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'Eragon wearing his first premium like a pro'



"Nirvana, the wonderful, showing baby how to stand up"



"A bonnie 'bonte' baby"

## 2009 KEURING REPORTS - FIRST TOUR

### Silver Creek Farms – Broken Arrow, OK

Host: Barbara Sikkink

A short flight north, took the Jury from Austin, TX to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma for the Silver Creek Farms keuring. A relative newcomer to the keuring locations, the Silver Creek facilities provide a terrific stage for presenting the horses, as well as offering a live-stream video of the event from their website! Host Barbara Sikkink (Breeding Manager at Silver Creek) and staff had everything spit-shined and ready, with able assistants in abundance. :-)

A jumper-focus tends to be Silver Creeks' breeding direction, but we tend to see quality dressage horses here as well. This latter representation was a 100% 'orange' sweep in the Dressage Foals and Weanlings.

Larry and Kathy Childs of Crooked Post Farm in Kansas have always represented their breeding program beautifully, whether at home or trailering to Texas or now Oklahoma for the keurings. Once again, their youngster Eragon (Goodtimes out of Nirvana ster by Fleming [the other one] x Calypso I) clinched the class. Dam Nirvana is one of those mares that needs beatification, since no matter who is her 'inseminator' for the year, she pops out top babies each time. (Last year her foal was a top-five), etc.

Eragon was a very fancy type of dressage youngster with the ever beautiful and expressive Goodtimes face and good conformation earning a 78, but in his movement the jury would have liked to see more length of stride. However, his overall score gave him a first premium and the first place in the class.

The second place colt was a unique baby. Are you ready for your Dutch lesson with a little pedigree search thrown in????

"Bonte" [pronounced 'bone-ta' rhymes with 'don'ta'] is the Dutch word for 'parti-colored, motley, many-colored, variegated, spotted, piebald, colorful' [Cassell's Dutch Dictionary]. Horse color words are 'rood', 'bruin', 'zwart' [pronounced 'rode', 'brown', 'swart' respectively]. So, easy-peasy - a roodbonte is a chestnut and white, bruinbonte - a brown/bay and white and a zwartbonte a black and white pinto or skewbald or piebald or whatever. Just to throw a quick curve a chestnut is a 'vos' [pronounced fohs]...but there is not a vosbonte.

In KWPN breeding (assuming foalbook or Reg. A), when one comes upon a 'bonte' it is usually a zwartbonte and it comes via a single KWPN stallion - Samber; the sire of every Dutch pinto stallion standing in North America. Where did it come from, you ask? His dam Tina D, of course. Go to: <http://www.allbreedpedigree.com/tina+d>, click on Reports on the left side of the toolbar and pick 'photos' - the last entry on that list - click, and voila', there Tina D is, herself. Her 'bonte' came through her paternal dam line. For whatever reason (whoever knows, please enlighten us) the Dutch horse people now term all pintos 'platenbonte'. I've looked and looked and can only come up with the platen of a typewriter/printer....thus 'ink'???? Onward...



*"Eximius SF and mom creating their own Rorschach test for the audience."*



*"Euro Xpress expressing himself for an orange first premium ribbon"*



*"Geneva KS"*

Back to our lovely 'platenbonte' or literally a 'bruinbonte' youngster, **Eximius SF** (Riverman [the Iron Spring Farm one] out of Thera Utopia by Kennedy x Samber [there he is!]) Conformation solid, movement solid...looks like a first premium! . Which he proudly wore for owner breeder Amy Sabino.

In the third spot and also a first premium was **Euro Xpress** (Rousseau out of Francesca by Frohwind x Florian) bred and owned by Joanne Gramlich.

Frohwind, an approved Oldenburg stallion, that stands in Oklahoma is a Furioso II x Weltmeister. Great grandsire Florian (Hannoverian) is also by Furioso II. This colt had no choice but to be a chestnut and a handsome one at that.

The other first premium for the day was the "8 and Older Jumper Mare for Studbook". Geneva KS (Roderik out of Bon Chila by Constant x Montanus) [bred by Lieselotte Trabert and owned by Sara Krause of Krause Sporthorses] is an Erkend Studbook - Holsteiner, and was already carrying that brand. In order to receive 'entry into the KWPN studbook the Erkend mare must be of star quality. Because she was born prior to prior to 1995, this mare did not have to fulfill any other additional requirements. (Erkend = Acknowledged)

Geneva KS made the required score for conformation and movement, but since a jumper must JUMP the jury looked forward to having her in the chute. Geneva, a mere 17 years old, simply played with the fences earning an 80 for her technique and an 80 for her scope. [Of note is the sire of Roderik, Renomee-Z, is mentioned in the pedigree of Zorriola, one of our Florida jumping superstars]. These scores brought out the red-carpet - or should I say orange carpet, for this lovely and athletic mare.

Brief, but bountiful was this keuring,,but the witching hour of 11:30 A.M. (!) arrived and the jury dashed off yet again to the airport. A revisit of trains, planes and automobiles (actually no trains, wouldn't THAT be relaxing?)...winging westward to the Pacific Time Zone, the Jury's next stop was DG Bar Ranch.

After a relaxing lunch it was time to pack up and head to the Airport.

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*(Note: Many of these lovely horses are for sale. See page 22 in the keuring program, or go to page 22 in : <http://www.kwpn-na.org/display/files/program09.pdf> )*