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NEWS

Hello! Spring is finally here and we're excited to bring you this issue with exciting news about a brand new association, as well as the full set of slides that we didn't get to show you at the last Annual General Meeting. There is much to learn and enjoy in Issue 13! As always, thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoy our newsletter.

With thanks,
KWPN-NA Harness Committee



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2022 KWPN-NA Activated Harness Stallions

BY WILLIAM DUFFY

With breeding season upon us, I thought I would take this opportunity to highlight all the wonderful options we have for KWPN-NA activated Dutch harness stallions for the 2022 breeding season. There are a total of five stallions activated this year. All these stallions have undergone thorough performance and veterinary testing to supply the KWPN-NA breeders with only the highest quality options for your breeding program. All these stallions vary in type and strengths, enabling you many options to find that perfect cross for your mare. Breeding to one of these activated stallions enables you to participate in the KWPN-NA keurings as well as the 2023 foal futurity.

ATLEET (Patijn x Waterman x Farao)

Atleet is the oldest of the five activated stallions. He has had a long and successful career in the Netherlands in the breeding shed as well as the show ring. This long run of success has awarded him the prestigious "keur" predicate in 2020, one of only three living Dutch harness stallions to hold this honor. While in the Netherlands, Atleet won the Oregon Trophy in 2011 and was named KWPN Harness Horse of the year in 2017. Atleet's willingness and enthusiasm in harness even earned him the nickname "The Happy Atleet" while in the Netherlands. Atleet was recently imported into the U.S. by William Duffy and Erin Shea of Grand Finale Farm in 2021. We are anxiously awaiting Atleet's first foal crop in the United States. Atleet has sired 47 ster mares, 11 keur mares, 5 elite mares, 4 sport mares and 13 IBOP mares as well as the approved stallions Eebert (Atleet x Manno) and Kapitaal (Atleet x Manno), and the KWPN-NA licensed stallion Jaleet (Atleet x Plains Liberator). Atleet stands 163cm (16 hands). Fresh or Frozen semen is available.

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2022 KWPN-NA Activated Harness Stallions

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GLOBETROTTER (Cizandro x Harald x Unitas)

Globetrotter has been an unwavering ambassador for the KWPN-NA Harness Horse since the moment he stepped on US soil as a 3-year-old, when he was imported by Rocky Ridge Stables and Tri Spring Acres. He was imported shortly after being named stallion test champion in the Netherlands. Globetrotter has amassed one of, if not the most impressive show record in the North American show circuit. He has won every KWPN-NA Fine Harness Cup from 2015-2019, as well as being a fan favorite at the KWPN-NA harness breed demo down at the Kentucky Horse Park. In 2018 Globetrotter earned his KWPN-NA sport predicate. He is known for his happy, enthusiastic and willing attitude in the showring, and he certainly passes that on to his offspring. He has produced the outstanding keur mares Kirolanda (Globetrotter X Talos) and Karianne (Globetrotter x Vaandrager). He has also produced many first premium foals and ster mares as well as national champion combined driving horse Kendro (Globetrotter x Aaron HBC). Globetrotter stands 163cm (16 hands) Fresh shipped semen available.

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GRAAF KELLY (Manno x Patijn x Fabricius)

Like Globetrotter, Graaf Kelly was imported from the Netherlands in 2014 as a 3-year-old, shortly after completing the stallion test. He was imported by Randy Forrester of Cumberland Mountain Equine. Graaf Kelly was the 2014 KWPN stallion show harness champion, and his success didn't stop there! Graaf Kelly has made quite a name for himself in the showrings of North America. Graaf Kelly has achieved most of his success in the ADHHA (American Dutch Harness Horse Association) show ring. It started in 2015 when he was named Grand Champion at the ADHHA keuring, then again achieved that same honor in 2016 and then was named reserve champion in 2017. Graaf Kelly also found success under saddle in 2019, achieving the Battle of the Breeds Reserve Champion as well as ADHHA Open English Pleasure Reserve Champion. Graaf Kelly's foals have found success in both ADHHA and KWPN-NA. In 2016 Graaf Kelly had the most Gold Premium foals of any stallion at the ADHHA keuring. In 2017 Graaf Kelly produced the KWPN-NA champion foal Maxin (Graaf Kelly x Ganges) and in 2018 he sired the reserve champion foal Nelline A.K.S. (Graaf Kelly x Makari Jetstetter). Graaf Kelly stand 160cm (15.3 hands). Fresh and Frozen semen available.

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JALEET (Atleet x Plains Liberator x Manno)

Unlike all the other stallions on this list Jaleet is the only stallion to be born in the United States. His mother Dorenda (Plains Liberator x Manno) was imported with Jaleet in-utero. Jaleet passed all the veterinary requirements for licensing and passed the Ibop in the hands of Wim Cazemier in 2017. Not only did Jaleet pass the Ibop, he was named 2017 KWPN-NA Ibop champion with the outstanding score of 83.5. Jaleet has an extremely expressive and athletic way of going, and even puts on display a big, beautiful, balanced uphill canter! This way of going is what caught the eye of very accomplished dressage breeder, Scot Tolman of Shooting Star Farm. In 2020 Scot and Carol Tolman purchased Jaleet with plans of incorporating Jaleet into their extremely successful dressage breeding program. Not only was this exciting for the future of Jaleet, but the purchase of this stallion by Scot and Carol gave new direction and possibilities for many harness horse breeders. Jaleet sired the 2019 KWPN-NA foal champion Osualdo J&S (Jaleet x Cizandro) as well as multiple other first premium foals. In 2020 Jaleet sired the ADHHA reserve champion foal Parvana (Jaleet x Wouter) out of 60 foals! Jaleet stands 164cm (16.1 hands). Fresh Shipped semen available.

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MACHO (Indiana x Unieko x Indurain)

Unlike all the other stallions on this list, Macho is still physically located in the Netherlands, so he will be available to North American breeders via frozen semen. He is owned by the same owners as Atleet, Erin Shea and William Duffy of Grand Finale Farm. Macho is the only approved son of Indiana. Macho is a young stallion but has already amassed quite a few accomplishments despite his young age of 5. In 2017, Macho was the national champion as a foal in the Netherlands. Following that he became the 2020 KWPN stallion show champion, then went on to be the 2020 KWPN performance test champion. Not only was Macho the 2020 performance test champion but he received the highest points ever at the test center, receiving 6 scores of 9.5 and 2 scores of 9.0. Then in 2021, Macho was crowned champion 4-year-old of the Netherlands. Macho is a big, impressive stallion with excellent self-carriage, and fantastic use of the hind leg. He also moves with a lot of suspension and always makes showing look easy with his calm yet confident and enthusiastic way of going. We are just starting to see Machos first foals hit the ground this spring, and so far, they look great! Macho is on the bigger side, standing 170cm (16.3 hands). Frozen semen only.

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GETTING BACK TO OUR ROOTS WITH THE NEW DUTCH HARNESS SHOW ASSOCIATION

BY WILLIAM DUFFY

Many of us reading this newsletter have one specific memory of when they first saw a Dutch Harness Horse. They have an exact moment when they were entirely mesmerized by the presence, power, and sheer natural ability of a Dutch Harness Horse. For many of us that moment instilled in us an unwavering passion and desire to own, breed, train and show these amazing horses. Starting somewhere around 2010 Dutch Harness Horses came over by the plane loads from the Netherlands, week after week, month after month and year after year.

There was an excitement surrounding these horses unlike anything I have ever seen in the horse business, or any business for that matter. At every keuring and horse sale you could see passionate and excited people meticulously braiding manes, trimming the white yarn in these braids to perfection. People could be seen cleaning their black and white show buggies and painstakingly polishing their Liverpool bits, even bolting on aluminum double shoes to their flat steel horseshoes. All of this was done in preparation for the real excitement, driving these horses. These horses would charge into the ring with a ground covering trot, their hind legs stepping strongly under their loose and supple bodies, all leading to the extraordinary elevated front leg, reaching far out from the shoulder and heads being carried naturally and proudly.

To me, and I believe many others this was the hay day of the Dutch Harness Horse in North America. There was an unprecedented excitement and enthusiasm surrounding these horses. There seemed to be a sense of appreciation for the tradition surrounding these horses as well as an appreciation for the strict and selective breeding program that produced these spectacular horses with unparalleled natural ability. With this article I hope to tap back into some of that excitement that I and so many others were a part of not that long ago.

That is why I am excited to announce the formation of the new Dutch Harness Show Association. We are in the early stages of creating this organization with hopes of creating a show circuit that focuses on rewarding the training, breeding and showing more like what is done in the Netherlands today. This style is what got many of us excited about these horses a decade ago.

This organization is separate from the KWPN-NA although we do have full support of the KWPN-NA and vice versa. We have several dates and locations in the works for events, including the possibilities of locations in New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana. We hope to be making announcements with specific dates and locations in the near future. There will also certainly be classes held during the KWPN-NA harness horse keuring. A framework of classes, rules and regulations has also been created which you can also find in this newsletter.

We can use all the help we can get in promoting and organizing this association. If there are any people that want to be involved in promotion and organization, please contact:

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DUTCH HARNESS SHOW ASSOCIATION

BASIC RULES

- Side check is optional to use, but no over check or martingale is allowed.
- Horses must be driven with Liverpool or similar style bit
- Must be even weight shoes. A single pad and/or double shoe is allowed.
- Horses manes must be braided
- Buggy must be 4 wheeled viceroy or similar vehicle.
- Drivers, handlers, and headers must be neatly dressed and it is recommended that driver wear a hat.
- Horses to come in the ring clockwise, one at a time, make one round and line up. Judge will do conformation and tack inspection. Horses will then show at the trot, 2x to the right, reverse and go the left until the judge calls in to the lineup, in order of placement. A workout of the top horses may be requested by the judge to determine final placing.
- Judge can excuse any horse from the class if they do not abide by the rules.
- Judges will be selected by the committee, from a group of qualified personnel.
- Any official KWPN judge will be allowed to judge in this association
- Points will be awarded to each horse based on their placing. In future seasons we hope to show horses in classes based on points accumulated instead of gender and age.
- Points will be awarded on this basis: 1st=10 points 2nd=8 points 3rd=6 points 4th=4 points 5th=2 points. Points will be awarded and recorded by the association.
- The horses must be registered with KWPN or ADHHA
- If you wish to show a horse with different or unknown pedigree the horses can be presented to the judges. If they are accepted by the judges based on association standards they will be admitted into the association and therefore are eligible to participate.

The horses will be judged by the following standards:

- Horses must be a minimum height of 15.2 hands
- Has a rectangular-shaped body that is long-lined and well-proportioned
- Trots with suppleness, impulsion, balance and self-carriage
- Has great suspension and a hindleg that steps actively under the body
- An elevated forehead and good self-carriage
- Is light-footed and has articulation of the joints, allowing the hind legs to step under the body enabling the foreleg to extend far from the shoulder

with great elevation of the knees

- A cooperative, keen, and honest temperament, with an eagerness to perform

Classes:

- Junior mares: This class is for 3 and 4 year old mares.
- Open mares: This class is for mares of any age
- Junior stallions/geldings: This class is for 3 and 4 year old stallions and geldings.
- Open stallions/geldings: This class is for stallions and geldings of any age.
- Honor Class: This class is open to mares, stallions and geldings of any age. Licensed and approved stallions must show in this class.

ADDITIONAL CLASS OPTIONS:

In hand: Horse to be shown in white bridle or halter. Horses will enter one at a time. They will stand in front of the judges to be judged on conformation, then the horses will walk to the rail and back to the judges. Then the horses will make two clockwise laps around the ring at the trot. After making two laps the horse will exit the ring. After the last horse is presented all the horses will enter the ring at the same time, they will walk clockwise and await placing. One whip person allowed per entry. No bag whips allowed. Horses will be judged according to the standards listed above.

Pair class: In addition to standards listed above the entry will also be judged on ability of the driver and horses ability to work together. Horses to be show on safe and appropriate four wheeled carriage.

Tandem class: In addition to standards listed above the entry will also be judged on ability of the driver and horses ability to work together. Horses to be shown on safe and appropriate four wheeled carriage or two wheeled gig.

Young riders class: Horses to be judged by standards listed above. This class is for drivers under the age of 21. In this class and adult is allowed to ride with the driver but is not required to.

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- A year end championship will be held at the end of the show season.
- In order to qualify to show at year end championships the horse must have shown in at least one class that season prior to the championship.
- The horse with the most points accumulated during the season will also be recognized at the championships.

FIVE HARNESS HORSE STALLIONS INVITED TO THE PERFORMANCE TEST

From the first viewing in early January, eleven stallions were designated for the second viewing today in Ermelo. Ten made their appearance. There was an invitation to the attendance for four three-year-olds and one five-year-old, which means that all are designated for the performance test.

At the presentation that will take place later, chairman Lammert Tel will explain the designated stallions and the committee consisting of Thomas van der Weiden, Bauke de Boer and inspector Viggon van Beest will announce which stallions will receive the premiums. The unfermented stallions were all explained by Lammert Tel.

Designated are:

Cat.nr 700 - Atleet x Wentworth Ebony

Cat.nr 716 - Icellie x Cizandro

Cat.nr 723 - Idol x Unieko

Cat.nr 728 - Kane BFT x Manno

Cat.nr 736 - Atleet x Larix (five-year-old)



Photo: Jacob Melissen

HARNESS HORSE STALLION EEBERT DECLARED KEUR



Photo: Jacob Melissen

During a show block, the young deceased harness horse stallion Eebert was awarded the keur predicate. Both breeder Piet Lelieveld and the former registered Gebr. van Manen were in the job.

Piet Lelieveld bred Eebert from Veldine keur preferent (by Manno). Born in 2009, Eebert was only ten years old and in his life has actually won everything a harness horse can win. He was driven to several impressive highlights by several riders and that was all shown in the accompanying film. Eebert has 456 offspring registered. On the basis of his good breeding results, Eebert was therefore awarded the keur predicate today. Eebert has two approved sons and an approved grandson, Norking Apple. These are Kordaat who no longer serves breeding and Matiz, who is approved by the Gelders stallions. Lammert Tel concluded his story with the beautiful words that Eebert was a great and special stallion, a stallion that we will never forget.

THREE HARNESS HORSE STALLIONS RECEIVE A PREMIUM



Photo: Jacob Melissen

Onana

The next premium stallion is Onana (Idol x Unieko) from Breeders Martin and Mark de Groot from Giessenburg and A.J. Wouters from Casteren. Tel: "Rarely we see a stallion with so much front, who really looks over everything. Onana is a stallion that is very good in the type, climbs very well and has a lot of suspension."

Obrian HJ

The third premium stallion is Obrian HJ (Kane BFT x Manno, breeder J. Bloemert from Staphorst) from Freek Saris. It is special that Bloemert is also the breeder of the stallion Norbert FS of Freek Saris, who was approved last year. Both stallions come from different breeding lines. Lammert Tel described Obrian HJ as a strongly built, harness type stallion with a striking amount of hardness, a strong upper line, a strong hind leg and a stallion that climbed well with a lot of forward urge.



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On March 5, the virtual Annual General Meeting was held.

Due to time constraints, this presentation was unable to be shown to the members.

We've included the entire presentation here for you to view.

Enjoy!

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SELECTION ROUND 2021-2022

DISCIPLINE DUTCH HARNESS HORSES

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Saturday

Studiosprek
Robbie van Dijk & Sander Hoogenberg

Continuation 2nd round viewing
Presentation selected stallions
Presentation premium stallions
Presentation stallions approved in 2021
Studio items and awardings

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ASSESSED STALLIONS

- 2020/2021 34 assessed (5,9%)
•(Registered : 580)
- 2021/2022 36 assessed (6,8%)
•(Registered : 527)

HK	Total	N	%
'20/'21	580	34	5,9
'21/'22	527	36	6,8

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RESULTS 1st ROUND VIEWING

10 DHH Stallions received 'Ster' predicate = 28%
(2021 = 7 / 21%)

11 DHH Stallions invited for 2nd round viewing = 31%
(2021 = 15 / 44%)

PREDICATES DAMS DHH STALLIONS

2nd round viewing

	N	%
	'22	'22
Ster	7	64%
Keur	2	18%
Elite	3	27%
Preferent	1	9%
Prestatie	1	9%

selected

	N	%
	'22	'22
Ster	4	80%
Keur	1	20%
Elite	0	0%
Preferent	0	0%
Prestatie	0	0%

INVITATION KWPN PERFORMANCE TEST

In total, 5 Harness Horse Stallions are selected for the KWPN performance test



723 – Onana v. Idol

SONS I & J & K STALLIONS

2nd Round Viewing

Icellie	2
Idol	1
Kane BFT	1
Kapitaal	1
Kordaat	2

Selected

Icellie	1
Idol	1
Kane BFT	1

PREMIUM STALLIONS

716	Icellie x Cizandro x Koblenz
723	Idol x Unieko x Marvel
728	Kane BFT x Manno x Renovo



728 – Obrian HJ v. Kane BFT

SELECTED DDH STALLIONS 2021

Total 11 selected DHH stallions

- 5 tested (45%)
- 3 approved (60%)



Neon GSM v. Bocelle's Matteo

KINSHIP DDH

Kinship	1st round	2nd round	Selected	Premium-stallions
Zeer Laag	2	0	0	0
Laag	3	0	0	0
Laag - Gem	7	4	4	3
Gem - Hoog	20	5	1	0
Hoog	4	2	0	0
Zeer Hoog	0	0	0	0

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Approved stallions of 2021

Norking Apple:
Icellie x Eebert

Neon GSM:
Bocellie's Matteo x A New Day G.S.M.

	Neon GSM	Norking Apple	Norbert FS
Front	8	8	7,5
Posture	8	7,5	7
Suspension	8	7,5	8
Action foreleg	8	7,5	7,5
Use hindleg	7	7,5	8
Enthusiasm	8	8	7,5
Work- & trainability	8,5	8,5	8
Overall	8	8	7,5

Norbert FS:
Urgent x Waldemar

KWPN Royal Dutch Sport Horse 13

SELECTION ROUND 2021-2022

DISCIPLINE GELDER HORSES

654 – Onedin v. Edmundo

664 – Orlando v. Kardieno

KWPN Royal Dutch Sport Horse 14

NUMBERS OF GELDER STALLION SELECTION

- 18 stallions were signed up for the 1st round viewing
- 17 stallions were assessed
- 11 stallions were invited for the 2nd round viewing
- 6 stallions are selected for the KWPN performance test
- 1 premium stallion

658 – Olaf v. Henkie

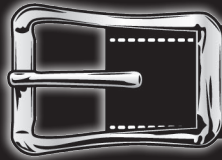
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GELDER STALLION SELECTION

- Many registrations for the inspection this year → shows the grow and interest in the Gelder Horse
- Lots of variation in the pedigrees of the participating stallions

661 – Odeer v. Atze





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