

Foundation Mare - Delphi

(Distelfink/Crown Lease xx b.1989)

Distelfink	Diskus	Domspatz	Doemitz I/Graf
	St.Pr.St. Doreen	St.Pr.St. Seewiese	Senat/Welfenschätze
		Dueker	Duden II/Gmunden
		Montur	Mongole
Isla Park XX	Crown Lease XX	Princely Gift XX	Nasrullah/Blue Peter
		Lavant XX	Le Lavandou/Noble Star
	Eva Alice XX	Cantus XX	Blueskin II/Knight's Romance
		Eda XX	Sabaeen/Paper Boy



Above: Delphi at Vollrath Stud, with her fifth foal, Dornkaat (by Dynamit)

Born in 1989, **Delphi** was bred by Berny and Debbie Maubach of Vollrath Stud in Wanganui. She is by Distelfink (by Diskus out of the State Premium mare, Doreen, a granddaughter of DudenII), out of the Thoroughbred mare, Isla Park xx (Crown Lease xx/Cantus xx/Sabaeen xx).

The D-Line is one of the old Hanoverian bloodlines, originating from a Thoroughbred stallion, Devil's Own xx, which stood from 1894-1906. The most important son of Devil's Own xx was Dectectiv. Today, all D-line stallions go back to Detectiv, who stood from 1926-1943, after

which the line split. The main branch of the modern day D-Line is from the Detectiv son, Dolman, and a smaller branch is from the Detektiv son, Dwinger. In New Zealand, the Hanoverian stallion Dream Boy (Dream of Glory/Eisenherz I) represents this branch.

Delphi's sire, Distelfink, brought the Dolman branch of the D-Line to New Zealand. In fact, Distelfink's pedigree goes back to Dolman on both sides. His sire, Diskus descends through Doemitz I from the Dolman son, Dollart. The descendants of Dollart (1941-58) are more oriented towards jumping. Diskus, (great grandson of Dollart), sired the world famous US jumper, The Natural. Distelfink's dam, the State Premium mare Doreen, goes back to the famous Dolman son, Duellant, through her paternal grandsire, Duden II. Duellant (1946-1965) founded a big group of stallions, with very good conformation and movement, and with great dressage talent.

Distelfink's most well known offspring is perhaps the lovely, grey showjumper, Jeep Super Moth, with which John Cottle enjoyed innumerable successes. Other successful Distelfink offspring include Maurice Beatson's jumping horse, Duty Free and the eventers NRM Falcon, NRM Denver and GV Braveheart. In dressage, Winter Damson (Distelfink/Arctic Oak xx, breeder Judy Wear) reached advanced level, before being classified with a high score and retired to the broodmare paddock. She has produced a 2007 colt foal by Contendro.

Less well known, perhaps, is the black Distelfink son, D'nazeer, which played a role in the first Lord of the Rings movie!

Delphi's damsire, the Princely Gift xx son, Crown Lease xx, is well known in New Zealand as a sire of jumping horses. Delphi's dam, Isla Park xx carries three crosses to Blue Peter xx via his sons Blueskin II and Sabaeon on her dam's side, and via the Blue Peter xx daughter, Blue Gem, which is paternal granddam to Crown Lease xx.

Delphi's siblings include her full brother, **Mr Magic**, (also bred at Vollrath Stud), a successful show jumper with rider John Couper of Rotorua, and the eventing/dressage Anamour son, **Adelphi**, bred by Kathy Scott at Tandarra Stud, now owned and ridden by Britta Pedersen.

Delphi herself was never broken in, but was served by Vollrath's resident stallion, Dynamit (Dynamo/Eger II) in 1992 and 1993. The results of these two unions were the dark brown full sisters, **Delft**, b.1993 and **Desirable**, (otherwise known as Sylvie), b.1994. These two mares have themselves produced Hanoverian daughters and granddaughters.

Delphi produced three more dark brown or black Dynamit offspring for Vollrath, the geldings **Daybreak**, **Detonator** and **Dornkaat**, (sold to Australia), before Berny sold her to Bridget and Dave Sutton of Henton Lodge Hanoverians.

With her first foal for Henton Lodge, Delphi ended her run of dark brown or black babies, producing the chestnut Anamour son, **Henton Attorney-General**, affectionately dubbed Frank, now successfully eventing at Intermediate Level with Lizzie Brown.

The Suttons wanted to take advantage of Delphi's strong jumping bloodlines, and so they turned to frozen semen, choosing the Espri/Arkansas son, Escudo I, then a young stallion, but already producing offspring that showed jumping talent, good movement and type.

In the next three successive years, Delphi obligingly produced two fillies and a colt. All by Escudo I, they were:

2001: **Henton Elite** (chestnut filly)

2002: **Henton Exclusive** (dark brown filly)

2003: **Henton Executive** (chestnut colt)

and then...

2005: **Henton Evita**, Brown filly by the Escudo I son, El Bundy.

Over the following two years, the aging Delphi was unsuccessful with frozen semen, so now Bridget and Dave intend to breed her with Anamour, using embryo transfer to maximise the chance of success.

Delphi's progeny bred at Henton Lodge have been successful in competition in all disciplines. With rider and part owner Lizzie Brown, **Henton Attorney General** can claim, for the 2007-8 year:

Winner Young Rider Eventing Champion run under 2* conditions

Winner Intermediate Eventing, Aaron Station

Winner Rotorua Horse Trial Intermediate

On the short list to represent NZ at Trans Tasman Young Rider Champs In Australia Nov 2008

Wins and placings at Novice level including 6th 2007 National Three Day Event

Wins and placings showjumping up to 1.30m

Henton Elite, ridden by Dave Sutton, notched up wins at Whangarei and Waerenga Horse Trials

Winner in Dressage at Rotorua

Showjumping placings

She has been lightly campaigned eventing

Henton Exclusive, in her Mare Performance Test, gained 8s for jumping scope and technique



Above: **Henton Exclusive (Escudo I/Delphi)** and **Bridget Sutton**

Winner at Dressage Rotorua, ridden by Bridget Sutton.

She has had many placings in show hunter and showjumping – she never touches a rail!

She, too, has been lightly campaigned eventing.

In 2007, Exclusive had a foal by embryo transfer, a brown filly by Contendro I.

Henton Executive has been owned and ridden by Rachel McGregor since the beginning of 2008. As a four year old last season, he was 6th in the National 4 year old showjumping class in the March Young Horse Show. He has

had showhunter wins and placings from limited outings.

Delphi's Dynamit daughters, meanwhile, had not been idle. **Delft**, the older of the two, was purchased as a youngster by Richard and Mary Bowling, who had her classified for the stud book. She scored all 8.0s. They bred her to Anamour, producing a lovely dark brown filly, which they named **Ahova**, which has been sold to someone in Hawkes Bay, and unfortunately, Richard and Mary have lost track of her.

Delft followed up this achievement with three colts, all dark brown or black and all by Anamour.

2002: **Nikau Admiral** (Chief) is now with Dave Sutton.

2003: **Akkaroa** (Rommie) is now in Auckland with Julie Killick

2004: **Akkron** (Harry), has been ridden and is now ready for a rider. He is wintering in the Bowlings' paddocks.



Above: **Akkron**, gelding by Anamour, out of Delphi's daughter, **Delft** (by Dynamit), aged 2 years.

Richard and Mary had Delft under saddle for a while, then sold her to Bridget and Dave Sutton, a canny purchase the Sutttons made, in light of Delphi's advancing years.

For Henton Lodge, Delft has produced

2006: **Henton Eragon**, brown gelding by El Bundy, which is very special!

2007: **LH Luceille**, brown filly by Limonit, bred by Kellie Hamlett-Coombs.

Delft is presently in foal to Contendro I.

Delft's younger sister, **Sylvie (Desirable)** was also sold, and also served by Anamour as a youngster, producing a chestnut filly, **Andiana**, now owned by Ad Astra Stud at Dairy Flat, near Auckland. Andiana's first Hanoverian foals were yes, both fillies! **Lena** and **Leila**, born 2006 and 2007 respectively, are both by Limonit.

Desirable showed talent as a jumping horse, but, like her sister, found her destiny in the breeding paddock. In 2002, she was purchased by Shelley Williams and produced, in 2003, a black filly, **Wotawitch**, by Weltmeyer. Wotawich gained the highest score in her mare classification year.

Shelley continued with the use of frozen semen for Desirable, who gave her two colts;

2004: **Danke Schön**, by Don Frederico

2005: **Casanova**, by Conteur

Desirable is currently in foal to the For Pleasure son, For Feeling, due to foal in the 2008 season.