

# The Hanoverian E-Line stallions

*type, conformation and dual talent for jumping and dressage are passed down through the generations*



Above: Eiger I, (b. 1975), by Eisenherz I out of St.Pr.St.Alete by Abermals



Above: Espri, (b.1981), by Eiger I out of St.Pr.St. Diplomatin by Diplomat



Above: Escudo I, son of Espri.  
Below: Earl, son of Escudo I



Above: El Bundy by Escudo I, out of a mare by Rebel Z, a stallion which is full brother to the great showjumping mare, Ratina Z.



The Hanoverian E-Line continues in New Zealand through daughters of the foundation mare, **Delphi**, (Distelfink/Crown lease xx).

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The modern Hanoverian E-Line was once the A-Line, founded by a thoroughbred stallion, Adeptus xx, which was used for Hanoverian breeding from 1884-1904. The most important descendant from Adeptus xx was his grandson, Alderman, from whose line came an outstanding producer of jumping horses, the famous stallion Agram. We find Agram in New Zealand on the dam's side of the pedigree of Vollrath Stud's stallion, Dynamit (now deceased).

After the A-Line morphed into the E-Line, two main groups evolved. The group that concerns us in New Zealand is the one that descends from the Einglas son, Eisenherz I.

This is for two reasons:

- in the pedigree of the New Zealand resident stallion, Dream Boy, by the Donnerhall son, Dream of Glory, we find Eisenherz I as his damsire
- frozen semen from the Eisenherz I line has been used successfully in New Zealand to produce horses which are just starting in competition now.

## Eiger I

The best son of Eisenherz has been Eiger I, whose dam, the State Premium mare Alete, brought the ennobling influence of the Trakehner into the line. Eiger I passed his performance test at Adelheidsdorf in 1978, with above average results in both dressage and jumping, gaining fourth place overall with a total of 113.66 points. The performance test winner that year was Großfürst. Among the others of Eiger I's group were such greats as Bolero, Pik Bube II, and Don Juan, all of which have had a large influence in Hanoverian breeding. However, it was Eiger I that was awarded "Best stallion of his age-group".

Eiger I passed on to his offspring his very good type, rideability, and correct conformation. His get, like their sire, proved to be dual talented, the most well known being Empire, ridden by Dr. Martina Fincke, which won over 85,000 DM in dressage at Grand Prix level, and the internationally successful showjumpers, Espri FRH (ridden by Lars Nieberg), and Easy Jumper (ridden by Jos Lansink).

Eiger I was the sire of 35 State Premium mares and seven licensed breeding stallions, and continues to appear in the damline of many good horses, particularly where the sire is Warkant. Perhaps the most prominent example of this is the Lauries Crusader xx son, Londonderry, whose dam is Windsor Queen (Warkant/Eiger I). Frozen semen from Londonderry has been used with success by New Zealand breeders.

Eiger I was awarded "Hanoverian Stallion of the Year" in 1999 at the age of 24, and died a few weeks after the ceremony. His line has continued through his most well known son, Espri. Another son, Evergreen, was exported from Germany to Canada.

## Espri

The Hanoverian breeding stallion, Espri, born in 1981, will long be remembered as the sire of Hugo Simon's phenomenal showjumper, E.T. FRH, with which Simon won the World Cup two years in a row (1996, 1997), Individual silver medal at the 1997 European

Championships, and WBFSH Champion three consecutive years (1996 – 1998). Together, E.T. and Simon won almost one million Euro in competition. However, according to the 2007 Hanoverian Stallion Year Book, Espri has sired a total of 601 competition horses, 352 of which progeny have been placed in jumping competitions, and 113 in dressage, with winnings totalling almost two million Euro. Among the jumpers, (as well as E.T.) are Elwood (winnings of 114,433 Euro) and Explosiv (95,620 Euro).



Above: Espri, (b.1981), by Eiger I out of St.Pr.St. Diplomatin by Diplomat

Espri's dressage offspring include Esprit de Valdemar, which represented Denmark in the World Cup and twice at the Olympic games with Jon Pedersen; and international Grand Prix dressage star Elvis VA with Nadine Capellmann, which represented Germany at the 2006 World Equestrian Games. Elvis was awarded the Grand Championship at Aachen, 2006. He has won more than 113,000 Euro.

Espri was the only foal from his dam, the State premium mare Diplomatin, who brought the successful Hanoverian jumping lines of Duellant, Lugano I and Semper Idem into the E-Line. The sire line of the modern day jumping phenomenon, the Hanoverian stallion Stakkato, goes back to Semper idem.

Diplomatin herself was successful in dressage up to an advanced level.

Espri was champion stallion of his licensing and scored 118.8 in his performance test, which put him in 7th place out of 34 stallions. He has proven to be an important breeding stallion, with 350 studbook mares to his credit, of which 62 are State Premium mares. He has 20 licensed breeding stallion sons, of which the full brothers, Escudo I and Escudo II are best known. Escudo II now stands at stud in Canada.

In 1995 Espri was awarded Hanoverian stallion of the year.

Frozen semen from Espri has been used successfully in New Zealand by at least one Hanoverian breeder, but no fillies have been produced, and the colt foals have been gelded.

## Escudo I



The black Espri son, Escudo I was born in 1991 and won his performance test in 1994, scoring an excellent 144.9 for the jumping index and 134.38 overall. In 1996 he became the 5year old Hanoverian Show jumping Champion and German National Reserve Champion 5 year old jumper.

He was immediately popular with breeders, and has been selected into the Hanoverian Jumper Breeding Program.

Left: Escudo I (b. 1991), by Espri out of Athene, by Arkansas/Woermann

Like his sire and grandsire, he produces horses with good type, conformation and dual talent.

The 2007 Hanoverian Stallion year Book states that he has 1288 registered, named progeny; in competition his offspring have won 408,525 Euro; his registered broodmare daughters number 226, of which 59 are State Premium mares; he has 24 licensed breeding sons, two of which, El Bundy and Earl, as well as Escudo himself, have been used in New Zealand via imported, frozen semen.



**Above: Earl (Escudo I/Lanthan) during his performance test in 2002.**

El Bundy ( b. 1998) and Earl (b. 1999) like their sire, were both decisive winners of their Stallion Performance Tests.

Frozen semen from both of these young stallions has been used successfully by New Zealand breeders.

Earl is out of a mare by Lanthan, a stallion used throughout the eighties and nineties, reported to pass elegance and good movement to his progeny.

El Bundy is out of a mare by Rebel Z, a stallion which is full brother to the great showjumping mare, Ratina Z.