

Breed of the Month: Canadian Warmblood

European-style registry meets North American advantages

The Canadian Warmblood breed has Old World bloodlines and New World vitality.

Warmblood genetics are universally available, particularly in the age of frozen semen and embryo transfer. Canadian breeders are utilizing these Old World genetics in their own way, emphasizing refinement and ridability to produce athletic horses that meet the needs of amateur and professional riders in North America.

What makes the Canadian Warmblood horse unique is our ideal growing conditions. Pasture-raising in larger groups and growing up in a natural way results in horses that are sound and sane. Properly socialized, Canadian-bred horses have good minds and are accustomed to the outdoor environment. Freedom to move, coupled with appropriate stress at the right times, produce strong bones and tendons and a legacy for long-term soundness.

Canadian Warmbloods you might know: **Pikardi** (Pointmaker – Delany, by Diamont) (pictured), a 1997 gelding, is currently competing at Grand Prix with Canadian Olympian Bonny Bonnello. **Travolta** (Ferro – Lurosa, by Landwind II), a 2000 gelding owned and ridden by Joni Lynn Peters, won 2009 USDF All-Breeds awards at Prix St. Georges and Intermediate I. **Duffy** (Rapide – Kappaquidity, by Liquidity), a 1995 gelding owned and ridden by Linda Schutte, is a multiple USDF award winner. **Lanzar**, a 1997 gelding (Florian – Fancy, by Champion), is competing at Grand Prix under new rider Aaron Wilson for owner Tana McClure-Arendts. Jennifer McKenzie, owner and rider of the 1995 mare **Valentine II** (Vulcaan – Tiki Tez, by Delyle Tez), competed for Canada in para-equestrian dressage at the

2008 Paralympics. With owner/rider Holly Bergay, the 1990 mare **Soliloquy** (Frontenac – China Lady) has won numerous USDF All-Breeds awards and was fifth at the 2008 FEI North American Junior and Young Riders' Championships.

The organization: Canada, like most major horse-breeding countries, has a national registry for warmblood horses: the Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association (CWHBA). Since its inception in 1988, the CWHBA has grown to become one of the largest warmblood registries in North America, based on foal registrations.

The goal of the CWHBA is to provide Canadian breeders a full-service European-style breeding organization that will allow them to utilize Canada's ideal rearing conditions to produce high-quality warmblood horses to international standards.

All-Breeds awards offered: All performance and sport-horse-



STRONG PERFORMER: *The Canadian Warmblood Pikardi and rider Bonny Bonnello have qualified for Canada's 2010 World Equestrian Games dressage squad*

breeding categories.

How to participate: The horse must be a registered Canadian Warmblood (at birth), and the owner must be the owner of record. Horses that are double-registered must be declared with USDF as Canadian Warmbloods.

Organization contact info: *Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association:* CanadianWarmbloods.com or (306) 373-6620. ▲

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The All-Breeds program is designed to recognize the accomplishments of specific breeds in dressage. All participating organizations offer "open" year-end awards from Training Level through Grand Prix, and some offer awards in additional categories, such as adult amateur, junior/young rider, and dressage sport-horse breeding. Registry representatives are usually on hand to help bestow awards at the banquet held during each year's USDF convention.

All-Breeds award eligibility requirements include memberships and horse registrations with both USDF and the participating organization. For details and a list of current participating organizations, visit usdf.org. For more information about All-Breeds awards program participation, send e-mail to allbreeds@usdf.org.