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## New Offerings for 2010

Several exciting new stallions have been added to the Superior Equine Sires stallion roster. The State

Stud of Celle, Germany has several new stallions, including Olympic

champion Goldfever, earner of more than 2.8 million euros. Also new to the Celle list this year are Bonaventura/Balou du Rouet, Heinrich Heine/Hochadel, Quadam/Quite Easy, Sir Donnerhall II/Sandro Hit, Stanley/Stakkato and Viktorio/Ucello. The Paul Schockemoehle Stud's new stallions include: Bordeaux/United/Gribaldi, Breitling



Goldfever

W by Bismark/Maat I, Contendros by Contender/Drosselklang II, Decamerone by Diamond Hit/Sandro Hit, Last Man's Hope by Last Man Standing/Conteros, Quintador by Quinar/Contender, Riccidof by Riccione/Don Davidoff, Sheikh it by Stolzenburg/Escudo I, Surprise by Sir Donnerhall/Prince Thatch xx and Toulouse by Toulon/Padarco. New from Zucht of Klatt is Chamberland, a Chamberbertin/Landadel son. Flax Lion Stud adds 2007 three year old Bundeschampion, Benetton Dream and Balou du Rouet son, Bon Balou. Among Gestuet Sprehe's, new offerings are Christ by Competent/Picard,

Duino by Donnerschwee/Sion, Favoritas xx, Lord Laurie by FS Lord Loxley/Laurie's Crusador xx, Lehman by Londonderry/Argentinus, Swarovski by Sandro Hit/Don Gregory. Klosterhof Medingen Trakehners Distelzar, Key West and Latimer are back on the roster after being unavailable for a couple seasons, as are Jens Meyer's stallions Cashman and Falsterbo. Friesian breeders have access to three new stallions from the Nieuwe Heuvel stallion station in Holland, including Doaitzen 420, Haitse 425 and Jerke 434.

## Escudo I Hanoverian Stallion of the Year 2009

Escudo I is the 2009 Hanoverian Stallion of the Year. He won his stallion performance test in 1994 with a convincing 144.90 points in the jumping category. He is a son of the Celle State stallion Espri, who is known worldwide for out-

standing horses, such as "E.T." Escudo I won the 1996 Hanoverian Show Jumping Championships in Dobrok in 1996, and the six-year-old Jumper Champion title in 1997. He also won several show jumping competitions at the "S" level in 1999. Es-

cudo I is outstanding in type and expression, is well-muscled and has excellent gaits. He has a show jumping breed value index of 151 points and 145 for riding horse points. He sires horses with excellent type and a fighting spirit for jump-

## Evaluation & Early Jump Training of Foals

Researchers at Utrecht University in the Netherlands have developed a method to evaluate the jumping ability of horses as young as six months of age, to determine if their athleticism stays with them as they grow. Forty Dutch Warmblood foals were weaned at four months of age and monitored at six months over a 0.6 meter (almost 2-foot) jump.

Important areas monitored during free jumping are the kinematic characteristics (comparison and relation of motion) and the kinetic (pertaining to motion). Data was collected by monitoring markers on the horse's legs and backs during free jumps, using infrared cameras. Most important to watch was the flexion of the elbows, which determines capacity to fold the front limbs over an obstacle. Also important was the way the foals were able to retroflex (stretch the hind limbs backward). The most promising foals showed a superior ability to rotate their pelvises when clearing a fence.

The same foals were then put out to pasture again until 36 months of age, when they began elementary dressage and jumping training. After another six-month turnout they were taken to a training center for a year of intensive show jumping training. After 14 weeks of training they were monitored going over a 1.05 meter (3-1/2 foot) jump under a rider.

Half of the horses in the test group had continued a conventional upbringing after the initial monitoring, while the other half underwent 30 months of training

which included jumping training. At age four, all 40 horses were once again free jumped and evaluated. The finding was that the early jumping training had a major effect on the horse's jumping technique at that time. Lead author of the study, Susan Santamaria, DVM, PhD said, "In countries such as the Netherlands, Germany, or France where horses of three or four years of age



**Streiff x Stalypso**  
Breeder: Jennifer Klein

participate in events that include assessment of free jumping technique to select future breeding stock, judges should be especially aware of this, because it might not always be easy to judge whether a horse is performing well because of superior genetic potential or because of mediocre genetic potential and a lot of training."

After the four year old evaluation, all of the horses underwent a year of training that included jumping training. At age five the horses were free jumped again. Santamaria revealed that, "... no significant differences remained in any of the variables determining jumping technique between the experimental and control groups when performing submaximal free jumps. It appears that the control horses had quickly learned to clear fences at a submaximal

height just like the experimental horses." The horses performed in a simulated puissance competition (progressive height jumping) where the jumps were raised up to 1.5 meters (five feet).

From this it was determined that there was no differences in the distribution of the best and worst jumpers between the two groups. This indicated that that early training had no effect on maximal jumping ability.

The result of the Dutch study was that the training of young horses for jumping at six months of age is ineffective and unnecessary. The study determined that the effect of specific jump training on a young horse's jumping technique was only short term. Santamaria said, "It can be concluded that early training for jumping has a short term, but not a permanent, effect on jumping technique . . . Carefully controlled exercise at foal age may help in improving strength and resistance of the musculoskeletal tissues. Training for specific athletic performance at that age is futile."



**Saaliya x Stedinger**  
Breeder: Jennifer Klein

The study supports the common practice of waiting until a horse is at least 36 months of age to begin specific jump training.

A good show jumper combines a suitable pedigree with correct conformation (especially in the feet, pasterns and hocks), talent and trainability. An uphill build, balance, soundness and natural ability are the best indicators for predicting success as a show jumper.

## Stallion Spotlight ~ Chacco Blue

Chacco Blue is an exceptional stallion with an ongoing international show jumping career. His many successes with rider Alois Pollmann-Schweckhorst include first place in the Grand Prix qualifier in Neumünster, second place in the Zangersheide "Sires of the World" Grand Prix for approved stallions and second place in the Mannheim Grand Prix. He also won the Martin Collins Santa Stakes at London Olympia. Chacco Blue's offspring are al-



Chacco Blue

ready following in his footsteps. He sired the OS-International reserve champion in 2008, which is now standing at the Hanoverian State Stud in Celle. He has produced approved stallions in practically every single breeding region. Chacco Blue's dam, Contara, was also a successful show jumper up to World Cup level, and her dam, Godahra, also competed successfully in 1.50 m classes. His sire, Chambertin, won two final

qualifiers for the Bundeschampionat, was the Holstein champion in 1999, and has consistently produced top competition horses such as 2008 Olympic team gold medalist Cedric, ridden by Laura Kraut. The maternal grandsire, Contender, is currently considered to be a producer of some of the world's best show jumpers and great-grandsire Godavari xx provides the all-important Thoroughbred blood. Chacco Blue sires offspring with talent, scope, trainability, rideability and excellent technique. .

## SES Sires with Offspring in the News

The **Lord Pezi** filly MF L' Attitude, bred by Marabet Farm, FL, was champion of her inspection.

Let's Fly, by **Lordanos**, under Rodrigo Pessoa, won the \$75,000 Budweiser Grand Prix de Penn National CSI-W, Harrisburg, PA, 10/12-17. He was also open jumper champion.

Rappahannock, by **Rubinstein I**, ridden by Annie Cosby, won the Bryan Trophy hunter class at the Deep Run Horse Show, in Manakin-Sabot, VA, 6/17-21.

Chalacorada, by **Lordanos**, won the Grand Prix of Worpswede, Germany, 9/21/09.

The champion foal of the 2009 German Foal Championship was sired by **Balou du Rouet**. The second reserve champion at the same venue was by **Sir Donnerhall**, who also

sired the fourth place foal. **Fidertanz** sired the seventh and ninth place foals.

Champion of the 2009 Westfalian Stallion Licensing was Silbermond by **Sir Donnerhall**.

The best show jumper of the licensing was by **Cornet Obolensky**.

The 2009 overall champion of the South German Breed Societies was by **Sir Donnerhall**. The top show-jumping stallion was by **Cornet Obolensky**.

A **Sanctico** colt became the champion of the 2009 Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Stallion Licensing, and the Jumping Champion was by **Stalypso**.

At the 2009 Hanoverian Stallion Licensing, there were premium stallions by **Dancier**, **Danone I**, **Depardieu**, **Desperados**, **Don**

**Frederico**, **Fidertanz** and **Royal Blend**.

Of the top nine stallions, 7 were sired by SES sires. The high auction price was 330,000 euros for a **Fidertanz/De Niro**. The top-priced non-licensed auction stallion of the licensing was by **Sir Donnerhall/Rotspon**, and sold for 195,000 euros.

Daquino by De Niro, was second at the 2009 German Dressage Derby.

Also by **De Niro**, Deveraux, was a triple champion under a junior rider in 2009, and D'Agostinao by **De Niro**, was champion in the keur for young riders and young riders silver medalist at Mannschaft, 2009.



Lord Pezi



Balou du Rouet

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## SES SERVICES

### 2010 Sale Deadlines

*Orders taken any time.*

*In stock semen usually available.*

Early Bird Sale 2/10/10

Dutch Sale 2/10/10

Belgian Sale 3/01/10

Spring Breeders 4/10/10

Danish & French pending

**Front Page Foal Gallery**—Please send foal photos of foals sired by SES sires for possible inclusion on the SES home page. You will receive a link through to your farm or email. Don't miss out on this valuable source of free advertising for your breeding program.

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## Organization Notes & News

### AHS

The American Hanoverian Society will hold its annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA, 2/5-7/2010. A dose of frozen semen from SES has been donated for the Silent Auction on 2/6, with proceeds going to support member education.  
[www.hanoverian.org](http://www.hanoverian.org)

### Oldenburg Verband

The late Weser-Ems stallion licensing will take place 2/28/10 in Vechta Germany. Also in Vechta on 3/26-27 will be the 70th Spring Elite Auction.  
[www.oldenburghorse.com](http://www.oldenburghorse.com)

### KWPN-NA

The annual meeting of the KWPN North American will be held in Wellington, FL, 3/11-13/2010.  
[www.kwpn-na.org](http://www.kwpn-na.org)

### WBFSH

The KWPN stallion Jazz (Broere Jazz) was the leading sire of dressage horses in the world for the second consecutive year. Other SES-offered sires on the list are: Weltmeyer, 5th, Rubinstein I, 6th, Olympic Ferro, 8th, Gribaldi, 10th, Wanderer, 13th, Jet Set D, 14th,



## Recommended Reads & Websites

### Continental Studbook

The new Continental Studbook registry publishes an online magazine in pdf format. The last issue contains an excellent article titled, "Heritage Analysis of the Top 100 Ranked WBFSH Dressage Horses." It is a thorough analysis of the sire values in successive generations, and is not based on WBFSH scores, but rather on the influence on sires through a "genetic contribution" system, which assigns a value based on which generation in which a sire appears. A very interesting and useful article. Download at:  
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