



# MACHO

## One of The Netherlands Top Sires is Coming to America



*Macho winning 2023 Manno Trophy*

In February 2020, Bill and Erin Duffy attended the KWPN Stallion Show in den Bosch, the Netherlands. There were several high-quality Dutch Harness Horses there vying for the opportunity to make it through this second round of the stallion inspection process and be considered for the third round and test center, and work for the opportunity to become approved stallions. When Macho entered the ring, Bill and Erin were captivated by the happy and confident chestnut stallion. He absolutely came alive with the crowd and put on a performance that was second to none. It was then that they knew they had to try to buy him and made arrangements to do so right then and there, ringside.

After the dust settled from the excitement of den Bosch, they put Macho in training with Robbie and Chantal van Dijk, for whom they had a lot of respect and put faith

in to bring out the best in this promising young stallion. The original goal was to try to get Macho approved for breeding, and then bring him home to the US immediately following the test center. As Robbie and Chantal got to further into his training, it was becoming clear that he was turning into something special that could have a great impact on the breed. This was proven without a doubt after receiving scores at the test center. He was given the highest test scores of any Dutch Harness Stallion in history. At this point it became clear to Bill and Erin that Macho had earned the right to stay in the Netherlands where he would have the greatest opportunity to prove his worth as a show horse and as a sire. He stood at stud with the van Manen family, where many great stallions stood before him, including Cizandro, Eebert, Atleet and Fantijn, just to name a few. With the team of van Manen,

*(Macho, continued . . .)*

van Dijk and Duffy, Macho rose to and exceeded every expectation they had for him. In his first two breeding seasons, he bred more mares than any other harness stallion. His first season, he produced the National Champion Foal. Even more impressive, in his second foal crop he produced the Champion and Reserve Champion foal. In fact, Macho sired 8 of the 11 foals that were invited to the championship round. As of now, they are anxiously awaiting his third foal crop, and even more exciting, his first foal crop is coming 2, and they look forward to seeing what they can do in harness in the near future.

Meanwhile, Macho himself has seen success in the show ring, becoming the 4- and 5-year-old National Champion. His highest achievement so far has been to earn the Manno Trophy, which is a championship for approved stallions.

With Bill and Erin normally being such hands-on horsemen, showing and campaigning Dutch Harness horses, it hasn't always been easy leaving their spectacular stallion in the Netherlands. It has made it easier seeing the appreciation and love so many Dutch harness horse fans and breeders have for Macho in the Netherlands. Macho's powerful and natural way of going, combined with his happy and pleasant attitude has endeared him to many Dutch harness horse fans, which is evident when you hear the cheers for him in the show ring. This appreciation and affection is not lost on Bill and Erin, and while it has made leaving him in the Netherlands the last few seasons easier, it is also one of the things that makes it the hardest to take him away.

Macho is a horse that most people can't help but love. While the people of the Netherlands will miss him, there is a lot to look forward to with his future in the US. Macho will have new fans, new mares to breed, new foals to watch, and new opportunities for success.

Macho is standing one final season in the Netherlands, and will arrive in the US late summer 2024, and fresh semen will be available beginning in 2025. He will stand at Grand Finale Farm in Ashby, MA. Bill and Erin look forward to campaigning Macho at shows and Stallion presentations across the country starting in 2025.



*Toline S (Macho x Eebert)  
National Champion Foal 2023 - Breeder Johan Smink*

#### **DHSA SHOW CLASS: UPCOMING DATES**

##### **NEFHC Classic Horse Show:**

June 20-23, 2024

##### **KWPN-NA Keurings**

Indiana: August 27 – 28

Pennsylvania: August 30 – 31

##### **Devon Horse Show:** May 22 – June 2

*(Non-DSHA Show with an Open Breed Class)*



# GLOBETROTTER



**KWPN Approved  
Sport Stallion  
Cizandro x Harald  
Born 5-12-11**

# Latino stays Ahead of Macho for Blood-Curdling Oregon Trophy



Four talented approved harness horse stallions competed for the battle for the Oregon Trophy, all riders burned for victory. Many people previously saw Macho as the favorite for the overall victory, but Latino came out as the winner.

With cart number 32, the seven-year-old Indiana son Macho and Robbie van Dijk got into the job. Macho became the highest-rated performance champion ever. The stallion now has 66 victory points and won last year at the NTD at the Manno Trophy. His biggest competitor Saturday night, with cart number 162, the eight-year-old Dylano son Latino with Mark de Groot. This black stallion was the oldest participant, but has only recently been approved.

## ENCOURAGEMENT

Latino was in shape and, like Macho, was allowed to show in the workout. Speaker Bert de Ruiter asked the audience to express their favorite. The spectators met his request with cheers and clapping. The encouragement of the stands made the stallions excel. Latino with Mark de Groot held his form and was allowed to call himself the winner of the Oregon Trophy.

## MORE FIRE

“Latino has a bit more fire and is a bit more generous in the foreleg use,” said jury chairman Theo Wiggerts. Mark de Groot says, “We weren’t today’s favorite, but Latino has more than lived up to it. I last won with Stuurboord in 2010 and thought it was time to win. Breeders Egbert and Els Kruiswijk were awarded 1000 euros by the victory.

## YOUNGEST PARTICIPANT

Sixteen-year-old Lieke Lueks is the youngest participant in the Oregon Trophy ever. She drove six-year-old Neon GSM (f. Bocellies Matteo) with cart number 245. Neon GSM was released by father Albert Lueks two years ago in the northern league that he ended up winning. Lieke finished fourth. With cart number 360 Harry van Middelaar drove with the five-year-old happy Olympus HS (f. Icellie). The stallion was approved in the autumn of 2021 and is the third approved son of Icellie, who has already won the Oregon Trophy. Harry stayed ahead of Lieke and finished third.

*AvdL for KWPN*

*Photo Latino: Jacob Melissen*

# Atleet Awarded Prestigious Preferent Predicate



## Atleet Preferent

2005 Bay KWPN Stallion (Patijn x Waterman x Farao)

Bred by R. Aalders uit Nieuw-Roden, The Netherlands

### Pedigree:

[www.horsetelex.nl/horses/pedigree/327160/atleet](http://www.horsetelex.nl/horses/pedigree/327160/atleet)



**Atleet is a very well-known Dutch Harness horse stallion.** He was born in 2005 in the Netherlands as the son of the preferent stallion Patijn. His dam is the ster mare Sintia, a daughter of the preferent stallion Waterman. This damline also produced the KWPN stallion Zakerno (by Proloog). Atleet was bred by Ronnie Aalders from Nieuw Roden. Harmannus Boelens presented Atleet for KWPN approval as a three-year-old. Wim Cazemier and Van Manen brothers then took over the reins and co-owned him for a while and eventually, William Duffy bought him in 2021 from Van Manen.

The dark bay stallion Atleet is a sharp moving stallion full of temperament, that shows a lot of refinement, has quality legs and a strong topline. Atleet is always happy and willing to work, and he performed very well in sports. After winning the KWPN Stallion competition with Henk Hammers, he won the Oregon Trophy with him as well in 2011. He subsequently became women's Champion three times in the North Region with Sanne Welling, became the North Premier League Champion with Wim Cazemier and in 2017 he won the Southern regional Premier League Championship in the hands of Robbie van Dijk. That year he also became Harness Horse of the Year.

Atleet proved himself in sports, but also in being a very good breeding stallion. The offspring of Atleet consistently showed refinement, a good harness type and very good movement. Many offspring ended in the high ranks at keurings and in sports, which earned him the prestigious KWPN Keur predicate in 2020. By 2023, Atleet had more than 450 registered offspring, of which 58 ster mares, 20 keur mares, 7 elite mares, 1 preferent, 5 sport mares and 15 Prok mares. He also sired four Approved/Licensed stallions: Eebert, Jaleet, Kapitaal and Martin Morero.

In 2021, Atleet was exported to his new owners, Bill & Erin Duffy at Grand Finale Farm in Massachusetts. He was shown in several competitions by Bill while standing stud. In 2023, Atleet retired from sports with a beautiful and memorable ceremony at Shooting Star Farm in New Hampshire. At the 2024 KWPN Stallion show, another son was selected for the performance test and declared premium. Subsequently, Atleet was also declared Preferent during that same Stallion show, much to the surprise of his owners Bill & Erin, who were present to receive this honorable predicate, a crown on his career! Atleet and Cizandro are now the only Preferent Harness stallions alive.

#### **ATLEET'S TRACK RECORD:**

**2010 Winner KWPN Stallion competition**

**2011 Winner Oregon Trophy**

**2016 Champion Honorary class North**

**2017 Champion Honorary class South**

**2017 Harness horse of the year**

**2020 Declared Keur**

**2024 Declared Preferent**

*Atleet is available with good quality fresh semen in the USA and Van Manen still has frozen semen from Atleet available in the Netherlands.*

# Eight Harness Horse Stallions Designated, Two Premium Stallions



During the harness horse evening of the KWPN Stallion Show, eight harness horse stallions, all from different fathers, were designated for the performance test. Of the seven three-year-old stallions, two stallions were allowed to return for the primation. Six-year-old Nicolei VB may also report for the performance test.

Ruwaldo bred by F. Raaijmakers from Nistelrode and Rosco bred by C. Bellis from Warder were declared premium stallions. According to Wim Versteeg, chairman of the stallion approval committee, the appealing Rosco (Lefte Blond from Ultra Roos, from Manno) convinced because of his good top line and tact, suspension and behavior, with his good foundation noticing positively.

## BREEDERS' PREMIUMS

Ruwaldo (Atleet from Juwalda star of Cizandro) was national foal champion as a foal. According to Versteeg, the stallion convinced with youth and appearance and his beautiful forehead. He moves strongly, with a beautiful posture and foreleg use, which, according to the jury, makes him a premium stallion in everything. Both breeders received a 750 euro breeders premium from the Friends of the KWPN

## REFERRED STALLIONS

The following stables are also designated for the performance test:

- Realist of Altrido (Innovative from Heolanda D keur pref ibop harness from Cizandro, breeders A. Doornbos and T. Doornbos-Bos from Beilen)
- Relative (Idol from Kureda elite IBOP PROK from Unieko, breeders E. and S. Daniëls from Wageningen)
- Rocellie (Bocellie from Hulinda keur IBOP from Cizandro, breeder A van Wijhe from 't Harde)
- Rolando (Lanto HBC from Karolya ster of Fantijn, breeder R. Hofstra from Lytsewierrum and A. Okkema from Siegerswoude)
- Romeo V (Icellie from Ilina ster pref from Eebert, breeder G.E. Veenstra from Kornhorn)
- Nicolei VB (Image HBC from Plain's Estelle from Plain's Black Magic, breeder M.J. van Bruggen from Varik)

*AvdL for KWPN, Photo Ruwaldo: Jacob Melissen*



## Request for Pedigree Approval

**Form must be submitted to the KWPN-NA before May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.** Pedigree approvals are only good for **ONE** calendar year. Two-year-olds that went for Pre-advice must still submit a pedigree approval the following year before being presented for stallion licensing.

If the stallion is NOT KWPN or KWPN-NA, please provide a copy of his registration papers.

Name of horse \_\_\_\_\_ Reg # \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to determine if my horse is eligible for the:

- 2 YO Pre-Advice
- 3 YO and Older Stallion Licensing

Has the stallion had the following vet work completed?

- PROK - 22 view X-ray series (X-rays can be taken any time after April of their 2 YO year)  
<https://kwpn-na.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/KWPNRadiographregulations.pdf>
- D-OC (Hair sample to be submitted to the KWPN-NA Office with contract)  
<https://kwpn-na.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/OC-Testing.pdf>
- Endoscopy - Must include TWO minutes of direct observation  
<https://kwpn-na.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Endoscopic-Examination-TF.pdf>
- General Physical Exam  
<https://kwpn-na.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/2018-Veterinary-Examination-of-Stallions-TF.pdf>
- Semen Evaluation  
<https://kwpn-na.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2017-Society-for-Therigenology-semen-evaluation.pdf>

If the stallion is of riding age, please provide any sport records, as well as information regarding the stallion's dam line (sport record, sibling's sport records, approved stallions in the damline, etc)

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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