

Danish Connemara Pony Society (named DCPS) Officially Approved by the Danish Authorities

Denmark now has two officially approved Connemara Societies. Danish Connemara Pony Society was officially approved on 7th March 2014, by the Danish agricultural department, as a society to establish and maintain a studbook for Connemara Ponies in Denmark. In giving the approval the Department attached decisive importance to the number of breeding ponies belonging to the members of this society. The approval implies that DCPS now is entitled to maintain a studbook and carry out inspections and passports for the ponies. DCPS is now officially a daughter society of the CPBS.

HISTORY

In spring 2011 a number of Danish Connemara pony breeders established a new group - named DCPS – who found it necessary and very urgent that the Danish breeders had to adjust the society rules in order to comply with the principles laid down in the CPBS Mother studbook. The result was firstly, that the breeders who started the new group were excluded from the old society and secondly, that other active and dedicated breeders of Connemara ponies left the old society and joined the new group.

Without any possibilities to have our ponies inspected in Denmark we all became members of CPBS. We met a great understanding from the CPBS and chairman Mr. Andy O´Donoghue, who in spring 2012 sent a full CPBS-inspection team to Denmark to help us. The team including Judges, Vet. and Secretary was led by Mr. Andy O´Donoghue.

In May 2012 it became obvious for the group, that it was necessary to apply for an official approval from the Danish authorities. We are very pleased that on 7th March 2014 we obtained this.



The Danish Connemara Pony Society is very thankful to CPBS for helping us this way heading for inspections under the CPBS-principles.

DCPS-shows in 2012 and 2013

The first DCPS show took place September 2012. We had a great show with many entries in both show classes and performance classes, including a number of stallions. We are thanking the two show judges Mr. Gearóid Curran appointed by CPBS and Mr. Leif Conradi, Connemara judge and stud manager at the former Oxenholm Stud.



2013 brought us a new event: A performance cup in both dressage and jumping in two divisions with the finals to be held in connection with our breed-show in September. Again we were very pleased to receive the CPBS's support in this transition period. This year CPBS appointed Mrs. Clare Oaks to judge the in-hand classes and again Mr. Leif Conradi was the Danish judge.





THE DANISH BREEDING OF CONNEMARA PONIES

The Danish breeding of Connemara ponies has never been numerically extensive, but the Danish breeders have over the years significantly stamped the development of the breed, and Danish breeding- and performance ponies are well-reputed all over the Connemara world.

Historically the stallion list in the Danish Connemara breeding has been limited compared to stallion lists in other countries. In 2010 the number of stallions of the Danish stallion list had declined to 13 stallions. The stallion list for the members of DCPS in 2013 included 16 stallions. The 2014 list is now available. The members of the Danish Connemara Pony Society have over the years – also over the latest years – been prime mover in the efforts to develop the Danish breeding both in relation to import and leasing of foreign stallions, importation of semen from foreign stallions and by sending mares abroad to be covered. In the period 2008-2013 members of DCPS have obtained foals by 36 different Connemara stallions.

THE FUTURE

Based on the official approval of DCPS as a society to establish and maintain a studbook for Connemara Ponies in Denmark, the members of DCPS are looking forward to performing renewed great efforts in a strong Danish breeding programme.

As the newest member of the Connemara family worldwide we are very much looking forward to contributing to and working for our family.

The Danish Connemara Pony Society will in 2014 organize a number of events, including our Spring in-hand show and competitions in dressage- and showjumping which will take place at the Skaergaarden Stud, Skaersoevej 2, 6040 Egtved in Jutland on May 24th.

Our breed show and our very first inspection will be held on 9th-10th August at the Langtoftegaard Stud, 4173 Fjenneslev on Zealand.

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