

Indorado

Can Jump Anything, Wants to Jump Everything.

Indorado was recently promoted to keur stallion upon calculation of the new breeding values. With outstanding jumper offspring, such as Eurocommerce Milano and Oranta VDL, Indorado was expected to receive this distinguished predicate. Actually, the preceding summary is a gross understatement, as Indorado has sired at least 30 other international jumpers in addition to the illustrious pair mentioned.



Indorado is awarded keur status and was presented at the KWPN Stallion Show this year.

So much talent must come from somewhere. The lineage of this special gray stallion boasts plenty of talent and includes famous names, such as Ahorn Z, Heureka, Caletto I, and Capitol I. Indorado fully lived up to expectations of him as a show jumper and won two Bundeschampionat qualifiers. All the jumper genes that came together in the stallion resulted in unlimited scope, which he, in turn, passes on to his offspring. In the spring of 2002, Indorado's son Radisson was approved for KWPN breeding. His dam is Joyful Lady elite preferent prestatie (s.Nimmerdor). At the performance test, Radisson scored an 8.5 for scope, a quality that he definitely inherited from his sire. Indorado's dam, Aida, is an Ahorn Z daughter. Ahorn Z's sire is Almé Z (Ibrahim x Ultimate xx), a French stallion that has been a huge influence on the various European studbooks with respect to current jumper breeding. Ahorn's dam, the legendary Heureka (Ganeff x Falerner), won several Grand Prix—including Aachen, Hamburg, Berlin, Vienna, and Brussels—prior to becoming a broodmare at the Zangersheide equestrian facility. Two years before Ahorn's birth, the same Almé Z x Heureka pairing produced the mare Argentina. She, in turn, foaled the world-famous Olympic jumper Ratina Z (s.G.Ramiro Z).

Good Bloodlines

Aida's owner, Peter Wieting of Sommerland, Germany, bred his mare at age three to Corrado I. "I knew the Corrado line very well. He's out of Soleil, whose sire was Capitol I. I rode that stallion when I was young. Aida



Gerco Schröder and Eurocommerce Milano (s.Indorado) recently won the World Cup competition in Bordeaux.

Extra Effort

Two of Gerco Schröder's top jumpers are Indorado offspring: Eurocommerce Lanapoule (ds.Jasper) and Eurocommerce Milano (ds.Beaujolais). According to the renowned rider, both are true top horses: "They're blood horses with good work ethics. They work for their rider, and when things get tough, they try harder and give their very best. I've been riding Lanapoule for about four years now. She's a bit difficult outside over an open ditch, but she's a perfect indoor horse. Milano goes the entire year. She had a bad viral infection for a while, but she's completely healthy now. If she keeps doing so well, she'll be a potential candidate for the Hong Kong Olympics. I used to ride another nice Indorado son: Eurocommerce Las Vegas (ds.Epilot). He also jumped very easily, but he got sold and sent to Italy, where Roberto Christofletti is showing him at Grand Prix level."



Roelof Brill and the Indorado son Nintendo successfully competed in international show jumping.

his dam out of the pasture to ride, he calmly stayed with the other mares. Peter Wieting took ownership of Indorado at five months. When it came to fertility, Aida wasn't that easy, but she actually has another foal by Accorado. It was sold to a buyer in the Netherlands. In 2000, she foaled a colt by Calido. The delivery didn't go well, so we had to take her to a vet clinic. Fortunately, the foal was born live, but we couldn't get Aida pregnant again after that. She's now in full retirement."

Expectations Met

Indorado is a Corrado I son. The Van de Lageweg family watched Corrado jump in Germany as a four-year-old. Wiepke and Wiebe Yde were so impressed by Corrado that they immediately turned to one another and decided they wanted a young stallion by him. That stallion turned out to be Indorado. "We bought Indorado as a foal. Even as a foal, he was very big and long-lined. He moved well and had a good canter, and he showed lots of suppleness. Back then, there was little specialization, but we thought he definitely fit into the

was a really nice mare, but I didn't have her for very long because I sold her as a three-year-old to Inke Gravert's father. She was in-foal at the time, and we agreed that the foal would be mine. And that's what happened. The foal was Indorado, and he came here when he was a few months old." Inke Gravert: "Since my father passed away last year, I now own the mares. I was twelve years old when Indorado was born at our place. What I remember of him is that he was a bold and self-aware foal. When I took



Gerco Schröder actively shows Eurocommerce Lanapoule (s.Indorado) at Grand Prix. She performs best at indoor shows.



Olona (s.Indorado) jumped well under rider Cassio Rivetti in the Aachen World Championship and won the Arezzo Grand Prix, among other competitions.



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Sandra Nieuwendijk



Angelique Hoorn on Oranta VDL (s.Indorado): "I sometimes think I'll never have a better horse."

A World-Class Horse

After a year off from showing due to an injury, Oranta VDL (Indorado x Nimmerdor) recently returned to the show ring in Wellington. Making an impressive come-back with Chris Kappler, the combination placed second in the Grand Prix. Oranta's rider from age five through nine was Angelique Hoorn, who has fond memories of that time. Hoorn: "When she came to me, she was still quite green and had no show experience. At first, things didn't go well. She was very big and strong, and went all over the place with me. She always jumped, but she certainly was not obedient. When things didn't go well, I couldn't think 'I'll make you do it today' because I could totally forget about that. She required a whole lot of patience. Once we started to come together as a team, she really jumped incredibly for such a young horse. She was only eight when she won the Super League final in Barcelona. With that kind of horse, you just know that the buyers are lining up at the door. At the time of her sale, she was my best horse, a world-class jumper with unlimited scope. The sale really sent me into a tail-spin because horses like her are hard to find. I really wanted to keep her, and I sometimes think I'll never have a better horse than Oranta."

Excellent Dressage Horses, too

Indorado is mainly renowned for the outstanding jumpers he sires. However, he has also produced a number of excellent dressage horses. The most well known of these is Magic Rodrigo. This Celoma son (Stuyvesant x Kaiserstern xx) is out of Sietse van Dellen's renowned line. In 2002, Rodrigo finished fourth in the Pavo Cup final four-year-old division. A year later, he finished seventh in the five-year-old division of the same competition. At age six, this stallion won the silver medal in the World Championships for Young Dressage Horses in Verden with rider Edward Gal.



Nocturnal (s.Indorado) won U.S. East Coast Reserve Champion in the jumper division for horses ages seven and eight, and he won Jumper Champion in Wellington in the same age division.

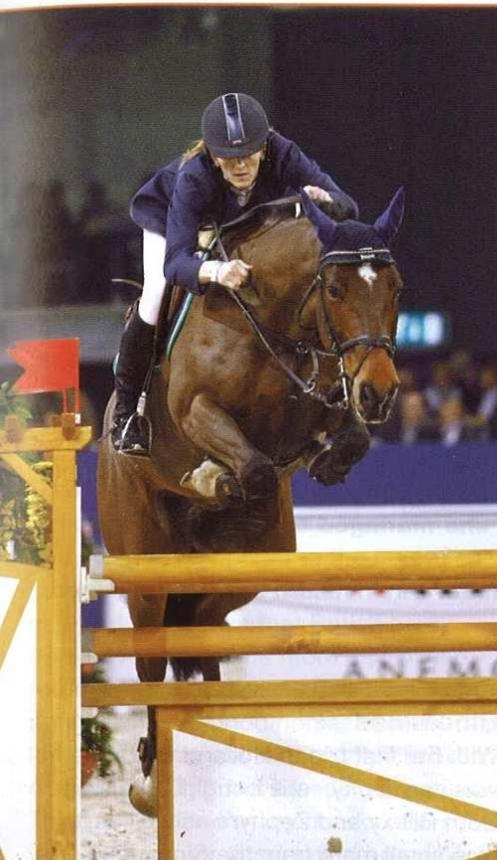


Jur Vrieling currently rides two Indorado offspring. Pictured is Rochelle.

jumping direction. He came to the Netherlands when he was five or six months old, where he grew up without any problems in a herd. When we took him out of pasture at age two-and-half, we thought he looked really good for such a big horse. Actually, he has always met our expectations. Ullrich Kirchhoff showed Indorado successfully as a young horse in the stallion competitions and the Bundeschampionat. Later, Jur Vrieling did very well with him at the Grand Prix level. "He always jumped with lots of scope and good technique, which he passes on to his offspring. In general, these horses are nice to ride, have unlimited scope, and good hind leg technique. Indorado's offspring aren't all that remarkable when they're young; however, around age six or seven, they blossom. The older they are, the better they become. As mature horses, they jump the way we like to see: With heart and lots of scope", explains Wiebe Yde.

Good Memories

When Indorado was seven, jumper rider Jur Vrieling started riding him. Vrieling has good memories of the gray jumper. "He was the first stallion the Van de Lageweg family gave me to ride. When he arrived, he didn't have much show experience. Nevertheless, things 'clicked' from the start because he had such a great attitude. He always did his best. His temperament made him want to jump everything, and he gave me the feeling that he could jump everything. He wasn't afraid of anything. I rode him in important shows and in Grand Prix, which were things I previously had only dreamed about. I took him to Hickstead; it was my first time showing there. I couldn't believe my eyes—I was amazed at the height and width of those jumps. Back then, Rob Ehrens rode Celano. He and I walked the course together and agreed that it was a really tough course. In the international compe-



Ridden by Nathalie van der Mei, Heechiem's Springtime (s.Indorado) won the Wierden Grand Prix last year.

tion, Indorado picked up two faults, but he jumped clear in the second round. I remember thinking at the time, 'He does it so easily!' I learned so much from Indorado, and I thought it was exceptional that the Van de Lagewegs let me continue jumping him. I often competed against Wout Jan van der Schans and Corland. He was a much more experienced rider than I was. I'm sure he could've got a lot more out of Indorado than I did. Some-

A Distinguished Sire

Indorado has a total of 1,968 breedings to his name. Of the 47 stallions presented at the KWPN Stallion Selection through October 2007, two became ster, fourteen were chosen for the Second Round Viewing, and in the end, one was approved for breeding: Radisson. The 158 Indorado mares registered in the Studbook include 39 ster, 17 keur, 11 elite, and two preferent. His oldest offspring in the sport are now 10 years and older, and they contribute to the stallion's high sport index: A jumping breeding value of 134 with 93% reliability. Standing almost 17 hands, Indorado is a big and well-developed stallion. At his performance test in Ermelo, he was described as an uncomplicated, honest, and trustworthy stallion. He showed big, sufficiently powerful basic gaits but needed to be lighter on his feet. He scored nines for his temperament and stable behavior! His rider enjoyed him both as a dressage horse and as a jumper. In jumping, Indorado always demonstrated sufficient push off the ground and good leg technique. He also showed excellent scope but needed somewhat faster reflexes. He was only three years old at the time, but as he got older and stronger, he also became quicker over jumps. Most owners of Indorado offspring know they mature late.

times I wish I could ride another horse like Indorado, knowing what I know now!" "What has stayed with me from that time is a penchant for Indorado offspring; I consciously look for them when I shop for horses. As a result, I've had many Indorado offspring. People should know that the young ones need more time to develop strength than other horses, but they're great when they're mature. What's more, they're always really easy to resell. I still ride two Indorados: Rochelle and Ucarlo. Indorado was my first stallion, and I definitely had a bond with him. Finally, the time came when he was in such demand as a breeding stallion that the Van de Lageweg family decided to use him for breeding full-time. I totally understood their decision, but I was still very disappointed because I really wanted to ride him a while longer. I went to the stallion show in Den Bosch to watch his presentation as a keur stallion. He was still so fresh and happy, looking



Gerco Schröder showed Eurocommerce Las Vegas (s.Indorado) before he was sold to Italy, where Roberto Christofolletti is now showing the jumper at Grand Prix level.

around so spirited, with his head up. I thought, 'If I throw a saddle on him, I can jump him another round.' And then it hit me: I owe so much to this horse; actually, he was the start of Jur Vrieling!"



Umora elite (s.Indorado) was invited to the National Mare Selection three times. She always shows very well at selections.

A Family Horse

Umora is according to her owner Ria Bosman-van de Most a real family horse: "We've always really enjoyed this horse; she's very special to us. She was invited to Ermelo three times. At the time, the dressage horses and jumpers at the National Mare Selection were presented together, but Umora was announced as the best jumper of the selection. She always shows really well at selections; she's crazy about people, and she seems to know why she's there. In the line-up, she stands like she's saying, 'Hey everybody, look at me!' Umora is currently with Dennis van Tilborg. He's training her further as a jumper. Ria Bosman: "My son Jos showed her until she had earned enough points for Z-level jumping, but he has a busy job and not enough time for the training schedule she needs at that level. When Umora gets turned out, she's always very happy and fresh, but as soon as a rider gets on her, she's immediately obedient and focused on her training. She loves to work and prefers to come out of her stall twice a day, rather than once, to work. At shows, she's a very intelligent and thinking horse. Jos always says: 'All I had to do in the jump-off was think about going to the jump and the horse just did it.'"