

# Foundation Mare

## St.Pr.St. Wel Kantje

*(Weltmeyer/Pik Bube 1, b.1993)*

Weltmeyer	World Cup I	Woermann	Woehler
	Anka	Sendernixe	Sender
St.Pr.St. Pikantje	Pik Bube I	Absatz	Abglanz
		Adelsbuche	Adorno
	St.Pr.St. Lombardie	Pik Koenig	Pik As xx
		Franka	Frustra II
		Lombard	Lugano II
		Domkanzel	Dolman



Wel Kantje, under saddle with Louisa Hill.



Wel Kantje's dam, Pikantje, at 30 years of age.

In 1996 Judith Matthews and her husband Peter travelled to Verden, to attend the German Hanoverian Society's Breed Orientation Course and the Elite auction in Verden. They had no plans to buy a horse, but, excited by the auction and the quality of the horses they saw, the idea grew, "Wouldn't it be great to bring one home?"

One of the Course participants knew of a Weltmeyer mare for sale, and an appointment was arranged to view the mare. She showed impressive movement, and the price was within their reach, so Peter and Judith became the owners of State Premium candidate Wel Kantje, by Weltmeyer, out of the highly regarded German State Premium mare (St.Pr.St.) Pikantje by Pik Bube 1.

Wel Kantje passed her Mare Performance Test in Germany, and competed and won at a Mare show, before coming to NZ as a four-year-old in 1997. No-one who has seen her under saddle will be able to forget her big, powerful, elastic stride or her perfect rhythm.

Wel Kantje comes from a highly regarded mare line. Her grand-dam, Lombardie, (Lombard/Dolman) was the foundation mare of the Baumgart family in Germany and dam of ten foals, of which the first, Pikantje, was considered the best. Pikantje won the Bundeschampionate for German Riding Horses in Munich 1981 as a three-year-old, and was very successful at local mare shows. She was twice shown at the prestigious Louis-Wiegels (mare) Show.

In twenty-one years of breeding Pikantje had fourteen foals. Two were sold at Auctions in Verden. One son, Picasso by Wandersmann xx, was licensed but was not used as a breeding stallion. Her daughter, St.Pr.St. Donna Bella by Donnerhall, was the dam of the two privately owned stallions Weltroyal and Weltregent, both by Weltmeyer. Three of her offspring were registered with the German Equestrian Federation and competed in riding horse classes.



Above: Dream Girl MH at the Royal Show in Christchurch, with owner Allie Harper.  
Photo: Steve Harper



Above: Adelheid MH with her first foal, Domino MH

Dressage Horse award at the NZ Championships. She went on to win Championships at level 4 and was level four reserve Champion at the HOY show 2008.

Dream World MH has now joined the Matthews Hanoverians broodmares. Frozen semen was unsuccessful for her and she is in foal to Prestige VDL, due to foal in 2009

Dark chestnut **Bardot MH** (naturally nicknamed Bridget), is still owned by Judith and Peter and competing with their rider, Casey Johnson. She has had limited outings as a four year old, getting high percentage scores, and placing third in the Waitemata level one Championship. She won the level two qualifier at Northland qualifying show and won two circuit points prizes for Dressage Northland.

Rising four year old **Dream Girl MH**, very attractively black with four white socks and a star, is owned by member Ali Harper in the lower South Island. She won many Champions in hand at the Royal Christchurch show, including Grand Champion overall as a two year old and Champion Warmblood as a three year old. At the HOY show 2009 she was Reserve Champion rising Star Park Hack and Reserve Champion Junior Sport Horse.

Since Adelheid has so far had only colt foals, it is fortunate that she has so many sisters. Hopefully, a Wel Kantje granddaughter will arrive in due course so that this line will continue into the future.

So that Wel Kantje would be able to combine life as a performance horse with a breeding career, Judith and her vet used embryo transfer to achieve a successful pregnancy by Anamour, and Welkantje's first foal, Adelheid, was born in 1998. While a surrogate mother was raising her daughter, Welkantje, as a five year old under Louisa Hill, was winning everything a Novice horse could win. Injury put her out of action for a while, but in 2001, with Judith riding, she won the N.I. Medium Dressage Championship. She is now in the brood mare paddock bearing and raising her foals herself.

Wel Kantje's progeny have all been fillies. They are:  
1998: Adelheid, by Anamour (embryo transfer)  
2000: Dream World MH by Dream Boy (embryo transfer)  
2004: Bardot MH, chestnut filly by Brentano II  
2005: Dream Girl MH, black filly by Dream Boy  
2007: Danzare MH, black filly by Dancier  
2008: D'Zine MH, chestnut filly by Dancier

**Adelheid**, after suffering a paddock injury, has already started her life as a brood mare,

Her progeny have all been colts. They are:  
2002: Domino MH chestnut colt by Dream Boy  
2003: Galahad MH, brown colt by Gymnastik Star  
2005: De Ja Vu MH, black colt by De Niro  
2006: Dante MH, black colt by De Niro  
2007: Don Amour MH, chestnut colt by Don Frederico  
Adelheid is in foal to Dacaprio for 2009

**Dream World MH**, by Dream Boy, (nicknamed Donut for her strange pale colour when born), is Wel Kantje's second E.T. foal. Dream World MH has a strong character, but showed exceptional willingness to perform and powerful movement. She started her Preliminary career with three wins, each with percentage scores in the high 70's, won her Young Dressage Horse class at the Auckland Dressage Championships in 2004, and followed that up by winning the Young Dressage Horse title at the N.I. Dressage Championships in January 2005, ridden by Kathrin Gorringer. At the Horse of the Year Show 2005, she became Preliminary Reserve Champion, ridden once again by Kathrin. During the 2005 Inspection tour with Dr. Jochen Wilkens from Germany, Dream World was classified for the NZ Hanoverian stud book, receiving an overall mark of eight, and entry into the main studbook.

As a competitor she progressed through the grades very successfully. She was level three reserve Champion at the 2006 North Island Championships. In 2007 she was Reserve Champion Horse of the year level three, and won the Young