

Inspection in Castle Rock, CO,
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Friesian owners from Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and South Dakota gathered under a beautiful clear blue sky on September 10th in Castle Rock, CO for the annual KFPS inspection. It was a gorgeous late summer day, with almost perfect weather, which was enjoyed by all. This year the inspection was hosted and organized by Cheryl Jones, Gayle Blumenthal and the recently formed FHANA chapter club, the Colorado Friesian Horse Club. Our KFPS judges were Jan Hendricks and Haike van der Meulen.

The inspection was once again held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, which had plenty of stabling and was conveniently located less than one mile from the Interstate. The facility is large, clean and well maintained and the personnel at DCF were easy to work with and very helpful.

Since there were 45 horses to be shown, including three riding IBOP tests, the inspection started at 8:00 AM. The IBOP's took place first with two Ster mares, Viduna and Bente van de Stroeve Hoeve being ridden by their owner Allison Gelfand, earning scores of 68 and 65 respectively. The other test was done by the beautiful five year old stallion Nolke fan de Lege Geaen, sired by Tsjitse, who is owned by Denicia Reusche of Pueblo, CO and ridden by Gigi Brittain of Elizabeth, CO. They earned a 72 in the test.

The halter classes started next and first up were the young stallions being presented for Ster. The seven presented were: Tristan of Noble, sired by Anne Sport, (no Ster), Paschier B., sire Teatske J. (no Ster), Nolke fan de Lege Geaen sired by Tsjitse (no Ster), Amadeus Mozart b.N. sired by Wander (no Ster) and Knight of Wild Rose Ranch, sired by Goffert (no Ster).

Only two stallions were awarded the prestigious Ster ranking. They are Tetrino van het Kasteel, a gorgeous and flashy Jasper Sport son owned by Sherri Fair of Kasteel Friesians of Calhan, CO. and Ricochet F.Q., a wonderful four year old stallion, sired by Teade Sport and owned by Carl and Terry Palm of Penrose, CO. It was such a thrill for everyone to see these great young stallions who represented Colorado so well.

Following the stallions came the 2009 foals, there were five colts and four fillies. Of the four fillies being shown, three earned a 2nd Premie. Earning a 2nd Premie and Champion of the fillies was Elevation's Divine Love aka Diva, a dainty little powerhouse of a girl sired by Anne Sport and owned by Acacia Coast of Elevation Friesians from Black Forest, CO. Diva's lovely trot wowed us all! She was shown with her beautiful mother, Iszabella Miamore, who sadly had to be scratched

from her own class due to a minor injury she suffered during transport to the show.

The other two receiving a 2nd premie were Elatsje A Bits, owned by Allison Gelfand and sired by Mintse Sport who was the reserve filly champion and Ellsa B., sired by Michiel.

The fourth filly, Ember, who is owned by site host Cheryl Jones of Florissant, CO, received a 3rd premie and the hearts of everyone who saw her. This lovely little girl, another Anne Sport daughter, came into the arena without her mother, who had rejected her. Instead she was accompanied by her doting substitute "mom", companion and guard, a sheep! The ewe was an obvious comfort to her, Ember would trot out, call for the sheep, who answered with a loud "Baaa", then trot back to her. Everyone enjoyed seeing her and was so happy she received a premie, which is a big accomplishment for a foal in this situation.

Champion colt was Fin S.R., sired by Anton Sport. Fin also earned a 2nd Premie for owner Chris Sable of Sable Ranch in Westcliffe, CO. Fin's animated and elegant trot was a joy to watch as he floated around the arena.

Also receiving 2nd Premies were Elevation's Moments of Zen, sire Ulbert Sport, owned by Acacia Coast (Reserve Champion), Derossi sired by Tietse Sport, and Dirck, another Ulbert Sport son. Dirck put on a great performance for the crowd and had a lot of energy for a foal who had made the long trip from South Dakota the day before.

This was a beautiful crop of Friesian babies and all that were presented earned premies.

There was only one yearling shown, a filly named Aje Niduna f., sired by Mintse Sport and owned by Sable Ranch LLC. This lovely young girl received a 3rd Premie.

This year there were five three year old mares presented for Ster: TooLooLaa, sired by Anne Sport, (3rd Premie), Uniqua, sired by Anton Sport, (No Premie), Tryntsje ut `e Leanen sired by Fabe, (3rd Premie), Trienke B., sired by Anne Sport (3rd Premie) and Teije P. (2nd Premie, Ster). Teije is sired by Wander and owned by Linda Catledge of Ft. Lupton, CO.

Of the eight mares shown in the Four Year and Older Studbook Mares for Ster, two made Ster. They were the lovely Raya, sired by Teeuwis (2nd Premie/Ster) and owned by Kris Scott of Littleton, CO. The other beautiful mare was Siapa, sired by Feike (2nd Premie/Ster) and owned by Paula Pederson from Rapid City, SD. Other mares participating in the class were Joy Fan Bonnie View, sired by

Nanning (3rd Premie), Jantja von Reh, sired by Jorrit (no Premie), Jenne C. sired by Jorrit (no Premie), Kyrie, sired by Wander (no Premie), Maggie, sired by Feitse P. (no Premie) and Mystere, sired by Wicher (no Premie).

Five mares were originally scheduled to show in the Studbook Mare for Ster class but four scratched on the day of the inspection, leaving only one that actually showed. Receiving a 3rd Premie was Brecht Ans, a nine year old daughter of Anton Sport, who is owned by Michele Leonard of Castle Rock, CO. Brecht Ans is gorgeous and wowed everyone with her beauty, especially her delicate features and beautiful shiny mane which was in perfect condition and hung to her knee!

Seven geldings were shown for Studbook and Ster, they were: Rohan, sired by Rintse (3rd Premie), Germ van de Zonschate, sired by Fabe (3rd Premie), Ids S.W., sired by Tsjerk Pref. (no Premie), Tucson Stormy Knight, sired by Beart Sport, (no Premie), Teake Bart S., sired by Dirk Sport (no Premie), Olivier van het Kasteel sired by Lefferet Sport Pref., (no Premie) and Victor N., sired by Nanning (no Premie).

There were four mares who were shown in the seven year and older Ster mare for Premie class: Bente van de Stroeve Hoeve, a nine year old mare sired by Anton Sport and eleven year old Viduna, sired by Jillis both received 2nd Premies. These lovely mares are owned by Allison Gelfand of Westcliffe, CO.

Receiving a 1st Premie in this class was Ypkje D., a gorgeous ten year old mare sired by the legendary Feitse Pref. This stunning mare has produced six foals: a yearling and two year old colt, and four Ster offspring: two 1st Premie Ster mares, one 2nd Premie Ster mare and one Ster stallion. The stallion is three year old Tettrino van het Kasteel who received his Ster ranking earlier in the day. With Tettrino's Ster Ypkje D. became Ster and Preferent, which was announced by Jan Hendricks while Ypkje was still in the arena. Ypkje is owned by Sherri Fair of Kasteel Friesians in Calhan, CO.

And then we all had very exciting news! Receiving a 1st Premie and becoming Colorado's first Crown mare, was Warber D., a stunning ten year old mare sired by Yk 339. Warber's mother's sire was the incredible Barteld, sired by Naen Pref. Barteld has had so much positive influence on the Friesian horse in America and you could see the beautiful motherline in Warber who is a strong, powerful and athletic mare. Warber is owned by Gayle and J.R. Blumenthal of Blumenthal Friesians in Ft. Collins, CO.

Both owners of these mares are very involved with Friesian horses in Colorado. Gayle shared site host responsibilities this year and has hosted the inspection herself in the past. Sherri is the president of the Colorado Friesian Horse Club and has been instrumental in setting up the club. The applause for these two

dedicated ladies and their outstanding mares was loud and long, it was a special day for everyone who got a chance to see these exceptional mares.

It has to be noted that our runners did an awesome job! Bruce and Staci Griffin of Griffin Sport Horses traveled to Colorado from Virginia to show Friesians, along with Alex Gibson from Wyoming. There are not enough good things to be said about these amazing athletes who ran thirty one horses at the inspection. At a Rocky Mountain high altitude of 5280 ft, that is truly an accomplishment!

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the event such a great success, it was a wonderful and memorable day!