

Stallion Testing in North America



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December 19, 2007 was an historic day for the Friesian Horse in North America. We now have four stallions in Hanford California at the DG Bar Ranch, undergoing the 70 day testing with the training of Willy Arts. They're from various places in North America, including Ontario Canada, Iowa, Nevada and Central California. Stallion testing in North America was spearheaded by Pier VanDerHoek, when he was a FHANA board member, and JR Blumenthal, our board member who is also a KFPS judge. FHANA needed to have a place in North America where the stallions could go to do the 70 day testing, with the assurance that they would get the same type of training available in the Netherlands. The hope is to make it more conducive for people who have selected stallions to be able to take them thru the approval process here in the US. Judges Fetse Veldstra and Bauke deBoer were here to do the first look at the four stallions in residence at DG Bar Ranch. They moved them down and back, walking and then trotting, saw them all under saddle, then moved all to the outside pen and watched them at liberty. The results were videotaped by DG Bar Ranch, for posterity. The judges appeared happy with the quality of the stallions and will be back around Jan. 25th or 26th for the next look. Come join us and watch as the stallions are looked at by the Judges. When the exact dates for the second look are finalized, we will post them and will look forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations to the Stallions and owners as well as Pier Van deHoek and J.R. Blumenthal for being a part of this historical moment.



Harold VR, (Sape381 x Oltman)



Michael W (Tsjerk 328 x Leffert 306)



Klaas, (Feike 395 x Ids 300)



Maurus, (Tsjerk 328 x Teunis 332)

The next viewing by the judges of the four stallions performing the 70-day test is scheduled for January 25th and 26th. It will take place in Hanford, California. All members are encouraged to attend and view history in the making. In the coming week, we will be putting together an e-mail blast to let our members know more details about the location and accommodations in the area.

I've posted pictures of the second viewing of the stallion testing. Feel free to view and enjoy. It was a great time, our hosts were wonderful and provided an excellent atmosphere for all of us. The third and final viewing by the judges is Feb. 26th & 27th. It is a highly recommended event to attend.

<http://picasaweb.google.com/friesianfire/MidTermStallionTestingDay1>

<http://picasaweb.google.com/friesianfire/MidTermStallionTestingDay2>

<http://picasaweb.google.com/friesianfire/MidTermStallionTestingDay202>