



## Need to know

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*when breeding with Dansk Varmblod in the USA*

**Remember ALWAYS to get the horse's original papers**  
(either the "Registreringsattest" or the equine passport and owner certificate)  
before you pay for the horse!

### Foals

#### The covering

In order to breed Dansk Varmblod, both sire and dam must have been graded (scores noted and selected) to the breed of Dansk Varmblod's studbook.

When the mare has been covered, the stallion keeper/A.I. centre issues a covering certificate, which is sent to Dansk Varmblod. The mare owner gets a copy.

#### When the foal is born

When the foal is born, the mare owner forwards a foal registration – per fax or letter – to Dansk Varmblod. The foal registration can be found on [www.danishwarmblood.org](http://www.danishwarmblood.org)  
It is recommendable that the foal has been named already by then.

*All foals must be DNA tested.*

#### Equine passport

Afterwards the foal has been marked with the Crown and Wave over the three last figures of its registration number, an internationally acknowledged equine passport is issued.

#### Foal show

Foals may come forward for the judges at a foal show. This is not a grading, but is only considered as kind of an informal and provisional valuation as a part of a show. Scores for type, conformation, legs, walk, trot, canter, and total impression are given. The foal may receive a 1st or 2nd prizing, corresponding with the score for total impression.



*Foal of the Year 2005, Noble Art, by Nobleman, born with Jan Opstrup in Randers*



## Mares

Mares can be valued already as a 2-year-old.

This is not a grading, but is only considered as kind of a provisional valuation.

Normally, mares are graded as 3-year-olds, but can be selected to the breed also as older mares.

Pure Thoroughbred and Arabic pedigrees are acknowledged on the same footing as mares that are born as Dansk Varmblod mares. According to the rules of Dansk Varmblod, a mare can be selected to other breeding societies, too.

### Saddle grading

A lot of breeders choose to enter their mares for saddle grading as 3-year-olds, if they are mentally and physically mature for the test.

Saddle grading means that they are both valued on the exterior as well as their riding- and jumping abilities.

According to the rules, in order to have a son valued at the Pre-selection (and stallion grading), the mare must have made a passed riding test, if she was born in 2001 or later.

Especially if the mare is already in foal, it is recommended, that she at least comes forward for exterior valuation as soon as possible, so that the offspring is secured a registration as a Danish Warmblood, i.e. if the sire of the foal is acknowledged as breeding with the Dansk Varmblod breed.

If the mare is not graded, and she passes away for example in connection with or just after the foaling, the foal would not be recognised as a Danish Warmblood, and consequently, it cannot be graded to the main studbook when grown.

Please take a look at the leaflet "What is..." explaining the different possibilities for mare gradings and -tests.



*Polka Hit Nexen, by Sandro Hit, was bred by Hans Jul Andersen in Suldrup. She was graded and passed her 1-day test in 2005, and at the Elite Mare Show she received a Gold Medal*



## Stallions

The basis of the slightly different rules as regarding to the rules of stallion grading in the USA is to keep it simple without compromising with quality.

The rules regarding pedigree and x-rays are like the ones complying in Denmark. The stallions are judged and graded by two judges from Dansk Varmblod.

The approved stallions are entered on a special stallion list in Denmark for sires standing and graded in the USA, and they are entered without the annual stallion list entry fee. When given the 2 years' breeding approval, an entry fee is paid to Dansk Varmblod, and at final grading, a one-off stallion list entry fee is paid to Dansk Varmblod.

Riding test in connection with final grading is passed as described further down below.

### 2½-year-old stallions:

Selection for 2 years of provisional breeding approval can be done.

Digital x-ray pictures that are no older than ½ year old must be shown.

DNA tests must be OK.

### 3- to 3½-year-old stallions:

Selection for 2 years of provisional breeding approval can be done.

Digital x-ray pictures that are no older than ½ year old must be shown.

DNA tests must be OK.

A riding test equal to the saddle grading test for mares must be passed.

### 4- to 4½-year-old stallions:

Selection for 2 years of provisional breeding approval can be done.

Digital x-ray pictures that are no older than ½ year old must be shown.

DNA tests must be OK.

A riding test equal to the saddle grading test for mares must be passed.



The elite stallion, Blue Hors Don Schufro

## Final breeding approval

Final breeding approval to breed as a Dansk Varmblod stallion, equally to the sires finally graded in Denmark, can be obtained ***if it can be documented that the following conditions are met:***

1. When the stallion is 4 years old, he must receive a score of 65% or better in two USDF sanctioned age-appropriate competitions (e.g. Training Level for 4-year-olds) at least one of which must be "the Material Class for 4/5 -Year-Olds " ***and***
2. During its 5<sup>th</sup> year, the stallion must receive a score of 65% or better in two USDF sanctioned age-appropriate competitions (e.g. First Level for 5-year-olds) at least one of which must be the "FEI Test for 5-Year-Olds".



### **Grading of stallions from other breed societies**

Each individual stallion's case is viewed upon separately, whether it can be approved for breeding with Dansk Varmblod or not.

Digital x-ray pictures that are no older than ½ year old must be shown.  
DNA tests must be OK.

### **Using graded stallions from other breed societies for mares selected to Dansk Varmblod**

The Danish rules apply.



### **The Show Jumping Programme**

Within Dansk Varmblod not only high class dressage horses are bred, but also top show jumpers like Olympic Silver Medalist, the approved Dansk Varmblod sire, Lando and the Bronze Medal mare, Andante, presently active under the rider, Tina Lund. Each year in the Danish test arenas, a number of young talents appear, showing off their superb capacity and show jumping technique.

In 2004, the breeding committee established the Show Jumping Programme with the strategic purpose to systemize and develop Dansk Varmblod show jumping lines and thus increase the overall jumping capacity and technique of the breed. Only mares and stallions of outstanding show jumping capacity in the pedigree, and who have proved their extraordinary quality in riding tests can be taken into this special programme. Having the special "jumping" mark on a pedigree is therefore very prestigious.

## **North American Danish Warmblood Association (NADWA)**

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