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HARNESS HORSE NEWS

Hello! We hope this finds you enjoying a wonderful Spring/Summer season so far. This issue contains several recent articles translated from our website as well as an original article by regular contributor Erin Shea. We have a very exciting announcement about a Gelders Keurig event... read on to find out more! A KWPN-NA Keurig event calendar rounds out this issue, but as things can change, we remind you to check our website for up-to-date event information.

Thank you for your ongoing support for our newsletter and harness horse community!

With thanks,
KWPN-NA Harness Committee



Amended regulations were proposed in the Members' Council meeting on April 21, 2021 in areas including Registration and Harness Horse Direction. See inside pages for more complete details and what it means for KWPN-NA breeders.

Bailey Ranch Breeders

BY ERIN SHEA



Leva

Dutch Harness horses are inarguably the best fine harness show horses in the world. They are incredible athletes with sound minds, loads of talent and an abundance of heart. These traits also allow these incredible horses to thrive in a variety of disciplines, including dressage. That is exactly the type of athlete that Bailey West of Bailey Ranch Breeders, of Canyon Lake, Texas, is out to create.

Growing up with a mother who is a dressage trainer, and as a dressage rider herself, Bailey noticed that she wasn't seeing anyone breeding the type of horses that really sparked her interest. Having more ambition as a breeder, rather than a trainer, Bailey set out to find a special mare with whom to begin her own breeding program, with the goal of breeding horses for the top levels of dressage, with the biggest and best movement possible.

This mare turned out to be Isabelle, an Alex x Sandokan mare she purchased from Chris Fisher in 2015. Like so many others, as soon as she saw her first Dutch Harness Horse, Bailey was hooked on them. Their power, movement, temperament and talent are second to none, and they are the foundation of Bailey Ranch Breeders blossoming program. Before ultimately being sold to a dressage rider, Isabelle had a filly by Barno, and that filly cemented Bailey's confidence in the breed. She finds the Dutch Harness foals to be friendly, happy, and marketable to dressage riders.

Bailey Ranch Breeders

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Irona



Paschal, Alexandro P x Irona

As one of North America's largest warmblood registries, the KWPN-NA has been an appealing registry for Bailey to work with, as they offer 3 breeding directions (Riding, Harness and Gelders). She feels this really allows for top quality breeding possibilities within one registry, and she is confident in trying different combinations of bloodlines between the three directions.

A top example of this combination of breeding directions is the KWPN gelding Verdades. A US Olympic Team horse under Laura Graves, Verdades boasts unique bloodlines for the elite level of dressage. He is by a Westphalian stallion named Florett As, and is out of a Dutch Harness mare by Goya. This influence of harness blood on a dressage stallion made for an incredible athlete, which has not gone unnoticed to Bailey. She has utilized the same strategy in her program, which has so far proven successful. There are many incredible dressage-bred stallions to choose from and having a solid foundation harness mare offers a litany of incredible possibilities for top sport prospects. Bailey is planning to utilize Verdades' sire Florett As himself on her Fandango mare Ileva in hopes of creating something like Verdades.

The backbone of Bailey's breeding program right now is Irona, (Wouter x Lorton) and she has proven to be an incredible and versatile producer. Bailey has a 4 year old mare out of Irona by Graaf Kelly that is already standing out in dressage. This spring, Irona foaled a stunning bay colt by Gelders stallion Alexandro P, confirming Bailey's ideals of utilizing all breeding directions within her program, and how valuable the harness

horse blood can be in producing versatile, high quality foals for sport.

As many harness horse breeders both here and in The Netherlands are struggling with, the lack of variety in bloodlines is becoming increasingly challenging to manage responsibly. Many breeders are utilizing Gelders blood in their harness horses, as well as dressage blood. Bailey Ranch Breeders has their own 2017 Gelders stallion, Max V (Edmundo x Koss x Elegant), imported from The Netherlands as a foal, who is on track to be presented for KWPN-NA licensing, which will be an interesting option for harness breeders looking for some fresh blood available in the US.

Having gotten into the breeding business in 2015, and foaling out about 5 foals every year, Bailey has already had great success selling her foals to upper level dressage riders and trainers, and is being sought out by buyers for the bloodlines her horses offer. As Bailey's mom, Carolyn West, is a dressage trainer, Bailey Ranch Breeders can offer thoughtfully bred horses, who, if retained in her program through riding age, get a correct riding foundation from Carolyn, and can then be sold as solidly started riding horses, for those who don't wish to buy a foal, but rather something a little further along.

Bailey Ranch Breeders has something to offer any dressage enthusiast, with their open mind and variety of bloodlines, without ever sacrificing quality. We cannot wait to see what they have in store for us in the future! More information can be found at BaileyRanchBreeders.com •

Plain's Liberator Posthumously Declared Approved

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On May 8th, the deceased stallion Plain's Liberator (by Plain's Black Satin) was posthumously declared keur. Plain's Liberator itself caused a furor by winning the Hackney stallion championship with Kees van der Maat and made it to honorary class level. At the previously recorded ceremony, Mark de Groot and Martin de Groot of Stallion Husbandry Landzicht were present and co-registered Johan de Heul.

Plain's Liberator was born in the stables of Teun Middelma from Zevenhuizen. He crossed the mare Birchfield Moonlight (by Segenhoe Lucifer) with Plain's Black Satin. In 2005, after being designated for a five-day performance test on the basis of his sports performance, the stallion was approved by the KWPN. Besides delivering a number of approved Hackney sons, Plain's Liberator also proved extremely successful in harness horse breeding. His sons Zepplin, Dylano and the Hackney stallion Sir Arie are KWPN approved.

BOCELLIE

Another famous son of his is the approved Hackney stallion Bocellie. He is also the grandfather of the KWPN stallions Idol (v. Manno), Icellie (v. Bocellie), Innovative (v. Zepplin), Kane BFT (v. Bocellie), Leffe Blond (v. Dylano), Maximiano I&S (v. Baarzens Jagerszoon) and the KWPN approved Hackney stallion Bocellies Matteo (v. Bocellie).

HORSES OF HONOR

A large number of his offspring perform well in the sport. Well-known sport horses include Wervelwind, who was champion six and seven-year-old harness horses at the time, Zigemma, Wodan K, but also Balans, Astrid, Cadans, Zadora, Carlina, Be My King and Castilla BH.

MARES

Plain's Liberator is the father of a very nice number of star, keur, elite, preferent and sport mares. He also has good offspring in America, for example the keur mare Jay-Rose who became champion three-year-olds and achieved an IBOP top score of 86.5 points. Other examples from America are the keur mare Zabella with an IBOP score of 81 and the keur preferent Cidalburga with an IBOP score of 79.5.

On the basis of his own good performances and his convincing offspring, Plain's Liberator has left a mark on breeding and he has been very justly declared posthumous mark. •



KWPN-NA GELDERS KEURIG

For the first time in KWPN-NA history, we will have a Gelders Keuring on the 13th of September at Osierlea in San Juan Bautista, CA. Signing up for this Keuring goes through the hosts, the **Gelders Horse Alliance**.

Some Harness horses are still closely related to the Gelders type and traits. Do you have a horse that you would like to move to the Gelders book? It must first be judged for being suitable in type, bloodlines and movement for the Gelders book.

Please send a picture of the pedigree and the conformation picture to Liz van Woerden up front, so the inspectors in the Netherlands can do a pedigree check for this direction.

SEND QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP:

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2021 KWPN-NA KEURING TOUR AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22	23	24	25	26	27 Valleyfield Farm Alberta, CA	28 Prima Equestrian Mt. Albert, ON CA
29 Canadream Farm Dunvegan, ON	30 Les Ecuries Saint-Agapit, QC, CA	31 Brookside Equestrian Center Smithfield, RI	1 On Course Riding Academy Lafayette, NJ	2 Iron Spring Farm Coatesville, PA	3 Six Pound Farm Suffolk, VA	4 MP Sporthorses North Carolina
					Elkhart Co. Fairgrounds Goshen, IN HH Keuring	Elkhart Co. Fairgrounds Goshen, IN HH Keuring
5 Pennock Point Sporthorses Reddick, FL	6 Blalock Lakes Newnan, GA Rocky Ridge Stables Narvon, PA HH Keuring	7 Timbach Farm Depauw, IN	8 Mane on Fire Farm Campbell, TX	9 White Harvest Farm Brighton, Colorado	10 DG Bar Hanford, CA	11 DG Bar Hanford, CA
12 Sonnenberg Sherwood, OR	13 Gelders Keuring Osierlea, San Juan Bautista, CA	14	15	16	17	18



2021 KWPN-NA Stallion Offspring Futurity

The KWPN-NA Keurings will have a Foal Futurity this year! The Futurity will be open to all KWPN-NA foals and yearlings bred and owned in North America.

A total amount of \$5,000 will be allocated to the futurity: part of the proceeds from the 2021 Stallion Service Auction (SSA). There will be a \$35 nomination/entry fee for foals from stallions that did not participate in the SSA. There will not be a nomination/entry fee for foals by Stallions that donated to the SSA. The entry fees will be added to the total price money (minus 10% for coverage of costs for ribbons, plaques, and administration).

The Futurity will include the following groups:

1. *Dressage direction*
2. *Jumper direction*
3. *Hunter direction*
4. *Harness direction*
5. *Gelders direction*

The first three places per direction will receive price money and a ribbon, and the payout will be split between the breeder and the owner. The stallion owner will receive a plaque. The foal must have a minimum score of 70 to qualify for the award and there must be a minimum of 5 foals in each group.

The KWPN-NA will sponsor this 2021 Futurity, but we will seek sponsorship for the 2022 Futurity.

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Amended Regulations

As of May 21, 2021

Various changes to regulations were proposed in the Members' Council meeting on April 21, 2021. The Members Council agreed with the proposed changes. The amended regulations will be published on the KWPN website as soon as possible. Only relevant information for the KWPN- NA breeders is translated for this article.

REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

The Registration Regulations have been amended, Article 11 'Register A riding horse, discipline dressage and jumping' has been added to paragraph d: offspring of stallions registered as foals with a studbook not recognized by the KWPN are excluded, namely Asociación Nacional De Criadores De Caballos, de Pura Raza Española (ANCCE), Associação Brasileira De Criadores do Cavalo Puro Sangue Lusitano (ABPSL), Associação Portuguesa De Criadores do Cavalo Puro Sangue Lusitano (APSL) and the Royal Friesian Horse Studbook (KFPS) and / or that of a pedigree resulting from these studbooks.

HARNESS HORSE DIRECTION REGULATIONS

The Harness Horse Breeding Council in the Netherlands has proposed several changes to the Selection Regulations for mares,

geldings, and non-approved stallions. The formulation of the breeding goal has been adjusted in the context of uniformity within the various breeding directions. Geldings and non-approved stallions can now also qualify for the sport predicate. The regulations have been adjusted accordingly.

Currently, according to the Selection Regulations for mares, foals, and geldings for harness horse mares, it is not possible to obtain a sport predicate in a discipline other than the driving sport. The Harness Horse Breeding Council has advised that obtaining sports predicates should also be possible with results in the disciplines of dressage, jumping, driving, eventing and endurance. This is considered important for stimulating harness horse breeding. The requirements for the sport predicate are taken over from the selection regulations for dressage and jumping mares, except for the sport requirement for the sport predicate mares. To date, the sport predicate driving can only be achieved by Gelders horses, from which the sport requirement has been adopted.

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Twelve Harness Horse Stallions Selected for the Performance Test

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Subject to PROK approval, the stallion inspection committee, in collaboration with inspector Viggon van Beest, appointed twelve stallions for the performance test on May 8. Three stallions of these have received a premium.

Stallion Inspection Committee Chairman Lammert Tel and Viggon van Beest expressed their satisfaction with how this went differently from other stallion inspections, which had to take place without an audience, but were also very satisfied with the qualities of the stallions. A total of 34 stallions were judged outside on the street this morning. After the first indoor presentation, 15 stallions were referred to the second viewing and seven stars were declared. In the second selection, three stallions dropped out, so that in the end twelve stallions received an invitation for the performance test.

VERY GRATEFUL

Lammert Tel: "This is a very nice number on an offer of 34. We are also very grateful to the entrants for wanting to 'store' the stallions for so long, as I just call it. Compared to other years it is a nice number, not even that different. And that after such a year. We were able to select stallions from good bloodlines. The three premium stallions really showed off, especially the gray Idol showed up again and again with the withers up, he was the topper of the day. But the other two premium stallions were also high-quality, well-moving stallions."

BREEDERS' PREMIUM

Viggon van Beest: "I am also happy that we were able to appoint young stallions such as Indiana, Icellie, Idol and Hertog Jan, as well as a stallion from the first year of Bocellies Matteo. We are also happy with the Urgent, you don't see it every day. And certainly also with the low-related three-year-old Hackney stallion of such height. The relationship varies from 2.7% to 12.8%, so that also offers possibilities. And it is also very nice that all three premium stallions are already PROK-approved, so that 1000 euro breeder's premium can also be distributed after meeting all veterinary requirements." •

DESIGNATED FOR THE PERFORMANCE TEST

Cat. No. 701	Bocellies Matteo x A New Day GSM
Cat. No. 703	Cizandro x Plain's Liberator
Cat. No. 710	Hertog Jan x Athlete
Cat. No. 713	Icellie x Eebert
Cat. No. 714	Icellie x Vulcano primed
Cat. No. 715	Icellie x Unieko
Cat. No. 720	Idol x Patijn primed
Cat. No. 723	Indiana x Fantijn primed
Cat. No. 729	Maker's Mark x Fabricius
Cat. No. 732	Urgent x Waldemar
Cat. No. 733	Renvyle the Real Deal x Plain's Liberator
Cat. No. 734	Eclipse Flasch Dance x Manno

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Photo Cat. No. 720

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