



## What Is That Brand?

If you have purchased a Danish Warmblood with a triangle brand on its left hip, you have purchased a horse that has been indemnified by a Danish insurance company. That is, it has been deemed unsuitable for riding and the insurance on the horse has been paid out.

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## A Visit to Gestuet Vorwerk

On a sunny morning in early October, I had the pleasure of making my way to the small German village of Cappeln, where I visited the venerated stud-farm, Gestuet Vorwerk. My friend and sometimes-agent in Germany, Cordula von Linden, accompanied me.

Gudula Vorwerk-Happ greeted us at her farm, located in a picturesque rural community—a beautiful site for a stud farm.

It was a busy morning at the stud. Gudula and her husband, Peter Happ, were conducting interviews to find a new rider for their stable of international competition horses. Gudula lamented how hard it was to find a replacement for

the former Vorwerk rider, Olympian Lisa Wilcox, who had relocated back to America. A nervous-looking young blond woman was putting the

stallion Faustinus through his paces in the indoor riding hall.

Faustinus is a grand-looking son of the deceased Fuerst Heinrich, by Florestan I. The big, black, and beautiful Faustinus displayed all of the ability for dressage you'd expect.

As we toured the farm and admired the beautiful, old, half-timbered brick barn, we encountered a natty-looking old gent in a tweed jacket and cap. It was Gudula's uncle, who had come out to see a two year

old stallion that a handler presented for his inspection. The lovely young stallion out of a full sister to Rubinstein radiated elegance and athleticism. My companion and I agreed, Vorwerk-bred horses are instantly recognizable by their type—beautiful, elegant and harmonious, with a charismatic presence. It is easy to see the expertise of generational horse breeders at work. Gudula's father, George Vorwerk, purchased *Inshallah* and *Furioso II* for stud duty at Gestuet Vorwerk in the late 1960s. Not only did these two legendary stallions consolidate the lovely type still evident in the horses the farm breeds, they also instilled magnificent gaits, wonderful temperaments, and at least a modicum of jumping ability in most of their descendants. Their influence has



Royal Diamond

## Stallion Licensing Champions 2007

The 2007 Hanoverian Stallion Licensing Champion, by Sandro Hit/Donnerhall, sold for 700,000 euros. Champion of the showjumping colts, by Cornet Obolensky/Gambler;s Cup xx, sold for 600,000 euros.

The Oldenburg Stallion Licensing Champion was sired by Sandro Hit/Donnerhall, and sold for 340,000 euros. The Reserve Champion was sired by Sir Donnerhall/Rubinstein. The Westphalian Stallion Licensing Champion was sired

by Cornet Obolensky/Calypto. The Trakehner Stallion Licensing Champion, Grand Passion, was sired by Oliver Twist/Polarion, and the Reserve Champion was Ettinger, by Connery/Benz.

## Around the Stud Farms

### Klosterhof Medingen

Karolinger, son of Latimer, out of a Hohenstein mare was the 2007 Trakehner dressage horse champion.

### Katrinelund

So far, three De Noir sons have been selected for the stallion grading in Herning, Denmark in March 2008. At the 2007 horse show and auction, a three year old De Noir filly topped the auction at 475,000 kroner.

### Hengststation Boeckmann

The stallion Lord Pezi has been approved for stallion duty by the Hanoverian Verband.

### Zucht of Klätte

Several new stallions have been added to the lineup of Klätte stallions for 2008: Chekandino, Collado, Cornets Prinz, Darc Rouge, Dollar King and World of Dreams.

### Landgestuet Celle

The champion jumper pedigree mare at the Hanoverian Central Mare Show was SPA Estelle, sired by Landgestuet Celle stallion, Embassy/Don Juan.

### Flax Lion Stud

New for 2008, from Flax Lion Stud are: Don Riccos, Feragonn, Rock Brasiliano, Souvenir, Sieger Hit, Samaii and Wilkens.

### Gestuet Kempke Hof

Gestuet Kempke Hof has several new stallion offerings for 2008, including Acolito/Acord II, Bellario/Belissimo, Clintaro/Clinton, Fuerst Gadow/Fuerst Heinrich.



Bellario

## 2007 Hanoverian Verband Jumper Breeding Competition

At the 2007 VhW Jumper Breeding Competition in Verden, Germany last March, over 80 horses in five groups were free jumped through a lane with two vertical jumps and an oxer. Sires offered on the SES stallion roster absolutely dominated the competition designed to let horses demonstrate their natural athletic ability over fences. The Group 1 winner, Esperanza, was sired by **Escudo I**.



Escudo I

Group 2 winner, Lordana, was sired by **Lordanos**, Group 3 winner, Scipio, was sired by **San Brasil**, Group 4 winner, Levistan, was sired by Levisto and the Group 5 winner, Ecuador, was again by **Escudo I**. The highest score of the day was achieved by Scipio (28.5), by San Brasil. The second-highest score was achieved by Ecuador (27.8) by Escudo I, the third-highest score was made by Lordana (27.7) by Lor-



San Brasil

danos. Three horses achieved scores of 27.5, and all three were sired by stallions offered by SES: For Success by **For Pleasure**, Nanett by **Now or Never**, and Esperanza by Escudo I. The SES-offered sire, **Contentro**, sired a total of eight offspring who placed in the top ten in the five different groups. **Silvio** sired five of the top ten-placed jumpers, Escudo I sired four of the top ten horses, while **Stolzenburg** and **Le Primeur** each sired two. In addition, SES sires **Graf Grannus**, **Abke**, **For Keeps**, **Graf Top**, **Salieri**, **Landor S** and **San Brasil** each had an offspring in the top ten in one of the five groups. More astonishing, however, than these excellent results, is the fact

that, of the five groups, the number one horse in four of the groups was sired by an SES-offered stallion. In Group 1, twelve out of the 18 horses were sired by an SES stallion. In Group 2, ten out of 15 of the group were sired by SES stallions. In Group 3, an amazing twelve of 14 of the competitors were sired by SES stallions. In Group 4, seven of 18 of the horses were sired by SES sires. And, in Group 5, eleven out of 16 of the contestants were sired by stallions offered via frozen semen from Superior Equine Sires.



Lordanos

## Stallion Spotlight ~ Contendro I

Contendro I is probably the most successful son of the illustrious Contender standing at stud today. He has established himself as one of the very best stallions from the Holsteiner C-line founded by Cor de la Bryere. Contendro I was premium stallion at his approval in 1999 in Neumünster. In 2000 he won his stallion performance test in Adelheidsdorf, clearly victorious in jumping with a score of 147.29. In dressage he was fourth of 39 stallions, with a score of 131.09. In 2001 he placed with the best at the Holstein Riding Horse Championships and was nominated for the



Contendro I

Bundeschampionat. Because he was so popular with mare owners, Contendro I had little time for competing but came home with a ribbon from every show jumping test he entered. Contendro's quality as a sire brought him trademark status very early. More than 30 of his sons have been licensed. Captain Fire, from Contendro I's first crop, won the 2006 Bundeschampionat class for five year old jumpers. Charming Boy, the 2005 Champion Stallion of the Oldenburg-International (OS) approval, finished his performance test in 2006 in Neustadt/Dosse as

Reserve Champion. Another son, Comte, was second in jumping at his test and Contendros Bube finished his test as Reserve Champion. A Contendro son, achieved the highest price at the 114th Hanoverian Elite Auction, at 170,000 euros. In 2006, Contendro I's daughters dominated the free jumping competitions in Verden: Cascada, Catalina and Cortina all took first place in the classes for four year olds. A Contendro I son won the class for three year olds. The NRW Foal Champion in 2006 was by Contendro I. The Holstein performance line 104 is also known for sires such as Capitano, Carneval, Celano, Chico's Boy, Corland, Landego and many others.

## SES Sires with Offspring in the News

A 2007 colt by **Don Primero** achieved the highest price for a warmblood foal in Denmark, when he was knocked down for 54,000 euros (400,000 dkk) on 9/1/07. The second highest price of 300,000 dkk was paid for a **Sandro Hit** colt which had been declared Dressage Champion Foal of the Year prior to the auction. At the 2007 KWPN-NA keuring, the number one Jumper Foal in the

USA was sired by **Lupicor**. The number one Jumper Foal in Canada was sired by **Numero Uno**, and was ranked number three in the USA. Success, by **Silvermoon**, won the Dressage at DevonGrand Prix Freestyle, under Lars Peter-



Lupicor

sen, 9/25-27/2007, Devon, PA.

At the same venue, the Grand Prix for the Special and the Grand Prix Special were won by Courtney King, riding **Olympic Ferro** son Mythilus. **Metall** daughter, Rabiola, was second in the four and older broodmare class, and was Mare Champion and Mature Horse Champion.

## Gestuet Vorwerk, cont.

spread far beyond Oldenburg.

Gudula Vorwerk-Happ learned well at the side of her master-breeder father. She secured her own place in the history of modern sport horse breeding when she purchased Rubinstein I from his breeder, after the young stallion was rejected at the Westphalian approvals. The smallish stallion with no tail was prepared for the Olden-

burg approval and, the rest, as they say, is history. Many of the Vorwerk horses show the influence of the In-schallah-Furioso II-Rubinstein I triumvirate in their pedigrees.

For 2008 Gestuet Vorwerk offers high quality frozen semen from Relevant, Royal Diamond, Jazz Time, Roadster,

Revan, Danny Wilde, Rosier, Rubinstein, Rubinero, Dimaggio, Faustinus and Charming Boy.



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## SES SERVICES

### 2008 Sale Deadlines—

Early Bird, 2/5/08

Netherlands, 3/4/08

Belgium, 3/11/08

Spring Breeders—to be announced

Possible French sale, based on interest.

**North American Stallions on SES Roster.** Two new options give your stallion visibility on the world's most-visited frozen semen website. 1) A direct link to the stallion's page on your website, via the new North American Stallion Roster (available to all stallions offering frozen semen), or, 2) A page on the SES website, on the same roster with the European stallions, by breed, with a link on the page to your website (available to breeding-approved stallions with frozen semen). An exclusive option, with SES handling sales, and shipping, is also available. Call 307-587-5105 for details.

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**Video Links—**Many new video links have been added to the roster.

## Organization Notes & News

### ECRDA

The East Coast Regional Dressage Assoc. has created two awards for former Thoroughbred racehorses, which are available to their members. The Hell's Angel Thoroughbred Rescue Award acknowledges the accomplishments of former racehorses in the dressage arena. The Hell's Angel Thoroughbred Grant in education is awarded to riders in USDF regions 1 and 8, and is open to adult amateurs riding off-track Thoroughbreds. Contact: [lrasmuson@comcast.net](mailto:lrasmuson@comcast.net)

### AHHA

Superior Equine Sires donated a dose of Contendro frozen semen to benefit the American Hanoverian Horse Association auction.

### AHS

Superior Equine Sires donated a dose of Graf Grannus frozen semen to benefit the American Hanoverian Society annual

silent auction.

### VIRGINIA TECH

Superior Equine Sires donated a dose of Don't Forget frozen semen to the horse program at Virginia Tech.

### OHBS

The Oldenburg Horse Breeders Society of America, daughter registry of the Oldenburg Verband, also inspects sport ponies for inclusion in the Weser Ems division of the studbook. For more info: [www.oldenburghorse.com/](http://www.oldenburghorse.com/)

Or check out the Weser Ems website in Germany, at:

<http://www.psbwe.de/>

### NEDA

Superior Equine Sires has donated a dose of Wanderer frozen semen to the New England Dressage Association.

## Recommended Reads & Websites

A useful database of Dutch stallions is:

[www.stallions.nl/dutch-warmblood/](http://www.stallions.nl/dutch-warmblood/)

Sponsored by KWPN, the site includes a list of well over 100 stallions, each with a page with statistics, a photo and pedigree. Many older stallions are included, making it a useful research resource.