



Timed Insemination

Examine mare once daily until a 35 mm pre-ovulatory follicle is present.

- Administer hCG or GnRH.
- Inseminate with one dose (or min. 250 million motile sperm) at 24 hours post-ovulating agent.
- Inseminate with one dose (or min. 250 million motile sperm) at 40 hours post ovulating agent.

Sport Horse Breeding News

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2007 German FN Results

The German Equestrian Federation (FN) publishes breed values each year based on data collected nationwide. There is both an integrated breed value



and a separate Hanoverian breed value estimation, in jumping and dressage. The breed values include data from four categories: stallion performance test, mare performance tests, suitability and competition. The performances of a sire as well as the performances of his get are compiled. Only results from a stallion with a minimum of five descendants and a breed value estimation of 70 or more are published. Contendro I

topped the breed value estimation for jumping, with 167, followed closely by Fly High, with 166. Graf Top, El Bundy and For Pleasure impressed with 157. El Bundy's breed value is based mainly on the performance of his daughters in the mare performance test, whereas For Pleasure's are from the strength of his offspring in performance. The young Holsteiner stallion Catoki made an impressive entry into the breed value estimation with 166 in jumping and 121 in dressage. Perpignon made a good showing with a value of 151.

In the breed value estimation for dressage, the

young sire Weltano surprised with a value of 161. Other stallions high in the dressage values include Don Frederico, 160, Hofrat, 157, Weltmeyer, 154, Wolkenstein II, 154, Wolkentanz, 154, Wolkentanz II, 151, Dr. Doolittle, 152, Rosario, 152, Royal Diamond, 152, Londonderry, 151, Dimaggio, 148, Rotspon 148, De Niro, 147, Sandro Hit, 140, Stedinger, 137. For complete statistics, go to: www.fnverlag.de



Don Frederico

Make Sure It's a Full Dose

How can buyers protect themselves from the fraudulent and unethical practice of split or partial doses? Here's how. With each shipment of frozen semen, the supplier of the semen provides the semen broker with an inventory sheet that lists

the stallion and the number of straws per dose for each collection. If you are in doubt that you are receiving a full dose, ask your frozen semen broker to provide you with a copy of this document, and you will never again have to wonder if you are buying

a full dose. Keep in mind that the number of straws per dose can change with each collection. Most frozen semen doses are now three or four straws, but a dose can consist of from two to eight straws.

Around the Stud Farms

Gestuet Webelsgrund

Elite Stallion and 2006 Stallion of the Year, Michelangelo, passed away in Germany on 6/3/08. He was the last living son of the important Thoroughbred sire Pasteur xx, and was himself the sire of 13 approved sons and many top-producing broodmares and successful sport horses.



Michelangelo

Six Year Old Dressage Horse at Verden.

Gestuet Kempke Hof

Sandro Hit/Rohdiamant son, Sancisco, won the Prix St. Georges at the CSI in Redefin, Germany on 6/01 with a score of 70.25%. Under Ronald Lueders, Sancisco also won the S4-level dressage test, Prix St. Georges and Intermédiaire I at the

Dressage Horse Show on the polo grounds in Frohnau on 5/26/08.

Gestuet Famos

Athendra, by Contendro, received State Premium candidate status at

the Oldenburg International broodmare performance test, earning her a slot in the Rastede Elite Broodmare Show on 7/24/08.

Counteradmiral, a Contendro colt out of a Ladinosa mare, was sold for 12,500 euros at the Summer Mixed Sale in Vechta, Germany.



Sancisco

Klosterhof Medingen

In 2007, the Grand Prix offspring of De Niro had average earnings of 104,000 euros. One of them, his son Devereaux, was World Champion

2007 USDF Year-End Awards

Of the eleven USDF Year-end championships, eight were won by horses sired by stallions currently or formerly offered on the Superior Equine Sires stallion roster. Sandro Hit was the only stallion with more than one champion offspring. He sired three Horses of the Year.

In Grand Prix, five of the top 15 were by SES sires. The number 5-placed horse is Wild One, by Wanderer, number 6, Mythilus, by Olympic Ferro, number 7, Felix by Fabiano, number 9, Succes, by Silvermoon, and the number 10 horse, Neruda, is by Haarlem.

First Level Horse of the Year—Sarasanna GP, 2002 dark bay Hanoverian mare, by Sandro Hit. Bred by Jan Brouwer, Germany. Ridden by Cassandra Barteau, Gilberts, IL. Her rider describes her as a beautiful, fearless mare with an Arab face, very quick to react.

Third Level Horse of the Year—Ringo Starr, 2001 chestnut Olden-

burg gelding, by Relevant. Bred by Holly Simensen, Ridden by Shannon Dueck, Loxahatchee, FL. A horse with three beautiful gaits, Ringo's rider finds him "incredibly trainable with a fantastic natural '10' walk and canter."

Forth Level Horse of the Year—Dolomit, 2000 chestnut Oldenburg gelding by De Niro. Breeder Gilbert Blaise, Germany. Owner/Rider Cindy Snowden, of Byfield, MA is challenged by the talented youngster's "huge" movements.

Prix St. Georges Horse of the Year—Harmony's Sandro, 1999 dark brown gelding by Sandro Hit. Bred by Duske Erhard, Germany. Ridden by Leslie Webb, Bakersfield, CA. Webb says of Sandro, "He tries really hard, and he's a fantastic mover and an athlete beyond all

dreams."

Intermediate I Horse of the Year—Mythilus, 1994 brown Dutch Warmblood by gelding, by Olympic Ferro. Bred by P. H. Sinke, Netherlands. Ridden Courtney King, New Milford, CT. Mythilus's owner describes him as "incredibly talented, with three very nice gaits."



Sandro Hit

Highest-Scoring Champion of the Year—Starlight, 2000 black Oldenburg stallion by Sandro Hit. Bred by Dr. Guenther Bunge, Germany. Owner/Rider, Richard Rockefeller Silvia says of him, ". . . the first time we really asked him to passage, he offered a passage with such rhythmical, suspended, amazing steps. . . "

Stallion Spotlight ~ De Niro

De Niro began his stellar career as the 1997 Reserve Champion at the stallion performance test in Adelheidsdorf with a total index of 141.93 and was the winner of the dressage portion with a score of 145.41 (He can also jump--at the Verden stallion market in 1995 he was considered one of the best jumping stallions.) The true-black, 16.3 hand Hanoverian stallion was born in 1993; by the age of seven he was a Grand Prix winner, and was declared the best young dressage horse of his generation. The next year, in 2001, he won the German Championships for professional riders under Dolf-Dietram Keller. 2002 saw him continue his winning ways in international competition with many wins in the Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special in Saumur and Berlin. In

2003 he won the prestigious German Dressage Derby in Hamburg. Not only has the charismatic black stallion with the kind temperament achieved top results in competition himself, his offspring are following in his illustrious footsteps. As a result of his breeding success, De Niro was awarded the 1-a main premium by the Oldenburg Association. He has sired more than 60 licensed sons, including Verden Champion, Dancier. He was furthermore the damsire of the 2005 Champion Stallion in Verden (by Sandro Hit), which sold at the auction for 800,000 Euros.



De Niro

In 2006 De Niro sired 14 Bundeschampionat competitors, the largest number ever sired by a single stallion. In 2007, Deveraux, by De Niro, became World Champion 6 year old dressage horse in Verden. Several offspring of De Niro have won Grand Prix tests, and his offspring continue to bring high prices at auction. De Niro's sire, Donnerhall, was an outstanding reference sire who combined a Grand Prix sports career with a remarkable record as a sire. His dam, Alicante, was herself a successful dressage horse who also produced the quality Westphalian sire, Dimension.

SES Sires with Offspring in the News

Sandrina, by **Sandro Hit**, guided by Jan Ebeling, won the CDI Prix St. Georges and the Intermediaire freestyle at the Golden State Dressage Festival CDI, 4/3-6/08, Rancho Murieta, CA. Donna Novella/**De Niro**, guided by Elizabeth Hendrix.



Fabrizio

Brentina, by **Brentano II**, is back in form. At the Festival of the Horse CDI-W in Burbank, CA, 3/27-30. Brentina and rider Debbie McDonald won the CDI Grand Prix Special with 72.88%. They were second in the Grand Prix. At the same venue, Orion/**Jazz**, under Leslie Reid, placed

3rd in the Grand Prix and 2nd in the Grand Prix Freestyle.

Sandro Boy, under Marcus Ehning, won the final qualifying leg of the Rolex FEI World Cup Jumping Western European League at s'Herstogenbosch, Netherlands on 3/30/08. Sandro Boy's daughter, Sabrina, won the Grand Prix at the Dortmund CSI under Ehning on 3/13-16/08.

Is a Straw a Dose?

In the opinion of most experts, a single 0.5 ml straw is *not* an adequate breeding dose. Most 0.5 ml straws now contain 250 to 350 million sperm. A normal breeding dose is approximately 800 million to one billion frozen sperm, *before* thawing. The industry minimum *after* thawing is 250 million sperm, but, 350 million or more forwardly motile is

usual. To obtain the minimum number of motile sperm per dose from a single straw, the post thaw conception would have to be extremely high. While there are some stallions that have 75% post thaw or higher, the majority of stallions will fall in the 35% to 50% range. Even though it is *possible* to get enough sperm into a single 0.5 ml straw to result

in the minimum number of motile sperm for a sufficient breeding dose, many of the sperm will be damaged by the intense compression and will thus be unable to penetrate an egg. Best practice: don't purchase a single 0.5 ml straw as a dose.

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SES SERVICES

Thank you to all clients who purchased frozen semen this year and in past seasons. Your business is appreciated. It is a pleasure serving you.

In stock frozen semen—a few doses still available, but selling out fast!

2009 Early Bird Sale—January 2008

2009 Sales—early, mid-season and late-season German, one Dutch, one Belgian and one Danish order pending, depending on demand. Dates to be announced in late 2008.

Link Your Farm—SES clients receive a FREE link to their website.

Stallion Wish List—If there is a stallion you are interested in, but which doesn't appear on our roster, please contact us. We are happy to try to obtain frozen semen from any stallion in the world for you.

Superior Equine Sales—Clients: take advantage of free display advertising on the most-visited frozen semen website in the world. Non-clients pay \$20 for a six-month listing. We are building a list of interested buyers and will begin sending email fliers of horses for sale out to the list this summer.

FREE Consultation Service—requests for information on breeding, bloodlines and registries are welcome. We aspire to help you in anyway possible in your breeding endeavors.

Organization Notes & News

CSHA

The Canadian Sport Horse Association has announced their official partnership with Sport Pony Canada. Since both breed organizations have parallel breeding goals and organizational objectives, they have joined to provide inspections, registrations and official shows to support the sport pony as an evolving breed.

ATA

In 2008, frozen semen of deceased or retired American Trakehner Association approved stallions will be exempt from paying the yearly stallion breeding fee, currently \$250. As a result, this category of frozen semen can be used in any breeding year by the buyer and without incurring fees or penalties to the owner/agent of the frozen semen.

AHS

American Hanoverian Society requirements for recording the use of frozen semen and registering foals produced from same have been streamlined. Beginning in 2008 the mare owner will supply a frozen semen insemination form to AHS as part of the foal registration process.



Recommended Reads & Websites

Mare Stare

Mare Stare provides mare owners with "extra eyes" for watching pregnant mares. It allows owners to get sleep, to work and to leave the farm because they may have others watching via computer web cam. The web cams provide informative, real-time experiences for viewers, both those foaling mares and those just watching. The Mare Stare forum is a tight, supportive, community that looks out for the web cam owner and the viewing public. The forum receives over 2.6 million hits monthly and allows for asking questions and sharing experiences.

Check it out at:

www.marestare.com