

# Hanoverian Grand Parade

*Abderry Farm, March 2009*

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Above: **Kilmarna xx** (Kilimanjaro xx/Clay Hero xx, owned by Robin Potter), was the highest scoring classified thoroughbred mare.

The licensed Hanoverian stallion **Limonit** performed his dressage musical with rider Andrea Bank. He was calm and impressive and Dr. Wilkens commented on his development since his last visit two years ago.

The imported stallion **Prestige VDL**, owned by Doug and Lisa Blackbourne, was presented in hand and then ridden by Brett Parbery, from Australia. He is by Silvano out of Good Times/Ahorn. The Dutch recognise him as a licensed stallion with Holstein blood lines. He is a handsome bay horse with good movement and, because he has had several wins at Grand Prix level dressage, he was passed by Dr. Wilkens as suitable to put over Hanoverian classified mares with at least 50% Hanoverian blood and have their progeny branded Hanoverian.



Above: **Prestige VDL**, KWPN registered stallion now approved for breeding with Hanoverian mares, showed his paces in a ridden display

It was a grand parade. An insight into the exciting world of high performance breeding with international judge Dr. Jochen Wilkens, from the German Hanoverian Society. So many beautiful horses to watch and a lot to learn listening to Dr. Wilkens' comments.

In the morning mares were presented for classification and entry into the New Zealand Hanoverian Studbook, by Dr. Wilkens and two of our New Zealand classifiers, Robin Potter and Angela Smith.

Ten mares were paraded individually. Six were Hanoverian branded mares and all passed, three with an average score of eight, which is a high mark. Three Thoroughbred mares were also classified and one mare was classified for the Pre Studbook. She is out of an unregistered Hanoverian mare.

A black Hanoverian sash was presented to Dr. Angela Tovey, the owner of **Diva T**, (Dream Boy / A'Dynasty), for the highest scoring Hanoverian mare [on the day]. Robin Potter received a similar sash as owner of the highest scoring Thoroughbred mare, **Kilmarna xx**, (Kilimanjaro xx/She's Heroic xx, by Clay Hero xx).



Above: **Diva T** (Dream Boy/A'Dynasty by Allermund, bred by Angela Tovey), was the Hanoverian mare with the highest classification score on the day. Pictured with Diva T from left to right are Dr. Wilkens, Angela Smith and Fiona Craig.

**Doringcourt**, another imported Hanoverian from Germany, was ridden by his owner, Andrea Bank. He has not been licensed but will be eligible for licensing in the Hanoverian Stallion Studbook if he wins at Grand Prix dressage in the future.

Three foals were shown individually, running free in the fenced arena with their dams on the lead. The **top foal** was an impressive big frozen semen colt by For Edition out of Henton Ambience. Owned by his breeders Dave and Bridget Sutton, he won them a Hanoverian sash as best foal.

A jumping arena was set up for the horses bred for jumping. **Henton Encore** (El Bundy/Distancia) and **Henton Executive** (Escudo/Delphi) were jumped by Rachel McGregor, who owns Henton Encore.

Lizzie Brown rode the eventer **Henton Attorney General** (Anamour/Delphi). He is owned by Lizzie and his breeders, Dave and Bridget Sutton.

In a commentary, Dr. Wilkens compared jumping and dressage movement. During the lunch break he gave a Powerpoint presentation on the history of the Hanoverian breed since its beginning in the eighteenth



Left: Champion foal at the Grand Parade – For Edition colt from Henton Ambiance.

century. Recording of the breed was started by King George II and horses in the studbook can have their breeding line traced back to the original stallions of 1790.

A group of New Zealand Warmblood Breeders Society members flew into Auckland for the Grand Parade, to observe the classifying procedures.

The grand parade was a money raising event for the New Zealand Hanoverian Society and the general public were charged \$5 gate fee. About \$200 was raised.

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