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Improved Semen Freezing

The University of California at Davis announced preliminary success with a new soy-based semen extender. Researchers have found that the soy-based extender stabilizes the cell membrane, the damage of which is a major cause of reduced fertility. Because the new extender has less chance of harboring infectious agents, it also provides greater biosecurity for breeders.

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Low-Dose Insemination Techniques

Two low dose insemination techniques have valuable applications, including when there is a limited amount of frozen semen available, when the semen is very costly, when semen from a subfertile stallion or sex-selected semen is being used, when using epididymal (immature) spermatozoa harvested

from a dead, terminally ill or gelded horse, or when other breeding procedures have failed to result in a conception. Hystero-

copic insemination is done by inserting an endoscope into the uterus and guiding it to the uterotubal junction (where the uterine tube connects the ovary to the uterus; the site of fertilization) via a camera in the endoscope. A small



catheter is then passed through the channel of the endoscope and the sperm is deposited on the uterotubal opening. This technique has proven successful with low volume sperm with numbers below 10 million. Pregnancies have been achieved with 1% of the conventional insemination dose.

Deep horn insemination is a technique where a pipette is passed through the cervix, into the uterus and guided using a rectal approach to the tip of the uterine horn nearest to the dominant follicle. The theory is that low numbers or subfertile sperm deposited closer to the junction of the uterine tube will increase the

chances of conception. The advantage of this technique is that it does not require special tools and should not be too expensive. In mares with double preovulatory follicles or double ovulations, semen should be deposited in each horn or at each uterotubal junction, because the small volume of inseminate is unlikely to allow good movement between the uterine horns. Deep uterine and hysteroscopic insemination are best performed on mares in good reproductive condition. Neither technique should take longer than 10 minutes to accomplish. The disadvantage to both of these methods is that a rough technique can lead to bruising and inflammation of the uterus, a detriment to conception.

FN Breed Value Estimations of SES Sires

The German Equestrian Federation (FN) has selected Don Frederico as an exceptional producer with a score of 174 for dressage. Other SES-offered dressage stallions in the top 1% of all stallions in Germany are Don Primero, Londonderry

and Wolkentanz, all 157 points, Royal Diamond, 156, Rotspon, 155, Waikiki, 154 and Weltmeyer 152. Stallions in the top 5% are Alabaster, 135, Dacaprio, 140, De Niro, 145, Don Vino, 143, Federweiser, 150, Lord Sinclair, 142, Pommery, 139,

and Sandro Hit 141. Jumping stallions in the top 5% are Contendro, 146, Cashman, 140, Escudo I, 147, Embassy, 145, For Feeling, 143, Le Primeur, 141, Lordanos, 143, Perpignon, 146, San Brasil, 145 and Sergeant Pepper 139.

Around the Stud Farms

Hengstation Boeckmann

Lord Pezi offspring continue to demonstrate high jumping potential. Lionheart recently won at a Verden competition, while two Lord Pezi offspring owned by Beat Mändli showed outstanding talent at an international tournament in Arezzo, Italy. Boeckmann stallions Luxius and Lazio were recent winners at Hoven. In Essen/OL, Luxius won both young horse jumping competitions.



De Noir

Katrinelund

Standout stallion De Noir continues his winning ways through his outstanding offspring. So much attention have the foals of this modern, dynamic black stallion garnered, German breeders are requesting Danish breeders to brand their De Noir offspring with the Hanoverian brand, rather than the Danish brand, so that the foals can be presented for approval in Germany!

Gestuet Falkenhorst

Color aficionados will be pleased to note the new offerings of Gestuet Falkenhorst for 2007. Added to the SES roster this year are Multicolor II GF, one of only two approved buckskin tobiano stallions, and Milky Way, the only approved cremello warmblood stallion with Elite status.



Multicolor II GF

WBFSh Leading Dressage Sires Offered by SES

SES sires remain prominent in current FEI World Breeding Federation of Show Horses results of their illustrious offspring. Leading the herd is Keltic Salinero, sired by Salieri. Second position is occupied by Warum Nicht FRH, a son of the grand old man, Weltmeyer. Forest Gump NRW, son of Northrhine favorite Florestan I, is in sixth position. Eighth on the list is



May Sheriff

Elvis VA, sired by Espri. Wellington, by Wanderer, is fourteenth on the list, and in eighteenth position is Weltall, by Weltmeyer. Weltmeyer is the only stallion with two horses in the current top

twenty. Also represented in the top thirty on the list of current world ranking dressage horses are Rubinstein I and May Sherif.



Investing in Frozen Semen

Last season, a client, upon seeing the current price for Sandro Hit, exclaimed, "I guess I should have bought more of his semen when it was \$900." That comment caused me to reflect upon all the high-dollar stallions I could have bought for considerably less, had I been astute enough to foresee their price increases. Here are some sugges-

tions for types of stallions for investment:

1. Older, well-proven stallions will often command at least double the price after their deaths.
2. Young, rising-star stallions, like Fuerst Heinrich and Fidermark, for example, whose semen prices soared after their deaths.

3. Young stallions qualified for the Bundeschampionat, World Cup, Olympics or other prestigious events. After they win their prices usually go up.

4. Stallions owned or managed by people or stud farms noted for developing stallions and increasing their worth..

Stallion Spotlight ~ Weltmeyer

Weltmeyer (Han.) was a sensation from his birth in 1984, according to breeder Hermann Meyer of Germany. He lived up to the impression by becoming champion of his licensing in Verden. At the Bundeschampionate he received a 10 for his “magnificent” trot. Dr. Ludwig Christmann said, “It could not have been any better.” The judging committee described his canter stride as a “leap forward flowing through the entire body.” Weltmeyer won his Adelheidsdorf performance test with 143.94 in dressage and a jumping score of 141.44. Weltmeyer’s sire, World Cup I, was also a perform-



Weltmeyer

ance test champion, and his dam, Anka, was a purveyor of Trakehner charm and beauty, through her sire, Absatz. According to Weltmeyer’s lifelong rider Hans-Peter Klaus, quoted in “The Horse” magazine, “It is something very special to ride such an eye catching horse, especially while he is trotting. I am always very impressed by his willingness to learn and to do a good job. Weltmeyer passes this attitude and the spectacular trot to his offspring. All Weltmeyers want to be ridden and they ask for work. They are very suitable for ambitious riders.”

In the breeding shed Weltmeyer has been a phenomenon. He stamps his offspring with his wonderful hock action, moving cleanly forward and under the center of gravity. His offspring also inherit his fantastic brain. Weltmeyer nicks well with mares from many different sire lines, working equally well with old fashioned mare lines and Thoroughbred lines. He has made especially nice foals with mares from Donnerhall lines. At last count, Weltmeyer had 84 approved stallion sons and 357 state premium mares. Even at an advanced age, Weltmeyer has very potent semen and an exceptional conception rate.

SES Sires with Offspring in the News

Weltmeyer (World Cup I/Absatz) son, Warum Nicht FRH maintained his assault on the highest levels of international dressage. Under the ridership of Isabell Werth. Weltmeyer’s son Weltall, also continues to compete and win at the highest levels.

Salinero, the phenomenal son of **Salieri** (Salvano/Servus), reasserted his domination of the world dressage stage with a decisive Dressage World Cup championship in Amsterdam. This was his third consecutive championship under rider Anky van Grunsven. The pair scored a 87.75 in the freestyle.

Wild One and Arlene Page earned a spot on the 2006 WEG team with a string of consistent and always-improving performances this year. Wild One’s sire, **Wanderer** (Wagner/Glander) is an excellent broodmare sire, and also a wonderful choice for Thoroughbred mares—a true dual purpose sire of

dressage and jumping talent.

May Sherif (Elizar/Securius), the venerable Danish stallion who passed away in 2003, continues his excellent sire record through his son Maximuss JSS, also on this year’s WEG team under the saddle of Catherine Haddad. May Sherif remains available to breeders via frozen semen.



Jazz

Florestan I (Fidelio/Rheingold) son, Floriano, makes an impression wherever he appears. He and rider Stefan Peters swept the team selection trials in NJ in June with an average of 77.20. The immensely talented Floriano has lots of energy and three sparkling gaits.

Jazz (Cocktail/Ulster) just doesn’t quit coming with world class dressage horses. In addition to being

tied for first as siring the most USDFBC Series mature-horse finalists in 2005, the brilliant chestnut stallion is the sire of Leslie Reid’s up-and-coming Prix St. Georges and Intermediaire horse, Orion. The pair is focused on the Pan Am Games. Reid was quoted in the “Chronicle of the Horse,” This is a tighter type of horse [than Mark] but with a superior gas pedal. His will to go is very nice. He finds the movements very easy.” Jazz has excellent quality frozen semen.

Lancet (Wenzel I/Shogun xx) son, Uzzo, under Patrick van der Meer of Holland, won the five year old division at the World Championships for Young Dressage Horses in Verden. In second place was **Sir Donnerhall** (**Sandro Hit**/Donnerhall), by 0.1 point.

Espri (Eiger I/Diplomat) son, Elvis VA, piloted by Nadine Capellmann earned a position on the German WEG team.

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Paperwork for the 2006 breeding season will be issued in Sept. If you have need for your documents sooner, please get in touch.

"Sport Horse Breeding News"—The July 2006 edition of the "Sport Horse Breeding News" is now available on the website as a pdf download. Archive of SHBN back issues.

2007 Sale Deadlines are now posted on the website: Early Bird, 1/23/07, Netherlands, 2/27/07 Belgium, 3/13/07, Spring Breeders, 3/13/07.

Danish Sale Pending, based on interest. Contact us with your requests.

Last Chance Sale date will be announced at a later date.

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 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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Organization Notes & News

USDF

The coveted USDF Horse of the Year awards are rife with SES-offered sires. Rubinstein I had the most HOY-placing offspring 2002-2005, with nine. Weltmeyer is second with seven. Don Primero and Werther each have five HOY offspring and Florestan I has four.

USEF

Brentina, by Brentano II was selected as "Horse of the Year," by the United States Equestrian Federation. The title was awarded for the first time this year. Horses from many equine disciplines were considered for the award. Brentina led the American dressage team of 2002 to the team silver medal at the World Equestrian Games and to a team bronze at the 2004 Olympics. The award was accepted by her rider, Debbie McDonald.

AHS

The American Hanoverian Society Jumper Breeding Program (JPB) is now fully operational. The purpose of the program is to systematically identify stallions prepotent for jumping talent, and breed them to mares that have jumping pedigrees and have proven jumping ability through the Mare Performance Test or competition results.

BCH

The Back Country Horsemen of America is a service organization without which many of America's back country trails would not be maintained. The BCH has the only major lobby that specifically addresses keeping trails open to horses. If you value the right to ride on public lands, support the BCH. Contact: 1-888-893-5161, or www.backcountryhorse.com

Recommended Reads & Websites

Dansk Varmblood, the parent organization of NADWA, has a great database of information on stallions approved in Denmark. In addition to vital statistics, information from the stallion grading is supplied, including a grading description, and a material description which gives insights about the stallion's temperament, gaits and ability, work ethic and manners. There are also unbiased descriptions of the foals the stallion produces. An overview of the stallion's performance career and major accomplishments make this an extremely useful site for breeders. For those looking for an offspring of a stallion, the database has a photolist of offspring for sale in Denmark.

Contact:

www.horse.dk/uk/search/stallion/default.asp