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Holsteiner Heritage

The Holsteiner was developed in the Schleswig-Holstein breeding region in northern Germany. An area of heavy clay soils, it required a horse with strong knee and hock action and great power and willingness, to farm the heavy soil. These traits have been inherited by many modern Holsteiners.

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Transitional Estrus in Mares

After a usual period of anestrus (absence of heat, or estrus) in winter, a mare will return to estrus in late winter or early spring. The first cycle of spring is the “transitional” cycle, i.e. the transition between

anestrus and estrus. This heat period can last for up to two months. Breeding on a transitional cycle can result in a pregnancy when the follicle finally matures and ovulates with sperm present, but waiting for that to happen can be very frustrating. Patience at this time will pay off in the long run.



The main disadvantages to breeding on a transitional cycle are, 1) the follicle often does not mature as expected, resulting in wasted semen or stallion services, 2) the more times a mare is bred/inseminated, the

greater the risk of infection and other problems, and, 3) the breeder incurs added expense. Behavior of a transitional mare is variable, ranging from total rejection of a stallion/teaser to mild interest, to willingness to be mounted and/or bred. Hormonal treatment of transitional mares can be very effective. It is better tried on mares late in the

transitional stage, and is often ineffective on mares in deep anestrus. The most common treatment is the administration of oral progesterone for 10 to 15 days. Estrus should occur within six days after the treatment is discontinued, with ovulation within seven to 13 days after the last treatment. An injection of an ovulating agent after the last day of progesterone treatment is common. Intramuscular injections of progesterone and estradiol for 10 to 15 days produces a similar result, but the interval to estrus is somewhat longer. No matter which hormone treatment is used, the mare should be receive at least 16 hours of adequate light per day along with good nutrition.

USDF 2007 Breeder’s Championship

The USDF Breeder’s Championship is a national competition for three and under dressage sport horse prospects, and four and up breeding stock stallions and mares. Nearly one third of the USDF/BC 36 top sires for 2007 are on the SES stal-

lion roster, including the number one sire, Sandro Hit with five finalists, third is Rotspoon, also with five finalists, and 11th-ranked sire, Royal Diamond had three finalists. Also on the list, with two finalists each are Fidertanz, Wolkentanz,

Hohenstein, Weltmeyer, Wolkenstein II, Olympic Ferro and Escudo I. Leading sire of mature horse finalists, with three, is Rotspoon. Olympic Ferro, Royal Diamond, Sandro Hit and Wolkenstein II each had two mature horse finalists.

Around the Stud Farms

Landgestuet Celle

The top-priced horse of the Verden Summer Auction 2008 was Dio Domingo by Don Frederico, out of a Rotspon mare. Sold for 35,000 euros, the dark brown horse was noted for "convincing, elastic and swinging movements and exceptional basic gaits."

Katrinelund

The best mare at the Herning, Denmark show on 7/5/08, was Juliana Halsnaes by De Noir/Andiamo, with 24 points.

Charmeur by Crelido/Fernando won the Herning show and grading with

an amazing 955 points, including 10 for rideability.

Paul Schockemoehle

The Oldenburg Reserve Champion Mare at the Rastede, Germany show on 7/24/08 was Surprise v.d. Heide by Sir Donnerhall/Munchausen. Remember, by Depardieu, was Second Reserve Champion. Sir Donnerhall's sire, Sandro Hit, had the largest number of mares competing in Rastede (10), with three reaching the Brillantring. Young sires Sir Donnerhall and Luxius each had their first daugh-



Sir Donnerhall

ters reach the Brillantring this year.

Gestuet Sprehe

Gestuet Sprehe will offer the stallion services of Quando Quando, by Quattro B/Akzent II/Matador, for the 2009 breeding season.



Quando Quando

Holsteiners for Jumping Reliability

The Holsteiner Verband bases its breeding analysis on a matriarchal system. A number called a stamm is assigned to each damline in the breeding population. These numbers tell breeders which mare family each mare comes from. Some stamms are large, with many branches of the family, while others are quite small. Breeders research which stamms produce top performance horses or stallions, and which are less successful, and can make informed breeding choices using this information. Stallions are selected from female lines that have proven successful in sport and breeding, rather than being selected mainly because they are sired by a great stallion.

While there are many Holsteiners competing successfully in dressage and driving, the main pursuit of the

Verband and most Holsteiner breeders has been the production of top international quality showjumpers. Different from most other breeds, the Holsteiner breeding index assesses loose-jumping ability. The emphasis on showjumping ability has resulted in a somewhat limited gene pool. Most modern Holsteiner pedigrees are heavily concentrated with the blood of Landgraf I, Cor de la Bryere and Capitol I. To offset this linebreeding, the Verband carefully introduces outcross blood into their breeding program. In the past, this was often achieved by introducing Anglo Arabian, Shagya Arabian or Thoroughbred stallions into the gene pool. In recent years the Verband has also tried using Selle Francais stallions, with inconsistent results. Thoroughbred stal-

lions are especially well considered and not often approved for breeding. Though it is accepted that Thoroughbred blood is necessary to all warmblood sport horse breeds, the Verband carefully assesses the quality of the Thoroughbreds, and decides if they can inject desired characteristics without compromising the jump or the canter. Outcross bloodlines are mostly introduced carefully, via the stallions, and not as liberally allowed through the mare lines. Thus, the Verband strictly controls the influx of outcross blood and maintains the superb quality of the stamm lines, with an eye toward maintaining their position as one of the world's most reliable sources of international showjumping talent.



Dobel's Cento



Chicos Boy

Stallion Spotlight ~ Lordanos

Lordanos launched his career by winning a series of nearly 40 tests for young jumpers. He has continued his winning ways and has been successful in advanced S-level competitions, and also won advanced S-level tests with three members of the Sosath family. Lordanos is sired by Landos, a son of the illustrious Lord/Ladykiller xx. Landos is out of a Calypso I mare, and won over 40 jumping competitions and qualified several times for the Bundeschampionat. The dam of Lordanos, Ashley, is by Ahorn Z, son of Zangersheide foundation sire, Alme Z, the sire of Accord I and II. Lordanos is thus linebred to Calypso I twice in

the third generation, and also to the famous Holsteiner line 776.

Lordanos is a prepotent sire of outstanding jumpers, like Lou, who was often unbeatable with Franke Sloothaak in the international Youngster Tour and at the CHIO in Aachen, and jumped clear over two meter fences in the puissance.

In 2007, Lordanos had many horses that qualified for the Bundeschampionat. In 2004 Lumnos was victorious in Warendorf and Light On was a high-placed five year old in 2007. In addition, the top priced Verden auction

horse, Lohengrin, was the Hanoverian Show Jumper Champion.

Also successful are three-star horse, multiple Grand Prix winner Laokoon, Loriot, winner of the Italian Show Jumping Championships, and Lord Sandro DDH, the Oldenburg Vice Champion. In Verden, Lordanos presented the second Reserve Champion with emphasis on jumping and in Oldenburg a premium stallion sold for 125,000 Euros. Lordanos has more than 20 licensed sons.



Lordanos

SES Sires with Offspring in the News

Windsor, by **Weltmeyer**, carried his rider to adult amateur champion at the Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Assoc. Memorial Day show in Stone Tavern, NJ, 5/23-25/08



Jazz

Ronatella S, by **Rot-son**, topped the 5-year old division of the Markel/USEF Eastern Young Horse Selection Trials, at the Raleigh CDI-W/Y/J, 5/30-6/1. Success, by **Silvermoon** won the Grand Prix Freestyle at the same event.

Parzival, by **Jazz**, 2006 Dutch Indoor Champion, placed 2nd in the Grand Prix, Grand Prix Special and Grand Prix at the Aachen CDIO, July 2-6, 2008. At the same venue, all of the top six finishers in all three events were either sired or grand-sired by stallions offered by SES. Parzival and rider Adelinde Cornelissen, are Reserve on the

2008 Dutch team.

At the U.S. Olympic Selection Trials on 6/29/08, Brentina, by **Brentano II**, ridden by Debbie Mc Donald, and Mythilus, by **Olympic Ferro**, ridden by Courtney King-Dye were selected for the 2008 U.S. Olympic team.

Anky van Grunsven, and Salinero, by **Salieri**, were the undisputed winners of the Grand Prix Kur to Music in Rotterdam, Holland, 6/15/08.

Meredith Michaels Beerbaum, riding the invincible Shutterfly, by **Silvio**, won the Rolex Grand Prix of Cannes, France, 6/14/08. The pair also won the CSIO Rotterdam, Holland, 6/18-22/08.

Isabell Werth and Warum Nicht, by

Weltmeyer, won the Grand Prix and the Grand Prix Special at the Aachen, Germany CDI, 7/2-6/08. Anky van Grunsven, rode Painted Black, by **Gribaldi**, out of an **Olympic Ferro** mare, to victory in the Grand Prix Freestyle at Aachen.

Australian team member Kristy Oatley, on Quando Quando, by Quattro B, placed third at the CDI *** Grand Prix Freestyle, Lingen, Germany, 5/30/08. Another Quattro B son, Quantum Tyme, under rider Evi Strasser, has been named Reserve on the Canadian team.



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Sale Deadlines—

Early Bird Sale (German), Jan 27, 2009

Dutch Sale, Feb 2, 20089

Spring Breeders Sale (German), Mar 17, 2009

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Danish Sale, pending

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AHS

Starting with foals conceived in 2008, breeders must request a frozen semen insemination certificate from the American Hanoverian Society, instead of receiving a stallion certificate of service from the semen broker from whom they purchased the frozen semen. The certificate must be filled out by the veterinarian or technician who performed the insemination, and then submitted to AHS as per their requirements by the breeder. However, the semen broker must still fill out the Annual Stallion Service Report, so the following information must be provided to the semen broker by October 31st *the year the mare conceives*:

- Name of stallion mare bred to
- Mare's registered name
- Mare's registration number

- Mare's breed
- Mare owner's name and address

AHHA

Beginning this year, mares can be approved for breeding by virtue of their Mare Performance Record with slightly lower bonits than normal. This new rule allows for the fact that performance mares may have some wear and tear that affects their performance at approval. AHHA also has some new criteria in place for the Mare Performance Test. Under the new system mares will receive a dressage index and a jumping index instead of scores for performance potential and rideability.

Recommended Reads & Websites

Equine-Reproduction.com is a website devoted entirely to, you guessed it, equine reproduction. Among the services offered are short courses in equine reproduction, semen freezing, stallion collection training, cooled semen evaluation, breeding operation set-up and training, mare management and embryo transfer. The site has an extensive archive of excellent articles on equine reproduction, and hosts a bulletin board where breeders can share ideas and information and post items for sale, making this an excellent place to find reasonably priced equipment for artificial insemination.

Check it out:

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