

Show case of Westphalian riding pony breeding

Westphalian Elite Show for riding pony mares

Münster: The triangle on the dressage arena of the Westfälisches Pferdezentrum belonged to the riding ponies this morning. Traditionally during the Westfalen-Woche the best three- and four-year-old riding pony mares are chosen. In the end, Herzrose D by Herzkönig NRW stood in front. Peppermint Patty by Piniocchio S.W. received the winning sash for the jumping pony mares.

After the elite show of riding horse and heavy horse mares yesterday afternoon, the triangle on the dressage ring today belonged to the riding pony mares. The best three- and four-year-old mares of their age groups presented themselves to the commission consisting of Thomas Münch, Katrin Tosberg, Michael Recker and Mareile Oellrich-Overesch. The 22 mares shown were divided into three rings. On the final ring the best ten presented themselves once again.

In the end, the daughter of Herzkönig NRW stood in the front: Herzrose D. Out of Verb.Pr.St. Prada D by Casino Royal K WE, Danica Duen, Bad Oeyenhausen, bred the dun mare. She is not only the breeder of the pony mare, but also owner and rider. Already on Thursday the elegant mare convinced in the riding pony test under the saddle of her breeder and owner. With a score of 8.4 she won this test and qualified for the final tomorrow. The beautifully presented mare convinced the jury in all body proportions. Standing well in the riding pony type she passed an excellent mare performance test. She showed herself equipped with a lot of acceleration and go. Glücksgefühle K can call herself reserve champion mare from now on. The daughter of Hesselteich's Golden Dream was bred by the ZG Klüsener out of St.Pr.St. Döra by FS Don't Worry. She also shone on Thursday with a second place in the riding pony test. The palomino mare trotted through the triangle today with a lot of elasticity and mechanics. Standing on a good foundation, she convinced with a wonderfully presented top-line.

Also the jumping ponies were not ignored at this show. "It is important for us to honour the jumping pony mares here and thus to honour the Westphalian jumping pony breeding", emphasised Breeding Manager Thomas Münch. The winning mare was a daughter of Pinocchio S.W., Peppermint Patty, out of St.Pr.St. Nevada by Night-Star III. She is bred and owned by Paulina Börgel. The mare presented herself in a harmonic side picture. Even if somewhat limited in the quality of movement she convinced with charm and character.

At the end of the show, Breeding Manager Thomas Münch thanked his colleagues from the committee and all breeders who had faced the judgement of their mares: "Even though not all breeders can go home with a winning mare today, I would like to thank all those who presented their beautiful pony mares here today. Unfortunately, not everyone can win, but I am sure that we in the



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commission came to a good decision together. I would like to thank my colleagues who made it easy for me to announce the judgments here.“

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BU 1: Champion Mare dressage Herzrose D with Danica Duen

BU 2: Champion mare jumping Peppermint Patty with Paulina Börgel