

Dutch Warmbloods Shine in Wins, Rankings

The sport breed has proven its mettle.

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If you compete in any discipline where the sport horse is the equine model of choice, then you already have a healthy respect for Dutch Warmbloods. Once again, the official registry of Dutch horses in North America, the KWPN-NA, has announced that Dutch horses proved their mettle with numerous grand prix wins in dressage and jumping. Dutch horses also enjoyed high rankings by the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH.) The WBFSH ranks both studbooks and individual horses in the three Olympic disciplines (jumping, dressage and eventing) and Dutch horses have been among the best since the world rankings were created.

“North American Dutch breeders have worked to educate themselves not only on bloodlines, but also the best way to raise young horses,” says KWPN-NA Chairman of the Board of Directors, Christine McCarthy. “The results of these efforts are starting to show.”

Two of the most prominent Dutch Warmbloods are Beezie Madden’s Olympic team gold medal mount, Authentic, and the famous hunter, Popeye K. With such high profile winners, sport horse breeders are beginning to realize that they don’t need to look overseas for quality show horses.

“Dutch breeders carefully consider the best athletic bloodlines,” McCarthy states. “A horse like Authentic is the result of the analysis of what constitutes a good cross.”

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