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## **Facts about the North American Danish Warmblood Association (NADWA)**

NADWA is the North American region of the Danish association  
'Dansk Varmblod' (Danish Warmblood)

*“Our breeding policy is to produce a riding horse with the ability to perform in dressage and show jumping competitions at an International level. The Danish Warmblood is noble, well-boned, and supple, possessing good durability and a high reproductive capacity.”*

### **The Danish Warm blood association is able to achieve the breeding objective because it:**

- holds ridden performance tests in which 3-year-old mares are trained by their owners or at a training centre.
- promotes the use of young stallions that have recently passed their performance test; this speeds up the selection of stallions by enabling those that produce offspring that are successful in the competition field to be identified earlier than normally elsewhere.
- arranges specialised dressage and showjumping tests for 5- and 6-year-old riding horses; these are held in collaboration with the Danish Equestrian Federation.
- focuses on goal-oriented breeding, which emphasises either dressage or showjumping talent as appropriate.
- is striving to improve the reproductive capacity of Danish Warmblood horses
- ensures that the pedigree certificates of Danish Warmblood horses are processed speedily and efficiently and uses the information from these documents as basis for the statistics generated when analysing progeny performance.
- the Danish Warm blood association also approves the use of a very limited number of absolutely top class stallions within its breeding plan.

### **Patroness Her Royal Highness Princess Benedikte**

The Danish Warmblood association is very proud to have Her Royal Highness Princess Benedikte as patroness. She is a keen rider and breeder and the owner of several Danish Warmblood horses. Her daughter, Princess Natalie zu Sayn Wittgenstein, has inherited her interest in horses and she was on the Danish National Olympic team in Sydney in 2000. For further information, see profile on HRH Princess Benedikte.

### **World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses**

As the only Danish breeding federation, the Danish Warmblood association is a member of the global breeding organization World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) which has Danish Warmblood's chairman, Mr. Jan Pedersen as President. Among other things, the WBFSH runs the World Championship for Young Horses in both dressage and jumping, and has its main

secretary at the headquarters office of the Danish Warmblood association at the Danish National Equestrian Center on Vilhelmsborg, in central Jutland.

### **How Danish Warmblood horses are doing internationally**

During the years, many international riders have been very successful with their Danish Warmblood horses and Danish Warmbloods always take part in the European Championships, the World Championships and the Olympic Games. In fact, at the Olympics in Athens several nations had each included a Danish Warmblood in their equestrian team. Today most Danish riders ride Danish Warmbloods. For further information on how Danish Warmbloods are doing, see our “profiles” section, which has profiles of some of the top Danish Warmbloods in the world, as well as in our “News” section where we regularly upload results from arenas in the U.S. as well as from around the world.

### **Guaranty of quality**

The Danish Warmblood brand, the crown and the wave, is seen only on the offspring with an approved and graded pedigree. The brand, along with an internationally approved pedigree, is a sign of quality and identity.

### **NADWA – an association**

NADWA, the North American region of the Danish Warmblood association was established in 2001. The association has a board and members, and further details on them are found in the “Contact” section.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### - **What is the North American Danish Warmblood Association?**

The North American Danish Warmblood Association, or NADWA as it is most often referred to, is the North American region of the Danish founded association "Dansk Varmblod" (Danish Warmblood). NADWA was founded in 2001 and has a board and members.

### - **What is a Danish Warmblood?**

A Danish Warmblood horse distinguishes itself by being a type rather than a particular breed. By being a type, as opposed to a breed, it gives breeders the possibility of crossing with other types and breeds, thereby enabling breeders to reach the breeding goal of having the perfect saddle horse much faster. Danish Warmbloods have for several years been crossed with only the best bloodlines in Europe ending up with a highly recognized type distinguishing itself by being a very noble horse with a high rideability, and not least durability something that dressage riders value highly. Danish Warmbloods are particularly being selected and graded on their fair looks and how anatomically correct they are.

### - **How much does a membership cost and what does it include?**

An annual membership costs between \$25 and \$150 depending on which type of membership you need. The specifications and prices are all listed in our "membership" section.

Among some of the benefits, a membership will include:

- our American member's magazine **Sport and Breeding** - sent to you 4 times a year,
- access to our international sales database with hundreds of Danish Warmbloods for sale,
- the option to participate in gradings of mares and stallions,

### - **What is "Sport and Breeding"?**

Sport and Breeding is the new American member's magazine. Sport and Breeding will be published four times a year by Wiegaarden, the publisher publishing our Danish member's magazine. It will be sent directly to the members and include information on the North American Danish Warmblood society, information on upcoming events, academic articles, as well as news from Dansk Varmblod in Denmark.

### - **What Danish Warmblood contacts are there in the U.S.?**

We have several representatives working here in USA. Apart from the president of NADWA and the members of the board, there are several ambassadors working for us throughout the US. For further information, please see the separate sheet containing all relevant contact information.

- **How do I become a member of NADWA?**

If you wish to become a member of NADWA, simply go to [www.danishwarmblood.org](http://www.danishwarmblood.org) and enter our 'membership section' and fill out our application form. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our secretary, Sharon London.

- **What are Ambassadors?**

Our ambassadors are voluntary workers from NADWA who are there to represent NADWA and help out our members with any questions they might have. They will also be the ones who will be setting up events such as mare gradings and stallion gradings, as well as year end awards. Just like the members, the ambassadors are breeders and riders, and are therefore able to help the members in many ways.

- **What is the NADWA Year-End Awards program?**

The North American Danish Warmblood Association (NADWA) has a national Sport Horse Award program and annually awards the performance on several divisions. The purpose of these awards is to encourage membership participation and to recognize the high level of achievement of Danish Warmbloods in the United States.

We offer year-end awards in the Hunter Division and the Jumper Division. The award year is December 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>;

**Hunters:**

Award year: December 1st through November 30th. Membership of owner and horse registration with NADWA is required by November 30th of the award year. Horses competing for Hunter awards must be recorded with USEF and have breed listed as Danish Warmblood with USEF. Awards will be given to the top horse nationally in Children's - Adult / Amateur, Junior - Amateur / Owner, and Open Hunters (combining green, conformation, and working hunter divisions)

**Jumpers:**

Award year: December 1st through November 30th. Membership of owner and horse registration with NADWA is required by November 30th of the award year. Horses competing for Jumper awards must be recorded with USEF and must list breed as Danish Warmblood with USEF. For 2005 the top horse in the combined divisions listed, and in future years for each of these categories:

Jumper awards will be given in the following categories:

- Adult / amateur - Children's
- Junior - Amateur / Owner
- Open Jumpers ( Level 1 - 8, Modified, Open, Grand Prix )

All awards will be based on results provided by USEF. Junior- Amateur / Owner and Grand Prix Jumper awards are based on money won. Children's Adult / Amateur awards are based on points accrued in the horse's home zone. Points accrued outside of the horse's home zone are not recorded by the USEF and therefore do not count towards NADWA awards.

- **How do I become eligible for awards?**

- Rider must be current member of NADWA in good standing.
- Owner of the horse (if not owned by rider) must be current member of NADWA in good standing.
- Membership of horses and copy of horses registration papers must be on file with NADWA.
- Please refer to the horses USDF name and the horse's registration name in parenthesis when corresponding with NADWA.
- Please also list any multiple addresses when sending in current membership.
- Papers must show current owner as "owner" (Ownership transfer may be necessary. Please contact NADWA for transfer of ownership form).

If you have any questions please contact NADWA for more details.

- **What does the crown and the wave mean?**

The Danish Warmblood brand, the crown and the wave, is seen only on the offspring with an approved and graded pedigree. The brand, along with an internationally approved pedigree, is a sign of quality and identity.

The crown and wave symbolize two of the most important things to Denmark - the endless costal lines surrounding Denmark, and one of Europe's oldest monarchies, the royal Danish family.

- **What is a high point award program?**

The award will be awarded to the highest score for a single ride. (USDF Championship classes excluded).

It will only be given to a NADWA member; owner, rider & horse must be members. Non-members can sign up for membership with the show management, show management will collect the check(s) and mail with membership application to NADWA's Award Chairperson.

- The award must be advertised at the show in the show program or other ways.
- The show management will contact NADWA's Award Chairperson to confirm the rider / owner / horse is current members of NADWA.
- Show management will provide score / level competing / name of horse / rider / owner of the winner to NADWA's Award Chairperson no later than 60 days after the end of the show.
- Show management will provide a show program to NADWA's Award Chairperson.

- **What is the Stallion Directory?**

The North American Danish Warmblood Association's (NADWA) Stallion Directory is a list of stallions approved by the Danish Warmblood Association for breeding. Some stallions are standing in the U.S. whereas others are standing in Denmark or Europe, but are otherwise approved for export of semen to the U.S. Please go to our website to find out more.

- **Where do I buy/sell Danish Warmblood horses?**

We are currently working on developing an international sales database containing only Danish Warmbloods. The sales database is of now not ready for use, but we are working to develop the best solution possible. As of now, we encourage you to visit our Danish sales database containing many Danish Warmbloods for sale.

<http://www.horse.dk/uk/breed/dv/>

When our new sales database is ready for use, you will be able to browse through hundreds of Danish Warmbloods, as well as be able to sell your Danish Warmblood in the biggest Danish Warmblood forum ever.

We must make it clear that users who wish to use the sales database for selling horses, the service will not be free of charge. Just like our existing Danish sales database, users will be subject to a charge. However, members of NADWA will naturally receive a discount.

- **What is the 2006 Inspection Tour?**

Every other year, since 1996, NADWA has in collaboration with the organization in Denmark organized Inspection Tours in the U.S. The goal of the Inspection Tours is to evaluate and approve young Danish Warmblood foals for registration and branding, as well as evaluate and grade mares for approval of breeding Danish Warmbloods.

**NB!** As of 2006, the team of experienced Danish judges will also be evaluating and approving stallions for approval of breeding.

For more information concerning the various inspection sites as well as the rules for grading, please go to our website and enter the 'About Us' section where you will more information on the 2006 Inspection Tour.



## **Ms Karin Dilou**

### **President of the North American Danish Warmblood Association**

In 2003, Karin was elected president of the North American Danish Warmblood Association (NADWA), the North American branch of the Danish founded 'Dansk Varmblod' (Danish Warmblood). She was elected due to her great enthusiasm for Danish Warmbloods as well as for her great commitment to bettering the knowledge of Danish Warmbloods in the U.S.

As President of NADWA, Karin has over the past three years met with many owners of Danish Warmbloods here in the U.S., informing them about NADWA, and the benefits of being a part of this association.

Karin Dilou has been living in the U.S. for the past twenty years. Since early childhood she has had a keen interest in horses, an interest which she recently realized with the acquisition of two RDH mares from Denmark. She lives in her beautiful home in Nicasio, CA, together with her two sons Peter and Christian, as well as her six horses. She very much enjoys hunting, and spends most of her spare time and weekends on hunts all over the country.



## **Mr. Jan Pedersen**

### **President of the Danish Warmblood Association**

Since 1994, Jan Pedersen has been the president of the Danish Warmblood association. Ever since Jan Pedersen was a kid he has been surrounded by horses, starting early by dragging wood out of the nearby forest using a team of horses, and later on to becoming a breeder of Danish Warmbloods.

Jan Pedersen and his wife Bodil live together with their two daughters, Julie and Matilde, on a farm in the northern part of Jutland, Denmark. As of this moment they have twelve horses, from foals to full-grown mares and stallions. Their biggest success in breeding was in 2001 when their mare Andorra won a gold medal at the annual Elite Mare Show in Denmark, a prestigious show where only the best mares in Denmark are invited to compete for the title “Mare of the Year”, as well as compete for gold, silver, and bronze medals. The mare Andorra was sold as a dressage horse to the U.S.

A part from being a breeder himself and being engaged in the many activities that come with being president of the biggest breeding association in Denmark, Jan Pedersen is also a full-time teacher at a nearby college where he teaches German.

Jan Pedersen is also President of WBFHS - the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses. At this moment the WBFHS is the only international Federation of Studbooks for Sport Horses in the world. The WBFHS is the major connection between the breeding organizations of sport horses and the international equestrian sport (FEI).



## **HRH Princess Benedikte**

### **Patroness of the Danish Warmblood Association**

In 1986 Her Royal Highness Princess Benedikte became the Patroness of Danish Warmblood Society. The Princess is both an active breeder and rider. Many great horses are born in her stables, of which several are Danish Warmbloods. HRH Princess Benedikte and her husband HH Prince Richard zu Sayn-Wittgenstein-Berleburg live in the wonderful castle of Berleburg in the mid-western part of Germany.

At the age of five, Princess Benedikte found herself for the first on the back of a horse. “There I was, this little girl on a giant horse! Instantly my mother saw my interest and excitement with the horse, and she bought a pony for me. At the time, there were no small horses in Denmark, so mother had to buy it in England and have it shipped to our home at Fredensborg,” says princess Benedikte.

Princess Benedikte shares her passion for horses with her daughter, HH Princess Nathalie, who is also an active rider and was in 2002 winner of the National Championships in Dressage. Princess Nathalie is on the national team, and is often sent to world championships as well as Olympics.

In August 2005, HRH Princess Benedikte put up for auction one of her foals. It was at the Elite Foal Auction taking place at the annual Elite Mare Show at Vilhelmsborg, the headquarters of the Danish Warmblood association. The foal was sold for \$18,000 – to an American.