




Danish Warmblood



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 **History**

- Founded in 1979
- Based on old Danish breeds (Oldenborg and Frederiksborg), combined with Polish Trakehner and Swedish and German Warmblood
- Aim: to change the agriculture horse to olympic sport

 **Breeding goal 2009**

"A noble, leggy, and supple riding horse with high ridability and a strong health. It has capacity in either jumping or dressage to compete on international level"

Open policy - breed the "best to the best". DWB tries to incorporate the best horses in the world in the breeding programme

Specialized breeding:
Dressage (~ 70 %)
Jumping (~ 30 %)



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 **Statistics**

- ~ 5,500 members
- ~ 150 stallions + use of foreign stallions
- ~ 1,200 mares are judged each year
- ~ 2,800 foals are boarn each year



 **Danish Agricultural Advisory Center, dept. Horses - an umbrella organisation**



- Register coverings and foals
- Issue passports
- DNA control and ID marking
- Maintenance of horse database www.lr.dk/heste



 **DWB and WBFSh office in Aarhus**



Events

Foals	Mares	Stallions	Young horses
			
ØRegional shows ØElite show ØElite auction	ØEvaluation of 2-year-olds ØMare selection ØRiding test ØElite mare shows	ØPre-selection ØStallion selection ØElite auction ØPerformance test	ØDWB Ability test for 4 y-o. ØThe best -> DWB Young Horse Championship for 5-y-o. ØNational Championships for 4-, 5- and 6-y-o.

Classification of mares

All mares has to be judged before they are allowed to breed

DH (main studbook)	8, 9, 10 points in total in total impression (- 40 %)
DS (studbook)	6 or 7 points in total impression (- 50 %)
DR (register)	5 points in total impression (- 3%)
FOR (preliminary register)	Not acceptable pedigree, independent of total impression (- 7 %)

Two options for judging of mares

1. Presented at hand and free in arena (~45 %)
2. Presented at hand, under saddle and in freejumping (~55 %)



Additional classification of mares

- Medals at Elite Mare Show:
- Gold (G), Silver (S) and Bronze (B) medals are giving to the best mares each year, tested under saddle
- Elite mare status (E):
- based on very good breeding and competition results (533 mares in total)



Selection of stallions

Phases	Age	Judged on	No. of stallions
Pre-selection	2½	Pedigree Conformation Freejumping Galts	- 250
Stallion show	3	X-ray and soundness Height (min. 1.62 cm) Conformation Freejumping and canter or all three gaits (optional)	- 60
Performance test	3-5	Jumping ability or dressage ability u. saddle (optional)	- 20
Stallion show - final grading	4-7	Development Result from performance test	- 10

Performance test - more options:

- Voluntary 10-days observation test (covering licensing for 1 year)
- 35-days test (more that 800 point in dressage or jumping)
- 35-days test (700-800 point) + 35-days test (min. 700 point) or championships (between the best in the finals)
- Competition results (five 1st-3rd placings in Intermediaire I I /1.50 cm. at international level)





Breeding values

- Breeding values are calculated on conformation, dressage and jumping ability once every year
- Results from DWB young horse test (from 1984) and national competition results (from 1986) are used
- Publication scale:
Mean 100 and standard deviation 20
- Official BV:
Mares that have been tested under saddle
Stallions with at least 15 tested progeny



WBFSH rankings

- DWB placed as number 3 in dressage
- DWB placed as number 10 in jumping



DWB jumping programme



- Established in 2004 to improve the breeding of jumping horses
- Horses can be taken into the programme only if they fulfill high criteria to pedigree and jumping ability
- The programme helps the breeders to focus on specialized matings



Education of the breeders

Organised programme with sessions in the evening/week-end:

- How to judge conformation, movement and jumping
- Important mares and stallions lines
- Advise about which stallion to use
- Correct feeding and management
- And many other topics.....



DWB in sport

- Hønnerups Driver and Uno Donna Unique champion and vice-champion at WBFSH in Verden 2009
- Mistral Højris individually no. 3 at European Champ. 2009
- Seven DWB's competed at Olympic Games 2008
- Blue Hors Matiné won silver and bronze at EC in Aachen 2006



Thank you for the attention!

