



## Finnish Warmblood

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## History

- The breeding association for warmblood horses was founded in 1926.
- Its aim being to breed a warmblood riding horse suitable for sports and the military service
- Nowadays horses for Olympic sport
- Registers and studbooks moved over to Suomen Hippos in 1986.
- Definition of Finnish Warmblood in 1995.



## Breeding goal - FWB

- A elegant horse, with good self balance, well proportioned and a modern sport horse. It has good movements and jumping ability, good temperament and high rideability. It is a versatile horse with high performance capacity in international level, especially for dressage and show jumping.



Arctic Aurora Borealis and Peder Fredricson



Davidoff and Diederik van Silfhout

## Statistics

- 70 000 horses in Finland (all breeds), 22 % of these warmblood riding horses
  - number of warmblood riding horse foals/year
- |      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|
| 2008 | 2005 | 2003 | 1995 |
| 400  | 310  | 270  | 170  |
- 130 stallions are used for breeding/year (huge use of foreing stallions)
  - 100 mares are taken in studbook every year



Wonder Wijonka

## Finnish Horse Breeding Association – Suomen Hippos

- Register coverings and foals of every breed
- Issue passports
- DNA kontrol and ID marking
- Maintenance of horse database <http://heppa.hippos.fi/heppa/app>
- Oversees the directive for breeding of FWB
- Organise the young horses' conformation evaluations and stubook inspections for mares and stallions
- Keeps studbook for FWB

## Finnish Breeder's Association Ratsujalostusliitto

- The main purpose is to develop the breeding of Finnish Warmblood
- Member association of Suomen Hippos
- Co-operate partner in the breeding issues for FWB horses (breeding aims, contents of the breeding definition)
- Organise the capacity testing and young horse competitions

## Events

### Foals

- Regional shows
- Breeder's day

### Young horses

- Capacity testing for 2 and 3 y.o.
- Quality testing for 4 years old
- 5 year Derby in jumping/dressage
- Breeders' Prize for 6 years old

### Mares

- Regional studbook inspection

### Stallions

- Performance test



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## Young horse tests (all genders)

- Capacity testing 2 and 3 years old
  - Regional tests and final
  - Gaits and free jumping
- Riding horse quality testing 4 years old (and 5 years mares that had a foal)
  - One test/year
  - Health, conformation, gaits at hand and under rider, show jumping under rider
  - The horses can be entered either for the dressage or show jumping
  - The dressage horses do a small jumping test and the jumping horses are evaluated also for their gaits.

## Judging of mares

- Young horse tests
- Studbook inspection
  - Conformation
  - Gaits at hand
  - Riding test



Grainie Green

## Selection of stallions

- Pedigree requirements
- 3 years old
  - 3 days → one year approval
- 4-6 years old
  - 5 days → five years approval
- Older stallions with competitions results
  - five years approval
- Stallions approved in other stb
- Reinspection based on offspring evaluation



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## Young horse competitions

- 5 years Derby
  - Dressage and show jumping
- Breeders' Prize
  - Dressage and show jumping
- Festival for Young Horses
  - 3 day competition only for young horses

## Education

- Education of judges
- Seminars and courses
- Co-operation with other organisations and projects



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## In the future

- More detailed breeding objectives
- Genetic evaluation based on capacity testing, riding horse quality testing and competitions results
- International co-operation



## Finnish Warmblood in sport

- Arctic Aurora Borealis
- Chauvinist
- H&M Tamina
- St Cissy
- Bear Bay Dartagnan
- Four Winds la Mer



St Cissy and Niclas Aromaa

- Davidoff
- Donnperignon
- Royale de Topaz