

Dynamik Stallions trip to Germany

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Another super trip to Germany and I viewed literally hundreds of German Riding Ponies and Warmbloods.

First we went to visit my good friend Ulrike Hemschenherm at Gestuet Hesselteich. Ulrike is a very experienced breeder of German Riding Ponies and her knowledge of pony pedigree is second to none. She is always willing to take the time to talk to me about the different bloodlines, what qualities they pass on to their progeny and what bloodlines complement each other. A paddock full of amazing mares with amazing foals at foot, all so adorable it makes you want to take them all home. Ulrike breeds around 30 pony foals every year. The Hesselteich ponies have had huge success in pony dressage in Europe, Bundeschampionates, licensed and champion stallions and champion mares. I viewed so many super moving pony foals that were such super types. Hesselteich are the owners of the amazing 14hh stallion Golden Dream who I have ridden many times and has the most amazing huge movement. He is the sire of Dynamik stallion's Golden Rock.

Then out in a field, Ulrike called over another group of pony mares and I became mesmerised by a tiny 3 day old colt who already showed super elasticity and a super trot. I was sure from that moment he was a stallion prospect. I was a little nervous choosing a foal to buy at only 3 days old but the advantage is that you can really see everything of their skeletal structure. So I was very lucky to be there at the right time and also lucky that I was able to name this uphill, elastic colt myself. I named him HET Golden Australis and I hope that he has an exciting future for all Australian pony fans to follow. When I returned to see him again at 2 weeks old in the Indoor, I was so excited about how he was moving. He has a superstar pedigree laced with European Champion blood such as Golden Atreju, Dornik B and Pan Tau B.

I was also very lucky to be taken for a visit to the amazing stud owned by Mr Adolf Theo Schurf the home of the famous stallion Dressman 1. There were over 200 warmbloods and ponies at Hengststation AT it was mind blowing. An amazing tour by the stud manager, he could name the pedigree and performance record of every single pony and warmblood at the station of the top of his head without missing a beat. I was so elated to have a photo with Dressman 1 at 25 years old he still looks amazing and is still fit and under saddle. He was not only an extremely important line in the development of the GRP but is still producing licensed stallions, champion mares and has progeny in International pony competition and medal winners at Bundeschampionate. Of course I myself am a huge fan of the Dressman 1 ponies; I love their temperaments, willingness to work and super paces. Dynamik Stallion's Don Philino is sired by Dressman 1 and he is the dam sire of our stallion Top Der Da.

In the North of Germany, I was able to visit my two youngsters that were out on the summer grass. Coco de Luxe (FS Champion De Luxe/ Viktorias Colano) is 2 years old and has matured fantastically and has the most adorable loving temperament. I expect Coco to mature around 14,1hh, so that is a great height and she will start preparing to go under saddle in December. In 2014 Coco de Luxe will compete in her mare performance test and I hope she will show her super swing and fantastic hock action that she showed as a foal when I purchased her. We hope that she will also be a candidate for Bundeschampionate.

Next stop was a paddock full of 30 colts and geldings as all different sizes, Warmblood and ponies. Coco de Luxe and Sietlands Quincy are both being raised by Gestuet Sietlands. I was so happy with how Quincy and Coco both looked. Quincy is now a one year old colt by Quaterback and out of a 13hh Welsh mare. Bred by Dr Cornelius Dupree and Annette Slonka of Sietlands this colt is for sure a future stallion prospect. Not only is Dr Dupree a top veterinarian but they also produce a small number of warmblood, GRP and Welsh ponies each season. Annette has the most amazing Welsh pony stallion named Sietlands Greylight with a top temperament and a huge trot he is a dream pony.

A few weeks after I purchased him in 2012 he became the Reserve Champion at the Federal foal championships in Liene with three scores of 10 for movement. He still looks super and I am very happy with his development so the long wait continues to see if he will be successful for his Licensing. This similar combination of Welsh and Quaterback has been used before with the pony stallion Quaterback Junior. He is a superb pony type with a super character and a super canter, we were lucky enough to see him ridden at the Famous State Stud named Neustadt Dosse. Quincy's dam is a 13hh State Premium mare



who has been awarded a 9 for her swing and elasticity which Quincy has definitely inherited. With Quaterback for a sire and scoring 10's for his movement, I hope that he will be a super stallion in the future. In Germany, some smaller warmblood stallions are used to infuse back the movement in the GRP pony mares that are of very good type from time to time. Hopefully Quincy will be popular with the breeders for his great qualities. His sire of course is the Famous warmblood stallion Quaterback.

We were so lucky that Dr Dupree organised a special viewing for us of Quaterback. At the huge stallion station named Neustadt Dosse, Quaterback was shown to us in his training. This Premium stallion was champion of his Licensing and has already produced 43 Licensed sons as well as having 74 percent of his foals graded Premium in the last years. Quaterback was a Bundeschampion in 2006 and he was awarded ten by both of the guest test riders

He was ridden so softly with great feeling and his paces and quality of his work was amazing. There were some real jaw dropping moments watching him train and a highlight for me was the canter pirouettes. This stallion was like a huge teddy bear in the stables and then turned into a dressage machine in the arena but with amazing cadence and softness. An absolute credit to his rider, she has now learnt together with him as she has him now competing at Inter 1 level and this is her first time training a horse to this level. How amazing for her to have Quaterback as her first FEI horse, I am sure she will be a big name rider in the future.

We visited some other smaller studs on our travels, The quality you can find is just amazing.

We also were able to attend both Rastede and Westfalen Woche competitions which are both qualifiers for Bundeschampionate for Jumping and Dressage horses and ponies. At Westfalen Woche we had such a great day in the Sunshine watching the 3 and 4 year old ponies compete. One of the highlights for me was seeing the 12 year old rider qualify for the Bundeschampionate on her 4 year old stallion named Top Christobelle. He is a golden palomino and a super modern type with huge paces, his young rider kept the forward quality of the paces the whole time she rode him. The daughter of top show jumpers, I think this young girl has an exciting future. Her pony was bred by Gestuet Volle and she has competed him herself at every show since they bought him at 3 years old, a huge credit to his temperament in competition that are full of professional pony riders. Although I wish I could have stayed for Bundeschampionate it was great to be able to see these shows. I wish I could have been at Westfalen Woche in 2011 when I was lucky enough to be the owner the three year old Champion with our Golden Rock and the four year old Champion Trussardi D. With the amazing technology of clip my horse, it was very interesting to see how the young ponies developed with their riders by the time they competed at the Bundeshampionate.

Rastede Turnier in the Oldenburg region was a super fun show! With pony and horse dressage classes, jumping classes and carriage driving galore. Of course this is all made so much more fun with the usual German show atmosphere, there is always super loud music and great entertainment. In the usual German show style every arena had a bar, there are arena side restaurants and food stands galore. One of the highlights for me was the Ride and Drive, what a hoot! A showjumping rider enters the arena and jumps six jumps then races to a corner of the arena where someone takes the horse and then the rider must run flat out and jump on the back of a carriage. This carriage is pulled by a team of four warmbloods through a course of cones with balls sitting on top. The whole crowd cheers and claps to the music as the teams race against the clock for the fastest time without penalties. Such amazing fun. The pony entertainment was put on by different teams of pony riders from different areas in Germany, they entertained the crowd as the children competed in a series of pony games. These were all performed bareback. The most special thing about going to Rastede was to support my friend Katlin Hull of KDH Equestrian. Katlin has a business in WA where she does the most amazing ground work and long reining with horses and ponies. She also educates dressage ponies and teaches children. Katlin is a very talented rider and been spending time training in Germany over the past years. Katlin usually travels to Germany twice a year now for training especially now that she owns her superstar warmblood mare "Sunday Morning" by Sir Donnerhall. Katlin purchased her as a three year old and what a spectacular mare she has developed into.

