

Vestys import, sell, train & breed DHH

*Harmonie,
Majesteit & Solist
stand at Kentucky farm
for 2003 season.*



*Pictured above are two top Dutch Harness Horse stallions
at Vesty Show Horse, LaGrange, KY.
Top: Majesteit (Immigrant x Henriette Keur)
Bottom: Hendo (Zilverster x Ursula)*

Clarke and Karen Vesty of LaGrange, KY have been intrigued by exciting show horses for nearly 40 years. Having raised quite a few winning horses by their WC Night of Roses, they believed filling his shoes would be hard – until they vacationed in The Netherlands in January 2000 and discovered the Dutch Harness Horse.

Soon they began importing the exciting breed, starting with the powerful bay KWPN-Approved breeding stallion Harmonie, who has helped pave the way for the breed to gain greater worldwide exposure.

Next came the charismatic, exciting black stallion Majesteit, whose American Saddlebred sire line returns excellent blood to the U.S., in conjunction with an equally important out-cross dam line.

In addition to importing horses for their own program, the Vestys have been instrumental in securing exceptional Dutch Harness Horses for other American show-horse breeders. From the Vestys' imports have come the most successfully shown group of DHH in the United States, as judged by KWPN licensed officials and Stud Book representatives from the Netherlands.

So pleased with their first DHH youngsters in the U.S., including several two year olds, the Vestys also are maintaining a small breeding herd abroad. Imported from this group is the DHH stallion Solist, a high-headed, naturally-athletic son of Majesteit. He will first stand to the public this year.

DHH owners have many opportunities to show their stock in the United States, including breed keurings and open horse show classes. When registered with the Dutch KWPN and NAWPN and with the American crossbred registries, they can show Half-Arabian, Half- Saddlebred, and Renai.

Another registration option for DHH is the new Show Horse Alliance (SHA) formed by the National Show Horse Registry as a secondary organization with parallel goals to continue the development of show horse types by having fewer breed restrictions.

SHA registration eligibility requires one of the horse's parents to be either Arabian, ASB or NSH, and only for the first generation of eligibility. After recording the first generation, SHA breeders make the decision of how to best produce their next generations.

Visitors and inspections are always welcome at Vesty Show Horse, 5501 Tobacco Road, LaGrange, KY 40031. (502) 222-7307. E-mail: VestyNSH@aol.com.



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