

Spotlight: American Warmblood Registry

A versatile, amateur-friendly, "made in America" sport horse

It is the aim of the American Warmblood Registry (AWR) to assist breeders in producing sound and sane sport horses that amateurs and professionals alike enjoy riding.

Founded in 1981, the AWR encourages the blending of European warmblood bloodlines with those of the uniquely North American studbooks, such as the Jockey Club. Although bloodlines play an important role, they are not the sole criterion by which AWR horses are approved. The foremost considerations are temperament, ridability, conformation, movement, and athletic ability for the disciplines of dressage, eventing, jumping, and driving as well as for the hunter disciplines.

Horse inspections are discipline-specific, so those being bred for dressage must possess the characteristics necessary to excel in that discipline. The AWR attempts to give breeders insights as to the types of horses they are breeding, and to open to them markets based on their individual horses' specific abilities.

American Warmblood Registry horses you might know: **Raison d'Être** (pictured) is competing successfully at Grand Prix and was the only US-bred horse to qualify for the para-equestrian dressage freestyle at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games. **Montgomery** was the 2009 Adequan/USDF First Level Horse of the Year. The approved US-bred AWR stallion **Waldaire** has received five USDF Horse of the Year awards and 33 USDF All-Breeds awards. This stallion is a prime example of breeding the best of foreign registries to domestic mares to produce American Warmbloods. The young stallion **WakeUp**

represented the US at the 2010 FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Horses.

All-Breeds awards offered: All performance and DSHB categories.

How to participate: The horse must be registered with the American Warmblood Registry, and the owner must be a member in good standing. A horse holding a birth registration paper from another registry may compete for AWR All-Breeds awards if it has been

duly accepted into the AWR registry and has completed the inspection process.

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VERSATILE: The AWR-bred and -born Raison d'Être competes at Grand Prix with owner Elly Schobel and also was a WEG para-equestrian mount for Robin Brueckmann (pictured)

For the Breeds, by the Breeds

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The All-Breeds program is designed to recognize the accomplishments of specific breeds in dressage. All participating organizations offer "open" year-end awards from Training Level through Grand Prix, and some offer awards in additional categories, such as adult amateur, junior/young rider, and dressage sport-horse breeding. Registry representatives are usually on hand to help bestow awards at the banquet held during each year's USDF convention.

All-Breeds award eligibility requirements include memberships and horse registrations with both USDF and the participating organization. For details and a list of current participating organizations, visit usdf.org. For more information about All-Breeds awards program participation, send e-mail to allbreeds@usdf.org.