



# Sport Horse Breeding News

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## What Should I Spend on Breeding?

First, determine what your mare is worth as a piece of "production machinery," i.e. what she is worth as a fully functioning broodmare, but without the value of the foal she may be carrying. A rule of thumb used by Thoroughbred breeders is to not spend more than three times her value on breeding. "Overbreeding" a mare will not increase the value of her foal, just your expenses.

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## New Stallions for 2009

Several outstanding sires join the SES stallion roster for 2009. We are pleased to announce the addition of Rheinlander super-sire, **Belissimo M** from Schmidt Stud and Sporthorses. From the same stud comes **Feurst Grandios**.

Coming onboard this season is Olympic gold medalist, the Dutch wonder-horse, **Hickstead**.

The Gerd Sosath stable has four new stallions this year: Holsteiners **Cascall** and **Casiro** and Oldenburgs **Detroit** and **Fontane**.

This year, we will make our first shipment of the Connemara stallion, **Dexter Leam Pondi**, located in France. He is one of the world's most accomplished jumping ponies.

The acclaimed Van Uytert stud will offer **Vivaldi** semen this year. This **Krack C/Jazz** son is on a fast rise to the top.

The Hanoverian State Stud, Celle, has a new offering of stallions: **Bonifatius/Belissimo**, **Clooney/Contender**, **Commodor/Cranach**, **Don Presidente/Dauphin**, **Edward/Embassy**, **Fuerst Nyphenburg/Florencio**, **Fuerst Rousseau** by Rousseau, **Hohenzollern** by Hochadel and Lamberk by Lordanos.

Holsteiner wunderkind, **Clinton I**, is newly available this season from Klosterhof Medingen,

along with 2009 Holsteiner keuring champion **Cantoblanco** by Canto.



Belissimo M

New from the Klatte Stud and Gestuet Famos are **Cornet's Prinz/Cornet Obolensky**, **Landstreicher/Land Count**, **Concetto Famos/Caletto I** and **Charilan/Calido I**.

New from Boeckmann Stallion Station is **Status Quo/Stedinger**.

Gestuet Kempke Hof's new stallions for 2009 are **Acomet/Arpeggio** and **Royal Olymp** by Rohdiamant.

The Paul Schockemoehle Stud has added several new stallions for 2009, but the list was not ready at press time; it will be announced later.

## What's a BLUP?

BLUP is the "Best Linear Unbiased Prediction" index used in Swedish Warmblood breeding. It is calculated from the three year old test, the quality test and competition results, for each individual and its relatives. All horses between the ages

of 4 and 18 are evaluated each year. Horses of the same birth year are compared. A stallion must have 15 offspring three year old tested to receive a breeding index, which is corrected for lower or higher quality mares than average. The BLUP

is published for 11 traits, including, dressage: walk, trot, canter, temperament, overall impression under rider, competition results; and jumping: technique and ability, temperament, overall impression under rider, and competition results.

## Around the Stud Farms

### Hengstenhouderij Van Uytert

Vivaldi, a Krack C/Jazz son, won the first leg of the 2008-2009 KWPN Stallion Competition at the national show in Hengelo, Netherlands, 12/3/08.



Vivaldi

### Wonderboy Stables

Superior Equine Sires is pleased to announce an arrangement to provide single-dose frozen semen from the North American-based Wonderboy, a Belgian stallion son of Darco.

### Gerd Sosath

The Catoki/Landor S son, Cador, was the winner of jumping portion

of the Neustadt-Dosse stallion test, 12/28/08, and was fourth overall. The Sosath stallion Quality, had a son licensed in Westfalen. The Landor S son, Lobster, won the qualifier for the CSI \*\*\* Grand Prix at Dresden, 11/30/08. The Landor S daughter, Levante, was the best six year old mare in the young horse tour at the same venue.

### Gestuet Famos

Premier Holsteiner stallion, Contendro, has been approved for the French Studbook, making him one of a very few German-breed stallions admitted to the Selle Francais

book. A licensed son of Contendro, Coco Jambo, was sold at the Holstein stallion market for 195,000 €.

### Klosterhof Medingen

Champion of the Holsteiner keuring, Cantoblanco, will be collected at Klosterhof Medingen for 2009.



Cantoblanco

## Trakehner ~ "the Improver"

The Trakehner is, arguably, the only warmblood horse that might be considered a true "breed," as opposed to a "type." Photographs of Trakehners from the early 1900s reveal an animal startlingly similar to warmblood sport horses of today. In contrast, photos of horses from the other major warmblood breeds from the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century depict horses with a decidedly half-draft appearance.

The Trakehner studbook has always approved only Trakehner, Thoroughbred, Arabian, Anglo-Arabian and Shagya-Arabian bloodlines for their studbook. This higher percentage of hot blood maintained throughout the breed's development, brought the Trakehner to its modern, elegant look much sooner than the other German breeds. In fact, the Trakehner has long been considered "the improver" in German warmblood breeding, and continues to be used for that purpose today. The influence of "blood" has

also manifested in the tendency for Trakehners to possess the stamina and speed necessary for cross country success—many leading warmblood event horses both in the past and present have had Trakehner bloodlines.

The old Trakehnen State Stud was once very swampy and inhabited by a large population of moose; this accounts for the moose antler brand. The land was drained by means of a system of drainage ditches. Vintage film of the officers of the stud, galloping Trakehners pell mell across the land, jumping the big drainage ditches with ease, makes it evident how Trakehners came to possess their boldness, stamina and jumping ability. However, Trakehners are not just jumping specialists. They make excellent dressage mounts as well and are especially prized for their



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floating trot, beauty, elegance and charisma.

The famous flight of the Trakehners from the Trakehnen Stud, just ahead of the Russian invasion in 1945 was a dreadful event that only the very hardiest horses survived. One of the interesting upshots of the flight was that many of the surviving horses were "adopted" by other breeds.

The Trakehner stallion Abglanz (1943) sired the Hanoverian Absatz (1964), the damsire of Weltmeyer, possibly the most influential warmblood stallion in modern sport horse breeding. Trakehner stallions like Caprimond (approved for 10 different registries) Latimer, and Hohenstein continue to be some of the most successful purveyors of type in the Hanoverian and other German breeds.

## Stallion Spotlight ~ Escudo I

Escudo I has carved out a solid reputation as a sire of international showjumpers, top caliber hunters and one of the world's best dressage horses, Elvis. Escudo I's sire, Espri, was Hanoverian Stallion of the Year in 1995, and is also known for siring both dressage and jumping horses of enormous ability and energetic movements. His offspring include E.T. FRH, Esprit de Valdemar and Edgar, 1996 World Champion seven year old jumper. Escudo I is out of a State Premium mare by Arkansas, a former member of the Prussian Dressage Quadrille at the State



Escudo I

Stud, Celle, Germany. He sired many performance and conformation champions in Europe and North America. Escudo I won his stallion performance test, with top scores in both dressage and jumping, foretelling his ability to sire good horses in both disciplines. As a performance horse, he was Hanoverian Show-jumping Champion in 1996 and 1997, and Reserve Champion German National five year old jumper. He won several S-level jumping competitions in 1999. His full brother, Escudo II, was champion of his stallion performance test in 1994. Escudo I is a well-muscled,

beautiful type who, in turn, sires good type, along with very good limbs. He has a sire index for jumping of 149. His daughters are quality broodmares, and more than 54 have achieved State Premium Status; they are very good producers, strong in passing on type, frame, conformation, and jumping ability. As of 2007 Escudo I produced 24 stallion sons, including, Embassy I, El Bundy, Embassy III, and Etrusco. Escudo I is an ideal dual-purpose stallion. He is entered into the Hanoverian Jumper Breeding Program.

## SES Sires with Offspring in the News

Wynsum, by **Wolkentanz**, won the open Prix St. Georges and the Intermediare I championships, at the Great American/U.S. Dressage Federation Region 5 Championships, Scottsdale, AZ, 10-31-11/2/08, under Teri Patton-Hallman. She also took home the Grand Prix championship with Fontainebleau, by **Wanderer**.

**Silvio** son, showjumping superstar, Shutterfly, won the Grand Prix of Stuttgart, Germany, 11/23/08. He also won the Mercedes German Master in Stuttgart on 11/21, both under Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum.

Succes, by **Silvermoon**, ridden by Lars Petersen took home two Grand Prix CDI wins at Holiday and Horses, 12/4-7/08. Wild One, by **Wanderer** was second to Succes in the Freestyle. At the same venue, WigWam, by **Wolkentanz II**, won the CDI PSG, under Alina Page.

Warum Nicht/**Weltmeyer**, under

Isabell Werth, won the Grand Prix for the freestyle and the Grand Prix Freestyle in Suttgart, Germany, 11/19-23/08.

**Hickstead**, under Eric Lamaze, won the CN World Cup CSI-W at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, Canada, 11/7-16/08. Hickstead previously won the Grand Prix at the Caen CSI, France, 11/08.

Exupery, by **Escudo I**, under Keri Kampsen, won the regular working hunter championship at the 2008 National Horse Show, Syracuse, NY, 10/29-11/2/08.

Sinatra, by **Rubinstein**, driven by Carole Precious, won the advanced single horse class at the Gladstone CDE, Gladstone NJ, 9/19-21.

At the 2008-2009 KNHS/KWPN

Stallion Competition, 12/3/08, in Hengelo, Netherlands, Ziesto/**Lancet** won the first leg. At the M level, Westpoint, **Jazz/Michelangelo**, was first. Second was Lord Leatherdale by **Lord Loxley**. At Z level, the winner was **Vivaldi**, and Johnson, by **Jazz** was second.

At the 2008 Performance Plus Auction, the three top sellers were Vradin/**Gribaldi**, 82,000 €, Zaragoza/**Jazz**, 76,000 € and Saturday Night/**Sandro Hit**, 60,000 €.

Friesian sire, **Onne**, is the USEF's leading sire of Friesian dressage sport horses receiving Silver Stirrup Awards for 2008.

**Lancet** was proclaimed the British Dressage Horse of the Year, 2008.



Silvermoon



Onne

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## SES SERVICES

### 2009 Sale Deadlines

Early Bird Sale 2/10/09

Dutch Sale 2/17/09

Belgian Sale 2/24/09

Spring Breeders 4/17/09

Danish & French pending

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**Front Page Foal Gallery**—Please send photos of your premium foals by an SES sire for possible inclusion on the SES home page. As a new feature SES will showcase outstanding foals next photos of their sires.

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

**Send Your Premium Foal Photos**—For possible inclusion on the SES home page, next to a photo of the foal's sire. A link to your farm website will also be included.

## Organization Notes & News

### NAPF

The North American Pony Futurity debuts in 2009. All pony breeders and owners with North American-bred ponies can nominate their stallions and youngsters ages one to five for the inaugural competition to be held July 17, 2009 in Manakin-Sabot, VA. The NAPF offers performance sweepstakes classes for three to five year olds and breeding classes for fillies, colts and geldings. In the breeding classes, the top 10 colts and fillies will receive cash awards. There will also be awards for leading stallion, best colt, best filly and handler's awards, plus much more.

Contact: [www.ponyfuturity.org](http://www.ponyfuturity.org)

### USHJA

The U.S. Hunter Jumper Association has launched a new program,

the Member's Choice Award, which gives exhibitors and participants the opportunity to vote for the competition they feel is the best in their zone, at the level they compete.

Contact: [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org)

### OHBS

The Oldenburg Horse Breeders Society of North American has changed its stallion licensing process. Stallion prospects must now be shown in front of the committee on a lunge line, rather than on the triangle. Stallions must first be presented in hand on a hard surface, then lunged. The next day, they will be shown at liberty and over jumps. On the third day, the judges will announce the approvals.

Contact: [www.oldenburghorse.com](http://www.oldenburghorse.com)

## Recommended Reads & Websites

### Clip My Horse

This is a great website jam-packed with video clips and streaming videos of interest to warmblood breeders. It also features horses for sale, current news and competition results. There are lots of archived video clips and dvd's of stud farms. Importantly, it provides live streaming video of major equine events, such as auctions, keurings and major competitions. The bad news: the text is mostly in German, but that is not an obstacle to getting to all the fabulous videos. And don't forget, you can use your Google translation tool to get the gist of most of the German text.

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