

2006 Stallion Incentive Program

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The 2006 Stallion Incentive Program ended with a bang! The Stallion of the Year Award went to Arno Van het Neishof owned by John Dunkel of Genesis Farm in Flushing Michigan. I do not have a website for Genesis Farm, but you can see Arno in the Stallion Issue of the Haflinger Horse magazine (December/January).

Arno's foals accumulated 64 out of a possible 91 points resulting in a landslide victory for Arno and John. Arno is also the sire of Sheer Elegance of Genesis, a 3 year old mare owned by Derrer's Haflingers in Taylorsville North Carolina. Sheer Elegance is the first Haflinger to have won the AHR Futurity as a Weanling, Yearling, 2 Year Old, and 3 Year Old! John Dunkel was awarded the 2006 Stallion of the Year cup with what is surely the largest accumulation of points since the inception of the program. Arno has set a high bar for next year!

Here is what John has to say about Arno:

*Arno Van het Nieshof is a 7 year old stallion that was imported from Holland as a yearling by Genesis farm. Arno has claimed **two** National Champion titles for himself. Perhaps even more impressive though is his ability to pass on his superior attributes to his offspring.*

Arno has sires MANY – too numerous to count – show and sale toppers. Here is a sampling of his offspring's accomplishments at this year's National Show.

SIP Pot of Gold

*1st – 4th place pleasure foals
1st, 2nd, and 4th place draft foals*

Open Show

*1st & 2nd place Pleasure Filly Foals
1st & 2nd place Pleasure Colt Foals
1st place Yearling Pleasure Filly
1st place 3 Year Old Pleasure Filly
1st place 3 Year Old Draft Filly
1st place Get of Sire, Pleasure*

Futurity

*1st place Jr. Weanling Pleasure Colt
1st place Jr. Weanling Draft Colt
1st place Sr. Weanling Pleasure Filly
1st & 2nd place Jr. Weanling Pleasure Filly
1st place Sr. Weanling Draft Filly
Champion Jr. Weanling Pleasure
Champion Sr. Weanling Pleasure*

*Reserve Champion Jr. Weanling Draft
Reserve Champion Sr. Weanling Draft
Three Year Old Champion Draft*

Arno produces high quality foals that show well for draft or pleasure.

Whether your preference is for heavy or light classes, your brood mares deserve the privilege of raising an Arno foal for your farm!

We would like to extend our congratulations to all of the Arno offspring represented at the 2006 National Show and 2006 Futurity; as you help Arno carry on the winning tradition!

Our runner-up stallion was Avanti of Cedar Lane. Avanti is a silver classified stallion owned by Rachel King of Deer Haven Farm in Kentucky. He has a successful dressage career and was the 2005 National Grand Champion Pleasure Stallion at the National show. Avanti can be seen at www.deerhavenfarm.com