

Blue Tiger retires to Riverton Stud

CAPE TOWN - Brilliant grey Blue Tiger has retired to stand at Duncan Barry's Riverton Stud in Robertson.

According to his trainer Mike Bass' website, Blue Tiger is an emotional acquisition for Barry, who has always stood a grey stallion at the family stud farm. Grey predecessors include such stallions like Jamaica and Russian Fox and should Blue Tiger be as successful as them, "it would be the essence of the dream", said Barry.

Blue Tiger, by Counter Action out of brilliant racemare Manuka (by Rainbow Dream), was owned by Marsh Shirtliff, Etienne Braun and Greg Viljoen (in whose colours he raced) and was extremely versatile over sprint and middle distances.

Mike Bass referred to Blue Tiger as "the best horse, and certainly the unluckiest horse, I have ever trained not to have won a Group 1". This tremendously athletic and beautifully conformed horse has clean lines and a magnificent temperament.

Viljoen said: "My wish for his long-term happiness seems to have



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come true. The pleasure and thrills Blue Tiger gave me, my family as well as our partners whilst racing in all grades of racing was something all owners hope to be involved in."

Blue Tiger raced from two to seven, winning five races and placing 25 times for career earnings of R1,378,580. His record included

wins in the Grade 2 Diadem Stakes and Grade 3 Investec Cape Classic.

A multiple Group 1-placed runner, his record includes a second in the Grade 1 Gold Challenge and G1 Cape Flying Championship (twice).

He will stand for an introductory service fee of R2,000 for a live foal.

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