

KWPN STUDBOOK INSPECTION GELDERS HORSE, JULY 3RD, 2021.

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On Saturday the 3rd of July, I visited the KWPN Gelders studbook inspection in Ermelo. A total of 33 mares was presented, of which five 8-year and older mares, thirteen 4- 7-year-old mares and fifteen 3-year-old mares. Twenty mares received the ster predicate.

The top- scorer of this Keuring was Ninkie, a daughter of Henkie (Alexandro P. x Upperville) out of Blitz (by Voice x Balmoral). This stunning mare scored 90 points for her trot, 80 for her walk and canter and 85 for her conformation and posture.



Ninkie by Henkie out of Blitz ster (Voice x Balmoral)

received 85 points for her trot, canter and posture, 80 for her conformation and 75 for her walk. Nadien MC out of Ursa elite sport PROK (by Zichem x Vasco), who was also a top scoring filly at the keuring in 2018. She scored 80 for her conformation and canter, 85 for her trot and posture and 70 for her walk. Nadien is bred and owned by M.C. van der Spek from Moerkapelle.



Nina-Amanda by Alexandro P out of Amanda II ster preferent (Farrington x Zep)

Ninkie was not the only highly awarded horse with Alexandro P. genes running through her veins. Actually, all five daughters of Alexandro P. received a ster predicate. Most of his daughters were the high- scoring mares, like Nina- Amanda, bred by H.G. Hekkert from Wijhe out of his top producer Amanda II ster preferent (Farrington x Zep),

Two mares in this studbook keuring were related to the North American Keur Preferent Gelders mare Adessa (Koss x Ahoy). This mare was bred by Ien Verhagen from Bergeijk in the Netherlands, out of Odessa keur sport (dressage) preferent prestatie, imported into Canada as a yearling by Beverley Hilton of Hilton Hall Sporthorses and has produced numerous top scoring offspring. She is now owned by Kanoe Godby from Oregon, who is planning on breeding more Gelders horses with her.



Lodessa by Guardian S out of Odessa Keur preferent prestatie Sport (dressage) (Ahoy x Hoogheid)

Adessa's half-sister Lodessa (by Guardian S) did very well at this Keuring: she scored 80 for her conformation and 75 for all other aspects. Her cousin Noradessa, also by Guardian S, out of Haredessa Elite sport(dressage) Prok by Fantastique M, scored 75 for posture and conformation and 80 for her walk, trot and canter. Both mares were explicitly called 'of a very good Gelders type' by the judges. Noradessa is bred and owned by C.J. Coenders from Lottum and Lodessa is bred and owned by I. Verhagen from Bergeijk and H. Bruil from De Heurne.



Noradessa by Guardian S out of Haredessa Elite sport (dressage) prok (Fantastique M x Ahoy)

Interestingly, there were also two mares presented with only Harness lines in their pedigrees. They had quite a lot more bone and substance than the average modern KWPN horse, for us as audience it was an understandable initiative to have them inspected as Gelders. The mares were both very powerful and expressive movers with a lot of presence and were explicitly complimented by the judges on their good foundation and feet. The judges critiqued them on not showing enough self- carriage and use of their backs, which prevented them from obtaining a ster predicate.



Jolanda Petronella by Ditisem out of Maribel Petronella ster (Farao x Pygmalion)



Maby-Uniek by Crescendo HBC out of Hedy-Uniek ster (Manno x Waterman)

In total, the following stallions sired more than one mare this day:

Alexandro P (Koss x Satelliet) – 5 mares, 5 ster

Henkie (Alexandro P x Upperville) – 5 mares, 3 ster

Edmundo (Upperville x Modern) – 3 mares, no ster

Guardian S (Bodyguard Moorland x Trento B) – 2 mares, 2 ster
WV Saron (Creool x Zichem) – 3 mares, no ster
Danser (Sander x Ahoy) – 2 mares, one ster

The other mares were sired by a mixture of Gelders, Dressage, Jumper and Harness stallions: Imposant (Danser x Elegant), Chablis (Upperville x Zep), Ibsen B (Wynton x Cabochon), Rubus B (Ahoy x Pygmalion), Casaron (Ginus x Zichem), Laurentz (Bazuin x Unitas), Everdale (Lord Leatherdale x Negro), Eye Catcher (Vivaldi x TCN Partout), High Five US (Charmeur x Negro), Bodinus (Padinus x Namelus R), Ditisem (Roy M x Manno), Vaandrager (Manno x Renovo) and Crescendo HBC (Wodka HBC x Fortissimo).

All the Alexandro P offspring and the cross bred mares by Dressage and Jumper stallions received a ster predicate and high points. As mentioned before, the two Harness bred mares didn't get a ster predicate but there was also a mare by Harness stallion Vaandrager, that did get ster. Her dam was half Gelders bred, by Waterman x Elegant. Looking at these results, I think it's safe to say that the judges in the Gelders direction are aiming to modernize the type and adding 'fresh blood'. And this is not necessarily a bad thing: the horses that received a ster and where cross-bred with other directions, still have a high percentage Gelders blood and good type due to diligent selection of a sire with a Gelders foundation. Breeding them to a Gelders stallion will most definitely bring back Gelders traits. All over, it was an interesting day with a lot of quality in all categories. I am looking forward to the 'Day of the Gelders horse' to see what foals will be presented and which ster mares will obtain their Keur eligible predicate.



Liviavivera by High Five US out of Donnavivera Elite sport(dressage) prok by Zethar x Loek