

Breed of the Month: Canadian Warmblood

Canadian Warmblood is a European modeled Warmblood registry meeting North American advantages



STRONG PERFORMER:

The Grand Prix Canadian Warmblood PIKARDI and rider BONNY BONELLO in 2010, qualified for 2010 WEG

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The Canadian Warmblood breed has Old World European 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 rideability to produce athletic horses that meet the needs of amateur and professional riders in North America.

Canadian Warmbloods carry all the important European bloodlines, from historic lines to such modern day superstar lines as Donnerhall, Florestan, Gribaldi, Ramiro, Rubinstein, Sandro Hit, Voltaire, Weltmeyer, and many more.

What makes the Canadian Warmblood horse special 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, produces strong bones and tendons and a legacy for long-term soundness.

Canadian Warmbloods you might know:

- **Pikardi** (Pointmaker - Delany/ Diamont) is a 1997 Canadian Warmblood gelding currently competing at Grand Prix with past Canadian Olympian, Bonny Bonello. At the Kentucky Cup Dressage CDI3* Lexington, held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY, April 20-22, 2010, the pair earned 68.638% in the Grand Prix test to take 3rd place, and then scored 70.292% for 2nd place in the Grand Prix Special held the following day. They were named to the Canadian 2010 European Tour from May to July for qualified riders in preparation for the WEG.

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- **Travolta** (Ferro - Lurosa / Landwind II) a 2000 Canadian Warmblood gelding owned and ridden by Joni Lynn Peters won 2009 USDF All-Breeds awards for I1 & PSG. Currently competing at Advanced with many top scores at Prix St Georges and I1 in California in 2010. *Pictured at left.*

- **Duffy** (Rapide - Kappaquidity / Liquidity; registered as: Ivachildhood Dream), a 1995 Canadian Warmblood gelding owned and ridden by Linda Schutte, are multiple USDF award winners and compete at Third Level.
- **Lanzar** (Florian - Fancy / Champion), a 1997 Canadian Warmblood gelding, has won multiple USDF year-end & All Breed awards under previous riders, Canadian Equestrian Team member Leslie Reid and Rochelle Kilburg, and is competing 2010 at Grand Prix under new rider Aaron Wilson for Owner, Tana McClure-Arendts.
- **Valentine II** (Vulcaan - Tiki Tez / Delyle Tez), a 1995 Canadian Warmblood mare, competed for Canada in Para-Equestrian Dressage at the 2008 Paralympics with owner and rider Jennifer McKenzie.
- **Soliloquy** (Frontenac - China Lady), a 1990 Canadian Warmblood mare, won numerous USDF All-Breeds awards with owner/rider Holly Bergay including a 5th 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).

Canada has followed the European format of having one national warmblood registry rather than a number of daughter registries. In this way, the CWHBA has been able to offer a unified approach to warmblood breeders in Canada. 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 warmblood 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-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.

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