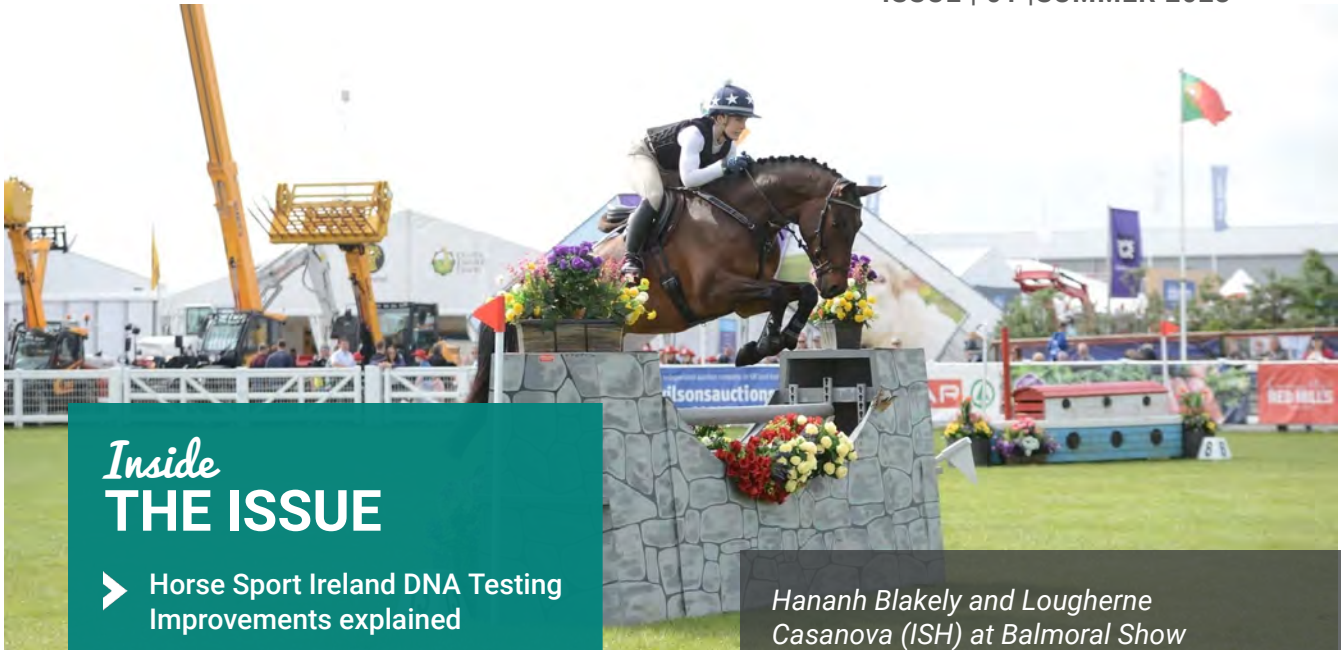




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Hananh Blakely and Lougherne Casanova (ISH) at Balmoral Show

LOUGHERNE CASANOVA WINS CHAMPION PERFORMANCE HORSE AT BALMORAL

The Bay gelding 'lougherne Casanova was in fine form at the recent RUAS Balmoral Show, winning the 6 & 7 Year Old 'Star of The Future' Championship

Breeding Details: LOUGHERNE CASANOVA, 2017 BAY GELDING
Sire: Lougherne Caravaggio; Dam: Lougherne Gypsy by Limerick
Owned and bred by Jane Allen- Collins



'In Focus' - Equines social license to operate

Dr Esther Skelly Smith takes a look at the equestrian social license to operate and how it impacts each of us.



H.S.I Launch Breeding Incentives for 2023

Horse Sport Ireland have recently launched their Breeding Incentives for 2023, check out their report inside to see of your eligible!



NIHB BREEDERS AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Award winners of the NI Horse Board Breeders Awards have been named! Check out our winners inside!

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Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading through the news stories within.

Throughout the Spring months, it has been a very busy month for our Northern Ireland bred horses, with success on both the National and International circuits.

As well as through the NI Horse Board sponsored 5,6 and 7 year old classes during the Meadows Spring Championships, we have been actively working on several projects that we are delighted to bring you further details on.



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HSI NEWS

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WE ARE IMPROVING EQUINE DNA ANALYSIS!

In 2022 Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) announced the Microsatellite (MS) to Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) DNA transition scheme. This scheme is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under National Breeding Services and Equine Technical Support funding.

Phase I of the transition saw an invitation to all Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine (DAFM) sport horse studbooks to participate in the scheme, funded under National Breeding Services operated by Horse Sport Ireland (HSI). Participating sport horse studbooks were allocated several SNP tests to generate a 'reference library' of their active breeding herd.

To date, The Connemara Pony Breeders Society, Kerry Bog Pony Co-operative, Irish Harness Racing Association, Leisure Horse Ireland and HSI studbooks (Irish Sport Horse, Irish Sport Pony, Irish Draught, Irish Cob, and Irish Part bred Cob studbooks) have re-analysed almost 10,000 mares and stallions on the SNP technology. This re-sampled population provides the basis for phase II of the project, implementing SNP parentage verification for the 2023 sport horse foal crop. In 2023 the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland (WSI) will also be engaged in this scheme.

This is a hugely significant move for the sport horse sector in Ireland; ovine and bovine parentage testing moved from MS to SNP testing in 2009. Equines are the only remaining species using MS for parentage verification. This transition provides Irish breeders with the opportunity to become world leaders in equine genetics, joining the KWPN and German Studbooks.

There are significant advantages to using the SNP technology in horses such as improved accuracy of pedigree, preservation of rare lines, monitoring health related genes and potential abnormalities, predicting coat colour and, in time, research on other breeding and performance related traits.

What does this change look like for Irish breeders?

Breeders may receive multiple hair sample bags for submission to their studbook during foal registration – this is normal!

You will still need your vet to mark, and hair sample your foals.

To generate a reliable SNP profile for the foal, it is essential to have the SNP genetic profiles of both parents of the animal. In some cases, only one parent will be SNP technology. This will require sire/dam AND foal hair samples for SNP typing. See our graphic below outlining when an MS test is required.

ALL HAIR SAMPLES MUST BE RETURNED TO THE PASSPORT ISSUING ORGANISATION (PIO) AND NOT THE LABORATORY.

Please ensure to submit all hair samples as directed in your foal kit.

The Veterinary Council of Ireland and Irish Equine Veterinary Association have been notified of this transition, the potential for multiple sample bags and to return hair sample bags to the PIO.

What kind of sample is required?

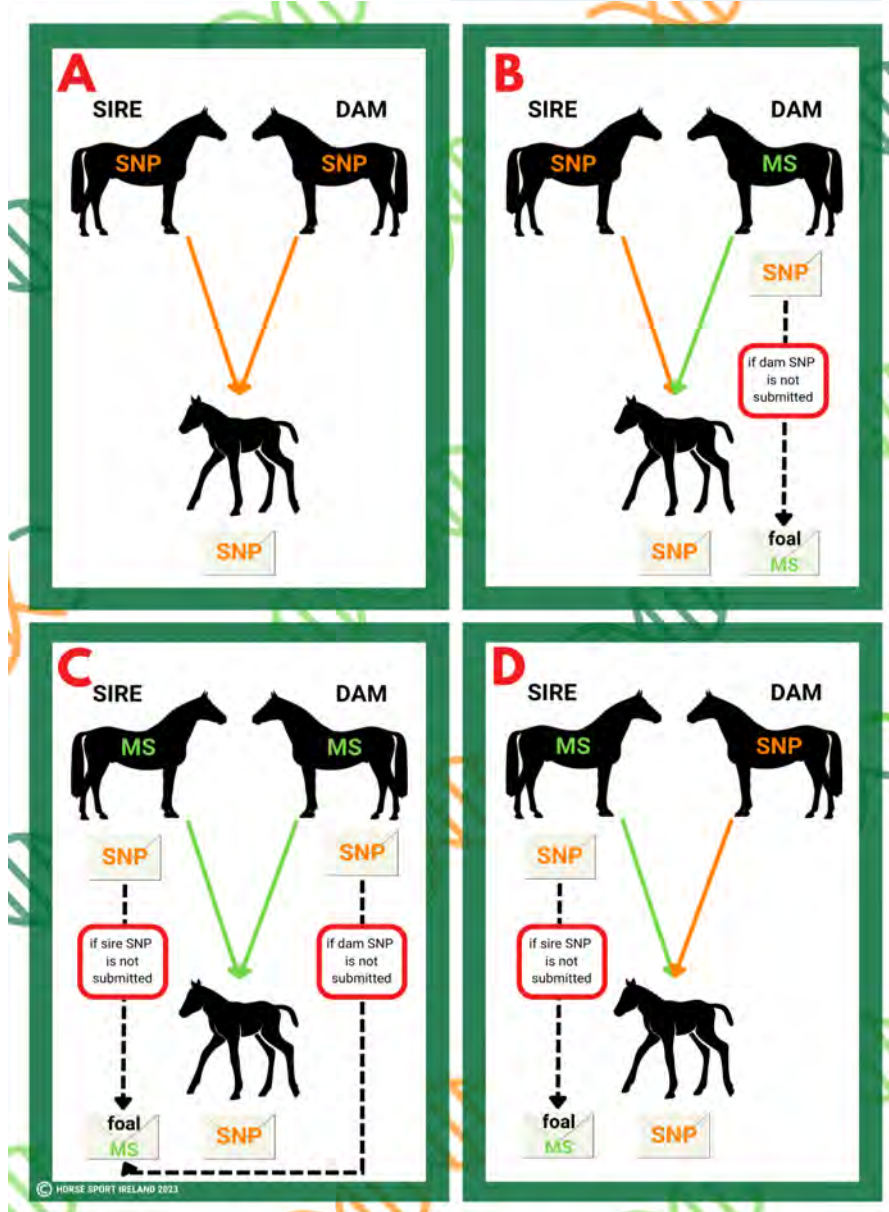
Good hair sampling is imperative for a successful transition. A minimum of 50 clean, intact hairs pulled from the root must be submitted to the PIO for SNP sampling. These hairs must have the follicle/hair blub intact. Please ensure there is no soap or other residue on these hairs.

What is the cost?

There is no cost to the breeder for SNP testing of the sire, dam or foal. Dam/Sire SNP testing is supported by the DAFM-HSI National Breeding Services at 100%.

Foal SNP typing is supported by the DAFM Equine Technical Support fund at 70%, the other 30% is included in the studbook registration fee.

MS technology is no longer supported by the DAFM and participating sport horse studbooks. If a breeder requires a MS test, they will be required to cover the laboratory cost of approximately €31.50 to the registering studbook. It is important that stallion SNP samples are submitted if requested to prevent this cost to the breeder. If you have already received a request for your stallion hair sample, please return this to the registering studbook as soon as possible.



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How do I know if my mare/stallion was included in the reference library?

It is not possible for any PIO to predict all potential breeding stallions and mares in the reference library. If you are breeding this year and would like to ensure your stallion/mare is on the SNP technology, please fill out the contact form via the Breeder 'G' Checker button below. If they are not included in the reference library, the studbook will issue the required sample bags

Many PIOs are working to upgrade their websites to offer an online 'G' (SNP genotype) checker function. This will remove the need to request information as you will be able to check this online.

I am breeding from a non-pregnant OR maiden mare; will she be on SNP?

She may be on the platform if she has foaled in the previous three years OR engaged in previous National Breeding Service schemes. Please fill out our contact form via the Breeder 'G' Checker button below to make a request. If they are not included in the reference library, the studbook will issue the required sample bags.

I am a stallion owner/agent, what do I do?

If you are a stallion owner or agent, you are obliged to ensure that your stallion meets the DNA testing requirements of the studbooks for which the progeny is to be entered. DAFM has declared that SNP is the DNA platform to be applied by the sport horse sector in Ireland.

Please check IHR online by searching the equine in question. If only MS is entered in the DNA section, then the horse is not in the reference library. Please contact the studbook and they will issue the required sample bags.

This is particularly important for stallions standing abroad, where a hair or semen sample may be required to prevent the additional MS testing cost to breeders who are expecting 2023 foals.

Please see example below of DNA type checker on IHR online.



Irish Horse Register - Horse Search

SEARCH AGAIN CLEAR

Display Traditional Animals Only

SNP DNA Test: **SNP** | Microsatellite DNA test: **MS**

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	Animal Name	YOB	Sex	Breed/ PIO	Colour	Sire Name	Dam Name	Breeder	Trad	DNA Type
VIEW	CARLINGFORDS JACK POT	2016	COLT	ISH	BAY	FOR PLEASURE	CARLINGFORDS BURBERRY	PATRICK MICHAEL HUGHES		MS
VIEW	CARNEYHAUGH TROIJAN	2016	STALLION	ISH	CHESTNUT	FOR PLEASURE	CARNEYHAUGH ALLEGRO	PATRICK BREEN		SNP MS

IN FOCUS

Social License to Operate - Why it matters to the horse industry in NI.

Dr Esther Skelly-Smith BVMedSci (Hons) BVM BVS PCAC PgCert (WVA&CPM) MRCVS

What do we mean by “Social License to Operate”?

Social license to operate first arose in 1997 in the mining industry since then it has become more relevant across a range of industries including farms, zoos, circuses and more recently to the equestrian world. “A social license is said to exist when an industry or activity has the ongoing acceptance or approval of society, and it allows that industry to operate with minimal restriction” (Douglas et al, 2022).



The legal right to operate is granted by legislation and government, whereas the social license to operate is an implied agreement between the public or its stakeholders and those who engage in the activity. However, if the public rejects an activity it is possible for legislation to follow. One such example being the ban on hunting.



Social license to operate is an increasingly important concept in the horse industry. It refers to the level of acceptance and support that a horse business or organisation has among its stakeholders, including the public, customers, employees, local communities, and regulatory agencies. This social license is essential to the sustainability and success of any equine operation, as it establishes trust, transparency, and accountability in all its activities.

Why should we as horse owners be mindful of the social license to operate?

One of the main reasons why equine social license to operate has gained prominence is the growing awareness of animal welfare and environmental concerns. Horse businesses are expected to operate in a transparent, responsible, and ethical manner, ensuring the well-being of their animals and minimising their impact on the environment. No part of the horse industry is exempt from the power that can be exerted by its social license. If one part of the industry brings equestrianism into disrepute it could be very difficult for the whole industry to recover. We must therefore be aware of and value our equine social license to operate and ensure that there are ways to measure these standards and to communicate them to the public.

How can equestrians protect the social license to operate?

To achieve equine social license, all horse owners, equestrian businesses, and stakeholder need to engage in a variety of activities that demonstrate their commitment to social responsibility.

These activities may include:

1. Developing and implementing animal welfare policies that align with industry standards and best practices.
2. Conducting regular audits and inspections to ensure compliance with animal welfare, safety, and environmental regulations.
3. Providing training and education to staff, customers, and stakeholders on proper horse care, handling, and management.
4. Participating in community events and initiatives that promote equine welfare, environmental stewardship, and sustainable development.
5. Openly communicating about the industry's activities, values, and impacts, including its challenges and opportunities.

Equine social license to operate is not just a matter of good public relations or marketing. It is a fundamental shift in the way horse businesses operate, recognising that their success depends on the health and well-being of their animals, their employees, and their communities. By earning and maintaining social license, horse businesses must build trust and credibility with their stakeholders, reducing the risk of negative publicity, backlash, and legal action.

In conclusion, equine social license to operate is a critical concept for any horse business or organisation that seeks to thrive today. By adopting a socially responsible approach to their activities, horse businesses can develop strong relationships with their stakeholders, establish themselves as leaders in their industry, and contribute to a better future for horses and humans alike. Whether you are a horse owner, a trainer, a breeder, or a competition organiser, it is in your best interest to embrace equine social license to operate as a core foundation for your operation.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Esther Skelly Smith is a veterinary surgeon with extensive experience in equine veterinary practice, with a special interest in equine welfare, sports medicine, and rehabilitation. Esther is the current President of both BVA's Northern Ireland Branch and NIVA. She also holds many notable roles such as: equine expert on the College Advisory Group for the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise; the Northern Ireland Representative on the UK Notifiable Equine Diseases Core Group; is also an Ulster Farmers Union Next Generation Development Forum member and was BVA's NI Regional representative.

Graduating in 2012 from the University of Nottingham, Esther interned at the Animal Health Trust in Newmarket before establishing Shanaghan Veterinary Services which is Ireland's first equine integrated veterinary referral service, in 2017. She is also an Honorary Lecturer with Queen's University Belfast, acting as a supervisor and placement provider for undergraduate and postgraduate research projects and lecturing on equine welfare.

Spring 2023

Hickstead Success for Ellen

Congratulations to another Northern Region rider also having success at Hickstead. Ellen McDonald placed 7th in the FEI Junior Team Test at the FEI I.C.E. Horseboxes All England Dressage Competition on Friday with a score of 63.889%.



The class was won by Mette Dahl (GB) on a score of 71.818. Cillian Curran was placed =8th on a score of 63.485. 🏆 🌟

In the FEI Junior Individual Championship Test Cillian Curran was 7th with 66.47%. Ellen McDonald was 10th with 65.441%. The class was won by Mette Dahl on 70.049%

CPEDI 2 * Grade V Success for Lucinda

Well done to our Northern Region rider Lucinda Blakiston Houston and her success at Hickstead this week with her horse home bred 'Beltrim Double G'. She took the freestyle class with a 68.1 % at CPEDI 2 * Grade V



Dressage Ireland Northern Region

Summer League Dates

28th May - Laurelview
11th June - Connell Hill
25th June - Connell Hill
8 & 9th July - Castle Irvine
Summer Festival
23rd July - Danescroft
5th August - Knockaghview
19th August - Gransha
Finals 9th Sept TBC...

International Successes for NI Athletes

Grand Prix Kür result for Carolyn

At the three-star international show in Hickstead, Great Britain, Ireland's Carolyn Mellor placed eighth in the Grand Prix Kür (Freestyle to Music) with twelve-year-old KWPN gelding VSH Gouverneur M on a 68.745% total.





NI BREEDER AWARDS 2022

International SJ Award to:

Templepatrick Welcome Limmerick

2010 Bay Mare
Limmerick x Lux Z
Breeder: Dorothea Wilson
Owner: Robin Bingham



International Successes in 2022:

- Winner CSIO 3* Grand Prix- Vejer de la Fontera (ESP)
- 10th Place- CSIO5*- Dublin Horse Show Grand Prix
- Bronze Team Medalist- Junior European Championship (ESP)
- Winner- CSI 2* Grand Prix - Mullingar (IRL)
- Winner- CSI 2* Longine Rankings- Mullingar (IRL)
- Winner- CSI 2* RUAS Balmoral Grand Prix (IRL)
- 2nd- CSI2* RUAS Balmoral 2 Phase (IRL)

National SJ Award to:

Ludo's Promise

2017 Bay Mare
Hoeks Ludo W X Ramiro B X Touch Boy (ITB) X Touch Paper (ITB)
Breeder: Michelle McElhatton
Owner: Michelle McElhatton



People talk about “pinch me moment’s” in their lives and I am currently black and blue from all of the special moments I have had since she first made her show jumping debut in 2021 with Barry McCormack.

I bred and produced her dam up to 110cm, when I ran out of talent and bravery to go any further but I knew I had a special mare to breed from when the time was right. I always loved watching Barry McCormack and the little pocket rocket D Stud Image owned and bred by Gary Jackson and I was happy to buck the trend and use Gary’s stallion Hoeks Ludo W and breed myself a fun little horse.

What I breed has surpassed that fun little horse and I’ve a mare who has been consistent in her age and SJI classes the past two years finishing last year in the top ten combinations in Ulster on points and the only 5yr old. Barry’s time, patience and belief in her has allowed her to development mentally and physically and she has recently stepped up to her first 130 classes with ease.

As a complete hobby breeder, I hope that I can encourage other small breeders to keep going!

I want to thank the NIHB and HSI for their support and investment into the development of our young horses and giving breeders of every size a platform to showcase what we can produce here in Ireland.



International Eventing Award

Dassett Arthalent

2015 Bay Male
Valent x Nigrasine (GB)
Breeder: Catherine Abbott
Owner: Olivia Davidson

Dassett Arthalent was bred out of a Nigrasine mare, Timpany Night, an event mare which we bought from Davy Lyons and was successfully evented by Clare Abbott until she was injured in the field. We decided to breed from her while she recovered and we chose Valent, Rosbotham's stallion to cover her, on advice from our friend Caroline Berry. Valent is a lovely correct horse with scope to burn and a fabulous temperament, all of which he passed on to Arthur.



Arthur had bags of character and presence as a foal, full of confidence and easy to handle. We broke him in his 3-4 years, totally trouble free, always beautifully balanced and easily trained. He was riding in no time at all. From 4 year old he did a little show jumping and started to Event in his 5 year old year. He loved his Eventing job and progressed very quickly winning at National and International level.

Piggy March was told about Arthur, she came over and tried him and he went to his new home in England in October 2021. The decision to sell him was helped by knowing the calibre of rider he was getting. He went on with Piggy to win National Events, 2* and 3* International Events and the 7 year old British Championships.

In October 2022 Arthur went to the Young Horse World Championships in France where he went foot perfect and won the Silver Medal for 7 year old horses. Piggy is very good at keeping us up to date with his progress and we look forward to further success in the future.

National Eventing Award

C. J. O Kann Surprise

2017 Bay Male
Kannan x Lux Z
Breeder: Trevor Overend
Owner: Caroline & Carla Overend



CJO Kann Surprise was bred by the late Trevor Overend out of his homebred mare CJO Curiosity Lux and is by Kannan. He is still owned by his wife Caroline and daughter Carla. His first competitive year, in 2022, exceeded all our expectations. At five competitive outings he achieved a 2nd, 3rd and three 1st places.

These included:

- winning his eventing Ireland debut at Loughanmore in the EI100,
- Dublin 5 year old young event horse champion, leading the class from start to finish over two days
- winning the 5 year old NIHB performance class, with the highest score of the day from all ages
- 2nd and 3rd at the young event horse Dublin qualifiers

This year he is being campaigned for the 6 year old classes with Steven Smith at Smith Brothers' Eventing. We are delighted to win the national eventing breeders award with CJO Kann Surprise celebrating Trevor's achievement in breeding.



Dressage Award

Déjà vu Round Thorn

2008 Bay Gelding
Sandero x OO Seven
Breeder: Patrica Connon
Owner: Lisa Dundee

I got Déjà Vu RoundThorn as an unbroken 4 yr old from his breeder, Patricia Connon of RoundThorn Sport Horses and over the last eleven years he has progressed up the levels and is currently working at Inter II level.

He was chosen to be on the Sports N.I. Development Squad. (the only Irish bred horse in the Dressage Section).

He is a gentleman to work with and has had many compliments from any Trainer we worked with. I feel he has done Northern Ireland breeding proud!"

Quote from Lisa Dundee, Owner & Producer of Déjà Vu RoundThorn



Breeders Award

Valent

2002 Chestnut Stallion
Hors La Loi II x Lux Z
Breeder: GJW Sikes

Owner: Lisa Rosbotham / Keonan Stables



I am delighted to have been nominated for this award and thankful that Valent has been recognised for his influence on the Irish Sport Horse.

Valent has been a great servant to me both as an athlete in sport and as a breeding stallion. I feel very lucky to have owned a horse to take me to the highest levels within my sport, as well as to breed animals that I could only dream of.

Although I believe Valent, or Hank as he is fondly known, is one of the most underutilised assets breeders have standing here in Ireland, his strike rate is extremely impressive as a dual-purpose sire.

From his small crop of offspring, his progeny are already making a name for themselves both nationally and internationally, stabled in some of the top yards across the continent.

Cooley Rosalent will be competing this year with world number one event rider Oliver Townend, Jewelent placed in the Eventing Europeans under Irish Olympian Clare Abbott. 2022 Burghley winner Piggy March, has an exciting young horse in Arthalent.

In show jumping circles, Valent offspring compete with other top sired animals.

Valanna placed in the World Breeding Championships in Lanaken representing Italy, where Miss Valent also represented Ireland as a 6yo.

While Clovalent remains one of the most consistent performers on the national circuit at Grand Prix Level.

Irish Draught Breeders Award

Tullys Cherry

2016 Chestnut Mare
Skip and Sea x Crosstown Dancer
Breeder: Nigel & Charlotte Moore
Owner: Nigel and Charlotte Moore



Owned and bred by Charlotte and Nigel Moore.

Tullys Cherry is a home bred Class 1 Irish Draught mare by Skip and Sea out of Tullys Valley (Crosstown Dancer). She is produced and ridden by Sammy Weston. In 2022 she had a busy season qualifying for the Performance Irish Draught Championship at the RDS having participated in qualifiers at Rincoola

1st, Tullylish 3rd and Scarteen 2nd. At the IDHBA National Breed Show at Punchestown Cherry was Reserve Champion Working Hunter after being highest placed mare in the Open Working Hunter. She qualified for the NIHB Mare Development Series and achieved her Silver Merit for showjumping in the Irish Draught Studbook. With limited opportunities to compete in 2021 Cherry won the 4 & 5 year old Performance Irish Draught class at Balmoral and went on to claim the Performance Irish Draught Championship.

Irish Draught Award

Ballytrim Molly

2010 Chestnut Mare
Ballytrim Midnight Dancer x Come T
Breeder: Tony Agnew
Owner: Clare Liddle

1st NIRC Dressage Championships Prelim
1st Eventing Ireland Tyrella 3 EI100
20th Ballindenisk International 1*
24th Millstreet International 1*
1st Eventing Ireland Tullymurry EI110
1st Irish Draught WH Tattersalls July Show
35th/87 Blair International



Extensive competition history prior to 2022 including 3 time competitor RDS Performance ID, All Ireland WH Champion, Balmoral Show Performance ID 3rd 2021, and an full EI record.

Showing Award

My Diamond Solitaire

2017 Bay Male
Balief Guy x Bright Diamond
Breeder: Karen King
Owner: Karen King

Supreme Champion N.I.F. Cavan April.
Middleweight Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Balmoral May.
Middleweight Champion and Supreme Champion Necarne August.
5 year old Middleweight winner R.D.S. Dublin August.

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NEW Schemes for 2023

This year, HSI is delighted to introduce several new innovative schemes:

- Premium Mare Retention Scheme
- Colt Retention Scheme
- A graded Schooling Scheme (I & II)
- Environmental Research Report
- Environmental Sampling with the Irish Equine Centre
- ICSI* under the Embryo Transfer Scheme

HORSE SPORT IRELAND LAUNCH 2023 BREEDING INITIATIVES

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) is delighted to launch its breeding initiatives for 2023 and open schemes for applications.

These schemes are funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) through National Breeding Services to the tune of almost €2.9 million, with additional production classes and events to be launched in the autumn.

Through several schemes, the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine, and equestrian governing body HSI have collaborated to ensure monetary backing for Irish breeders across the country, in all DAFM-approved Studbooks and Irish-bred studbook registered horses.

Funding for existing schemes has been made available and Irish studbook breeders nationwide are encouraged to apply for grants such as;

- Horse Sport Ireland Studbook Series (SJ & EV)
- Breeding Grant Sponsorships
- Young breeder programme
- SNP transition Scheme
- Mare Upgrade Scheme
- Mare X-ray Screening Scheme
- Starting scheme (formerly breaking)
- Schooling Scheme
- Embryo Transfer Scheme*
- Stallion X-ray Scheme



Availing of this year's initiatives and schemes - funded by the DAFM and administered by HSI - will help equine breeders to grow their operation and ensure they have the best possible opportunity to make successful breeding decisions, helping them to boost sales and increase potential for elite performance.



	Scheme Name	Description	Application Deadline
Genetic Gain- Selection Accuracy	DNA SNP Transition	<p>This scheme follows the first phase in the project to transition of DNA analysis services from Microsatellite (MS) to Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) technology with Weatherbys Scientific (WS), which was to re-analyse approximately 10,000 DNA samples allocated by DAFM Approved studbooks.</p> <p>In 2023 this funding will be used to sample sires and dams of foals registered in DAFM approved studbooks.</p>	N/A
	HSI Studbook Series (HSI SS) (SJ & EV)	The series includes production classes for young horses in Show jumping and Eventing.	Click SJI or Click EV for details
	Mare X-Ray	This scheme incentivises owners of performance mares to complete an x-ray screening. Results of these screenings are fed back to mare owners, registering studbook and will be used in population genotyping..	30/6/2023
	Stallion X-Ray	This scheme is mapped on the mare x-ray screening programme and incentivises stallion owners with stallions with performance/out of inspected parents to complete an x-ray screening. Results of these screening are feedback to stallion owners, registering studbooks and will be used in population genotyping.	03/07/2023

	Mare Upgrade	Supporting Irish breeders to import mares and fillies in the top 10 percentile of their studbook of origin to be endorsed into DAFM Approved studbook cross breeding programmes. This supports the acceleration of superior genetics within the Irish herd and subsidises the cost to the Irish breeder of upgrading their breeding programme..	03/07/2023
Genetic Gain- Selection Intensity	Embryo Transfer	The embryo transfer scheme seeks to reduce the generation interval and promote selection intensity of high performance/genetic value mares in the broodmare herd. *this year ICSI will be funded under the scheme, provided there is a specific reason why the mare cannot complete an ET/carry/access to semen required.	26/06/2023
	Premium Mare Retention	It is vital that we encourage breeders to retain and breed from high merit performance mares. A new scheme for 2023, the mare retention scheme focuses on the support for breeders to professionally produce mares where they do not have the capacity to do so themselves. Mare must be campaigned in the HSI SS/equivalent.	26/6/2023
	Colt Retention	To encourage owners and breeders to retain and breed from colts which are of high merit or high genetic merit (rare bloodlines). This is a new scheme for 2023 and focuses on the support for breeders/owners to retain young colts (2 years) who are of high/genetic merit to Irish breeding programmes	26/06/2023
Production	Breeding Grant Sponsorships	Support for Breeding and production initiatives, classes and competitions at various equestrian shows and events. The aim of the Breeding grant initiative is to provide a pathway for breeding and production groups, societies and show associations to apply for funding for classes, production events and training bursaries designed to aid in the production of young horses	Allocated across shows/ initiatives



For details on all schemes, eligibility criteria and associated deadlines head over to our Breeding initiatives web page, or scan the QR code.



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Breeding Schemes and Initiatives are funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under National Breeding Services.

Production

Schooling Scheme I	Support Irish breeders to produce future breeding horses through a designated training pathway where the horse is 4 – 6 years* and by a producer with the required experience. *Kerry Bog pony breeders are permitted to apply for geldings and up to 8 years of age.	03/07/2023
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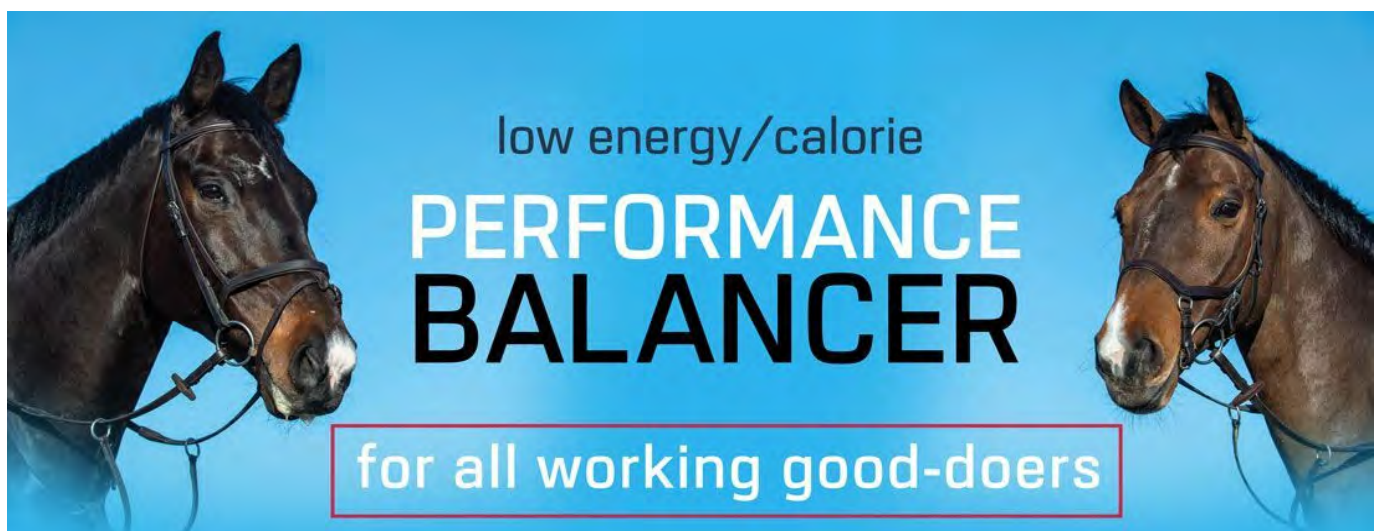
Schooling Scheme II	Support Irish breeders to produce future breeding horses with performance (own/dam) through a designated training pathway (4 – 6 years old) and by a producer with the required experience.	03/07/2023
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Knowledge Transfer

Environmental Sampling	Provide breeder/owners with subsidised support to have their equine breeding environment and feeding programmes assessed. This scheme would involve a farm visit by the Irish Equine Centre's experienced scientists to sample various aspects of the applicants breeding premises (foaling stables, foal paddocks, water, fodder and concentrate feed).	03/07/2023
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Young Breeders Programme	A joint initiative between HSI and Teagasc, the programme is aimed at those between the ages of 15 to 25 years who are interested in assessing, exhibiting, and perhaps breeding performance horses. Participants are not required to be active breeders – interest and an eagerness to participate and learn is all that is required.	Events Scheduled throughout the year
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HSI Roadshow	A engagement roadshow from the HSI team to present and discuss prevalent topics to the industry	Dates to be released
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TREO EILE

Retraining Ireland's Racehorses

Update

NORTHERN IRELAND

Since Treo Eile were established in 2020, they have actively been promoting and sourcing second career opportunities for racehorses when their race days are over, or if they do not show the promise for a career on the racetrack

Having recently launched the Tattersalls sponsored Showing Pathway Series at Sceilig Equestrian Centre. Treo Eile are delighted to announce that a qualifier will be held at the Radox Antrim Agricultural Show in late July.



CLINICS UPDATE

Sponsored by Radox Health Ireland, Treo Eile also organise a series of Clinics for thoroughbreds all around the country.

Each clinic focuses on a different discipline, and hosts an expert guest coach. So far this year, we have had five clinics - two showing, two showjumping, and one dressage.

Our third clinic of the year was with Joanne Jarden in March, kindly hosted by The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Lurgan, Armagh.

She taught four sessions ranging from beginner thoroughbred show jumping retraining, to 1m showjumping. This clinic received an amazing response and a high number of participants.

We intend to return to Northern Ireland for more events and clinics, given enough demand from thoroughbred owners.



OUR VISION AND PILLARS

CONNECTING - racehorse owners, trainers, breeders with retrainers and professionals to transition the horses.

SUPPORTING - the new owners with sponsored events and training, unique to thoroughbreds.

PROMOTING - the versatility and ability of the thoroughbred in a second career.

SUMMER 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

29 June - 2 July	Eventing	Kilgilkey House International 1 (CCI4*- L)
30 June - 1 July	Showing & S J	Omagh Show
8 July & 9 July	Dressage	Castle Irvine DI Summer Festival
15 July	Showing	Castlewellan Show
15 July	Showing	LDerry/ Limavady Show
16 July	Show Jumping	NIHB Mare Production & Performance Horse Challenge
22 July	Showing and SJ	Antrim Show
26 July	Showing and WH	Clogher Valley
27 July- 30 July	Eventing	Kilgilkey House International 1 (CCI4*- L)

AUGUST

8 Aug - 13 Aug	Showing, WH & S J	Dublin Horse Show
17 Aug - 20 Aug	Show Jumping	Millstreet International (CSI 2*)
23 Aug - 27 Aug	Eventing	Lisgarven International (CCI 4* -S)

SEPTEMBER

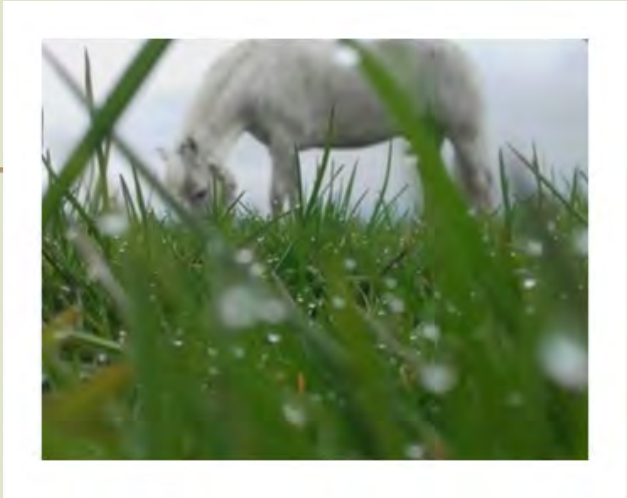
9 September	Dressage	Dressage Ireland Summer League Final
9 Sept - 10 Sept	Eventing	Natioanl Championships
20 Sept - 24 Sept	Eventing	Ballindenisk International (CCI 4* -L)



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Readers Gallery





ATYPICAL MYOPATHY

With Atypical Myopathy (Sycamore Poisoning) cases on the rise in Spring and Autumn months, here's a few details in what to look out for in your paddocks.

WHAT IS ATYPICAL MYOPATHY?



Atypical myopathy (sycamore myopathy) is a severe and often fatal muscle disorder caused by ingesting sycamore seeds, leaves or seedlings.

CLINICAL SIGNS



General weakness : horses struggle to walk, stand and breathe

Many horses develop heart problems.

Horses appear depressed with low hanging heads

Muscle trembling

Signs of severe colic - yet, unlike colic, they still have an appetite

Brown or dark red urine

Severely affected horses become unable to stand



DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT

Vets consider the horse's environment as well as symptoms reported and those observed during an examination.

TREATMENT

As confirmation can take several days, vets often start treatment immediately and before official confirmation. Your horse may require admission to a specialist equine hospital for 24 hour advanced care. If horses survive the first few days of treatment they usually go on to recover completely, although this can take several months.



PASTURE MANAGEMENT

The following steps can be taken to reduce horses' risk to atypical myopathy

- Provide extra forage during Autumn
- Clear fallen leaves and seeds from fields
- Check neighbouring areas for high risk plants/seeds as some 'helicopter' seeds can travel up to 200 yards



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