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Colored Trakehners

As late as the 1940's, when Trakehner bloodstock was decimated during World War II, East Prussian breeders maintained a breeding pool of pinto Trakehners. A Prussian Cavalry regiment, the Ohlau Trumpeter Husars, were mounted exclusively on black and white spotted Trakehners. These vividly marked horses came from East Prussia and Trakehnen, and were used for parades, affairs of state and ceremonies. See pics at:

www.deschenhof.de/engltrak.htm

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Son of Weltmeyer Wins 2007 World Cup

The World Cup came to Las Vegas, NV for the second time in 2007, and Warum Nicht, a gelded son of Weltmeyer, ridden by Isabell Werth of Germany, was crowned the new World Champion Dressage Horse. Warum Nicht is out of a Wenzel I mare, making him linebred to Woermann. Despite a spook at a camera, the lanky chestnut was the undisputed king of the ring, displaying the brilliance, impulsion and obedience for which Weltmeyer offspring are justly known. In addition to a wonderful piaffe and passage, Warum Nicht possesses the wonderful “rear wheel drive” that dressage riders treasure. He also has



marvelous elevation and extension of the forearms. Weltmeyer offspring are noted often for their front movements, but are equally good behind.

Weltmeyer has virtually reshaped the history of the Hanoverian breed, and has done it while he is still alive! Fashions come and go in the horse breeding business, and sometimes breeders become bored with a stallion simply because they are so familiar with him. This has been the case with Weltmeyer, until this season, when interest in him resurged due to the positive

press on Warum Nicht, and other world class performers, like Weltall. Weltmeyer sires performance horses with the caliber, character and quality for international competition. His reputation as a sire of sires is unparalleled in recent times. And, his daughters are excellent broodmares, capable of advancing a breeding program to the highest levels of the sport. On top of this, Weltmeyer has steadily maintained one of the best conception rates in the frozen semen industry. When many a faddish young stallion has come and gone, the far-reaching influence of Weltmeyer will still be felt.

No Such Thing as a Live Foal Guarantee!

Let's face it. *No one* on this planet can guarantee that your mare will produce a live foal. A “live foal guarantee” simply means is that you can continue paying booking fees, collection fees, shipping fees, and veterinary fees while *trying* to get

your mare in foal. No-guarantee frozen semen means that you do not get a rebreed if your mare fails to conceive, but, it also means that if you achieve two pregnancies with two doses, you can register both foals. This is how frozen semen

“pencils out” over the long haul, and why it is the best value in breeding.



Around the Stud Farms

Gestuet Ligges

“A horse to watch for the future is the 8-year-old, gray Belgian stallion Cornet Obolensky, an offspring of famous show jumper Clinton, sired out of a Heartbreaker dam. In the horse’s first Grand Prix [Wiesbaden, Germany], Marco Kutscher guided him to a very calm, stylish ride, demonstrating the high potential of the horse.” Birgit Popp, *Chronicle of the Horse*



Crelido

Katrinelund

Holsteiner stallion Crelido, winner of the Danish Showjumping Championship in 2000, has been added to the SES roster. He competes in Denmark and is successful at M-level dressage and S-level jumping.

De Wiemselbach

Tamino, by Numero Uno, won the ‘Future Elite’ during the CSI** Hardelot (France).

Dr. Kathrin Stock

Donee, an approved Oldenburg son of Donnerhall, is newly available for stud duty in the USA via frozen semen.



Donee

Thoroughbred Blood Essential

There’s only one kind of horse that the warmblood breeds can’t do without—the Thoroughbred.

For most many Americans, their first sport horse riding horse was a Thoroughbred, and their first broodmare for breeding a warmblood was also a Thoroughbred. But, breeders sometimes neglect to plan for regular infusions of “blood” in their breeding programs.

For many pursuits, especially eventing and jumping, the halfblood sport horse is ideal. Many people also prefer the more forward-thinking manner of the halfblood as a dressage or riding horse. In Europe, many stallions are 1/4 Thoroughbred, often being out of a dam by a select Thoroughbred stallion. Since there are not many Thoroughbred stallions approved for warmblood breeding in the USA, most of us will obtain our Thoroughbred blood via the mare, of which there is an ample supply

coming from the racing business. American breeders can emulate the European template, by producing halfblood mares, which are then bred back to warmbloods, to produce the coveted 3/4 warmblood, 1/4 Thoroughbred foal. All of the warmblood registries will inspect Thoroughbred mares.

A few notable Thoroughbred sires used in sport horse lines are:

- Der Loewe xx
- Sudan xx
- Furioso xx
- Ladykiller xx
- Rantzau xx
- Sacramento Song xx
- Pik As xx
- Black Sky xx



Lauries Crusador

(European) Thoroughbred stallions approved for use in warmblood registries have met stringent requirements, including weight-carrying ability on the racecourse, high rideability, good temperament, ability at the jump, and good movements.

The stallion who most exemplifies the positive influence of the Thoroughbred on warmblood breeding in recent times is Laurie’s Crusador. He was the 2006 Hanoverian Stal-

lion of the Year in Germany. This is the only time a Thoroughbred stallion has been so-honored. His halfblood son, Londonderry, has become an excellent purveyor of “blood” for the Celle State Stud.

Plan to regularly inject quality Thoroughbred bloodlines into your breeding program. Don’t omit the Thoroughbred from your long-range goals.

Stallion Spotlight ~ Stedinger

Stedinger has been a sensation right from the start. He was the undisputed winner of the Oldenburg stallion approval in 2004, and of the Oldenburg Stallion Days in 2006. In spite of a heavy breeding schedule, he qualified for the Bundeschampionat in 2005, and finished his 70-day stallion test with the respectable scores of 131.72 in dressage and the decent score of 121.92 in jumping. His scores reflect the influence of the ancestors in his immediate pedigree. His sire is the highly-respected Sandro Hit, who has founded his own "S" line in modern sport horse breeding. Sandro Hit was National Young Horse Champion and World Champion Young

Dressage Horse. Sandro Hit is a half brother to Diamond Hit and Royal Hit. He continues to sire world class foals and auction-toppers. Stedinger is out of Bold Fantasy, sired by the famous jumping sire, Landadel. For dressage breeders looking to inject some performance blood, while keeping strong dressage input also, Stedinger's bloodline is ideal. Bold Fantasy received a score of 10 for loose jumping at her mare performance test, a 9 foreign rider score, and an overall score of 8.67. Stedinger's offspring



Stedinger

are off to an impressive start: five approved sons from his first crop. His son Status Quo, was champion stallion in Vechta in 2006, and daughter Sinfonie was champion filly of the 2004 German Foal Championship. Stedinger continues to improve and develop as a riding horse, due to his strong movements and high rideability. He has won at medium level dressage and is no doubt headed toward the Grand Prix. Stedinger's high quality frozen semen makes him an excellent breeding value.

SES Sires with Offspring in the News

Friesian stallion **Tsjerk** had two offspring in the Great American/USDF Championships of 2006: Reserve Champion first level Open Championship, Ritzke R, 10 year stallion, 70.56%. And training level Open Championship Champion, Noah Fancy Pants,



Tsjerk

a 6 year gelding, ridden by Courtney King.

The Dutch keur stallion **Jazz** has several offspring competing in upper level dressage in the USA. Leslie Reid's Orion is the most notable. The pair recently won the Prix St. Georges and Intermediaire I and freestyle at

the Golden State Dressage Festival and CDI, Rancho Murieta, CA.

Maximus JSS, by **May Sherif**, under the saddle of Olympic rider, Catherine Haddad, finished the 2007 FEI World Cup Grand Prix Freestyle Final in 7th place.

Gribaldi also competed in the 2007 World Cup, but finished last, due to a bad case of stallion-itis.

Oxytocin Therapy

Oxytocin is a hormone that causes smooth muscles in the body to contract. The uterus is one muscle which benefits greatly from the effects of oxytocin. When fluid is present in the uterine either pre or post-breeding, oxytocin has proven extremely valuable in clearing it.

Several doses of oxytocin are in-

jected intramuscularly every four to six hours after breeding. Multiple doses are required because the effect of the oxytocin only lasts for about seven minutes. The mare is checked the following day by ultrasound to assess the amount of uterine fluid still present. If more than 2 cm of fluid is present, a lavage of the uterus with one to two liters of

warmed, sterile saline is performed. This is followed by an infusion of antibiotics, followed by more doses of oxytocin. If oxytocin is used pre-breeding to clear fluid, it is generally used without the antibiotic infusion.



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SES SERVICES

Thank you to clients who purchased frozen semen this year and in past seasons. Your business is appreciated!

In stock frozen semen available through mid-August, 2007.

Sale Deadline—Early Bird Sale Jan/Feb. 2008

2008 Sales—early, mid-season and late-season German, one Dutch, one Belgian and one Danish order. Dates to be announced.

Free Display Ads for all SES clients. Take advantage of free display advertising on the most-visited frozen semen website in the world. Others pay \$20 for a six-month listing.

Foal Gallery—Please send photos of your foals.

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

Europe or bust!

I am traveling to Europe in the fall of 2007, I will be away from August 31st through October 25th.

I will visit England, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Germany Switzerland and Italy. My goal is to meet all of my suppliers in person, and see as many of the stallions on my list as possible.

If you have a stallion you would particularly like me to investigate, please contact me with your request, and I will make every effort to do so.

Organization Notes & News

AHHA

The American Holsteiner Horse Assoc. is now a full member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses.

Oldenburg Verband

The Oldenburg Verband issues one-time breeding license for stallions in other registries, which are not fully approved with the Verband. The fee is \$100. for the one-time license. Stallions are considered on a case-by-case basis. (The Oldenburg Horse Breeders Society represent the Oldenburg Verband in America.)

FHANA

The Friesian Horse Association of North America is the North American representative of the Friesian horse association, Friese Paarden Stamboek (FPS). The FPS is recog-

nised as the European Mother Stud-book of the Friesian Horse and is the world-wide authority on the Friesian Horse. For more info call 859-455-7439 or visit the FHANA website:

www.fhana.com

AHS

Trakehner stallion King Arthur was recently added to the American Hanoverian Society's list of non-Hanoverian Verband-approved stallion. AHS maintains an up-to-date list of stallions approved for breeding in the U.S. at:

www.hanoverian.org/Stallions/NonHano.shtml

Recommended Reads & Websites

If you haven't chanced across this terrific website, you are in for a treat. Thoroughbred Heritage is a veritable cornucopia of information on Thoroughbreds in racing, and has an informative page on Thoroughbreds important in modern jumping horses.

www.tbheritage.com

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www.nsl.org

