among the greatest South African-breds ever to look through a bridle. She required two wind surgeries and won Grade 1 races after each one.

Another daughter Cupid, foaled between the Grade 1 winners, is the dam of Grade 1 winner Vardy.