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NEWS

Hello! We're so excited for spring right around the corner. Breeding season is here, as well as a very full and thrilling schedule of events. Issue 19 provides a look ahead at our schedule, updates on some great news from around KWPN, as well as some helpful practical tips. Best of luck, stay safe and be blessed.

With thanks,

KWPN-NA Harness Committee



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Magnificent Winner of the 25th Oregon Trophy

Once again, the battle for the Oregon Trophy was one of the highlights of the KWPN Stallion Show. This was the last harness horse part of the Stallion Show, where the audience enjoyed and made themselves heard as always. Five stallions and their experienced riders competed for this title, putting the fire on each other.



EX-AEQUO

The jury of the Oregon Trophy consisted of chairman Derk Jan Mekkes, Lubbert van Oene and arbitrator Dirk Jan Beijerinck. After a very exciting first round, the jury made a first selection. The action-packed Icellie (Bocellie from Petrose star, pref v. Jonker) with Harm-Jan Veenstra and the constant Heliotrope VDM (Colonist from Wunita star, pref v. Reflex) with Henk Hammers ex-aequo.

FINAL

In the all-deciding final, Idol (Manno from Boukje keur v. Plain's Liberator) with Mark de Groot and Macho (Indiana from Emone star v. Uniko) with Robbie van Dijk together with last year's winner, Magnificent (Idol from Helise keur v. Athlete) with rider Lambertus Huckriede fighting. Idol went around with spacious steps and a nice attitude. Macho grew in the competition and got better and more eager. Magnificent walked around with a lot of running appetite and fought for victory. Under loud encouragement from the audience and the enthusiasm of Bert de Ruiter, all stables had their fans behind them.

MAGNIFICENT AGAIN

As with the last edition, the combative Magnificent managed to leave his father Idol and peer Macho behind. The emotional owner and rider Lambertus Huckriede firmly received the Oregon Trophy.

A FUN SUMMER AHEAD WITH THE DHSA

We kicked off this year's DHSA events with a great clinic at Grand Finale Farm in Ashby MA. Chantal Van Dijk was the clinician, and her skills as a teacher were matched by her skills as a trainer. It was a well-attended event with a steady flow of people coming through all weekend to audit. We had a wide range of horses to work with which made it even more interesting and appealing to a wide variety of auditors.

We had young horses like OhSo Black (Globetrotter x Vaandrager) and Pumpkinburga (Globetrotter x Manno) that we were able to work with. These horses are just starting their careers, and it was interesting to see Chantal's methods with these young horses. On the other end of the spectrum, we had the approved stallions Globetrotter and Atleet, who have had long and successful show careers.

It was great to see some of the fine-tuning Chantal helped us with on these horses as well. We had 10 horses participate in the clinic, so there was plenty of variety of training stages and many different training issues to see Chantal work out. It was great to see that every horse made progress during the clinic and I think everyone went home with some new and improved methods.

Overall, it was a fun filled, casual event where people could learn as well as enjoy the company of other Dutch Harness Horse enthusiasts. We look forward to more educational clinics like this one in the future.



STALLIONS STALLIONS STALLIONS AT WIM CAZEMIER EQUINE CENTER

The next event on the schedule is sure to be one of the best events we have put on yet! In conjunction with Wim Cazemier's open house on May 13th in Spencerville, Indiana, we will be having DHSA show classes on Friday May 12th and Saturday May 13th. Classes will be offered on both days for stallions, geldings, and mares of all ages.

What makes this event even more exciting is that Wim, alongside the DHSA, is attempting to assemble as many, if not ALL the KWPN approved or licensed harness stallions possible at this event. We already have a large portion of the stallions committed to coming! If you are the owner of a KWPN approved or licensed stallion we would love to have you there.

We realize that some of the stallions are older now and may not be in top show ring condition, but we would still love to see them there. The main goal of the DHSA and especially this event is to enjoy and embrace the traditions of our beloved Dutch Harness Horse. Every one of these stallions in this country is here because of passionate and dedicated DHH enthusiasts that were willing to invest in these great stallions.

Getting these stallions together would be a celebration of not only the horses themselves but also the passion of the American breeders.....Not to mention its just going to be cool! Our focus at this event will be the Dutch Harness stallions and the show classes but being combined with Wim's open house there will be presentations by other great Friesian stallions as well as some top dressage stallions. Its sure to be a great weekend and one of the most memorable events the Dutch Harness industry in America has put on in years! Do not miss it!

THE TRUE VALUE OF YOUR FOAL REGISTRATION

Registering foals, the price to register a foal with KWPN-NA is \$250.

Included in that price:

USEF lifetime registration (a \$30 value), a microchip (a \$25 value) – All horses competing at USEF shows are required to have a USEF number (which is what the lifetime registration does) and a microchip.

The majority of CDE, dressage and jumping shows are under USEF so if your horse wants to show there sometime they will be required to have USEF number and a microchip!

DNA (a \$60 value), plus, if you register within 60 days after the foal is born you receive a \$50 discount!

So if you think \$250 is a lot, just remember, you also have so much more included in that price!!



OTHER IMPORTANT DHSA EVENTS

Along with these great events, we also have our standard show circuit continuing this summer. The entire DHSA schedule as of now is as follows. Additional dates may be added – stay tuned!

FEBRUARY 17+18: Clinic with Chantal Van Dijk at Grand Finale Farm, Ashby MA

MAY 13+14: Stallion event and Show at Wim Cazemier Equine Center, Spencerville IN

JUNE 22-25: DHSA classes at the NEFHC Classic Horse Show, Deerfield NH

JULY 15: Rocky Ridge Classic, Rocky Ridge Stables, Honeybrook PA

AUGUST 29-30: KWPN-NA Harness keuring- Rocky Ridge Stables, Honey Brook PA

SEPTEMBER 1-2: KWPN-NA Harness keuring Elkhart Country Fairgrounds, Goshen IN

TWO HARNESS HORSE STALLIONS RECEIVED THE PREMIUM FROM SEVEN DESIGNATED STALLIONS



After three years, the harness horses were allowed to show themselves again on Saturday during the KWPN Stallion Show in Den Bosch. In this beautiful ambiance, the program went according to plan. And the stallion inspection committee consisting of Bauke de Boer, Thomas van der Weiden and chairman Lammert Tel was able to appoint seven stallions for the performance test of the ten who presented themselves. The stallion inspection committee was supported by harness horse inspector Viggon van Beest.

Two of these designated stallions also received the premium. This concerns the gray Palido from Altrido (Idol from Helony D keur v. Cizandro). And Positive M (Indiana from Gerianne M elite v. Unieko).

PALIDO FROM ALTRIDO

This stallion was explained by the chairman of the Stallion Inspection Committee, Lammert Tel: "The special name of Altrido is a composition of the Breeders Albert and Trijntje Doornbos. The gray is more than sufficient in the rectangle model, is very harness type and has a lot of allure.

He also has a nice forehand, a good withers and shoulder part. The middle section was allowed to be a bit stronger and the croupe looks a bit classic. When he starts moving, he climbs very well, has a lot of body use and is very elastic. The engine is really in the right place. His father Idol has been working hard in breeding in recent years. Palido from Altrido also comes from a strong damline. We were therefore very happy to appoint this premium stallion for the performance test."



POSITIVE M

This chestnut was described by Tel as follows: "Family Meijers from Orvelte firmly continued their breeding after the death of Meijer's senior. This youthful harness type stallion has a lot of wide, appearance and is built upwards. He also has a good withers, a lot of length in the shoulder, a very strong top line, but the croupe is a bit straight. In addition, he has remarkably good feet. In motion he could focus a little more, but he shows good technique. He has space in the foreleg use and he uses the hind leg sufficiently with a good balance. The father of this stallion is unfortunately no longer available in breeding, but has nevertheless brought striking offspring. Positive M has a strong maternal line, with his mother still standing on the retina with everyone. We are very curious what he will show in the test center."

SEVEN DESIGNATED STALLIONS DESIGNATED FOR THE PERFORMANCE TEST:

- 713 Palladium VDM (Hubert VDM from Inita VDM elite v. Patijn)
- 717 Palido van Altrido (Idol from Helony D keur v. Cizandro)
- 718 Positive M (Indiana from Gerianne M elite v. Unieko).
- 723 Pablo van het Wiede (Lanto HBC from Giantha elite, sport v. Athlete)
- 725 Paco (Lanto HBC from Bi-Jenny elite sport v. Saffron)
- 734 Latino (Dylano from Freydesssa keur v. Banner HBC)
- 737 Pearl W (Heliotrope VDM from Taunita elite, sport, pref v. Manno)



THE PROCESS OF LICENSING A STALLION WITH THE KWPN-NA

We would like to offer some tips and advice for the stallion owners who are thinking about trying to license their stallion with KWPN-NA.

The first step is to contact the office and send the pedigree in for approval, this must be sent in by July of the year you wish to present your stallion and its valid for only that year.

The pedigree is sent to the KWPN office in the Netherlands, where the stallion committee reviews it and sends a written report back to the owner. The report does not have to be positive to present the stallion at the keuring, however, if the report is negative the stallion will have to show exceptionally well and be very convincing to be licensed.

The stallion must also pass x-rays, semen evaluation and endoscopic exam according to the KWPN standards. All these reports are also sent to the Netherlands for their approval.

Keep in mind that the analysis of the x-rays and endoscope are somewhat subjective. Just because your local vet approves them, it does not necessarily mean the KWPN veterinarians will pass them.

For example, if you are buying a horse with the intention of licensing, it would be wise to at least get the x-rays approved by the KWPN prior to purchasing the horse, even better if you can get all the vet work approved prior to purchase.

You can do these exams within 30 days after the keuring presentation; however, the benefits are much greater to have them done and approved before the stallion is presented.

For example, if you do the x-rays before you start any training and at a young age, you will have a better chance of passing and if they do not pass then you will not have to pay the training and keuring fees for a horse that will anyway not pass.

The x-rays may be done any time after April of the horses 2-year-old year, and if the x-rays are approved by the KWPN that approval is good for the life of the horse. We highly recommend and encourage everyone to have their vet work complete before they present their horse at the keuring!



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