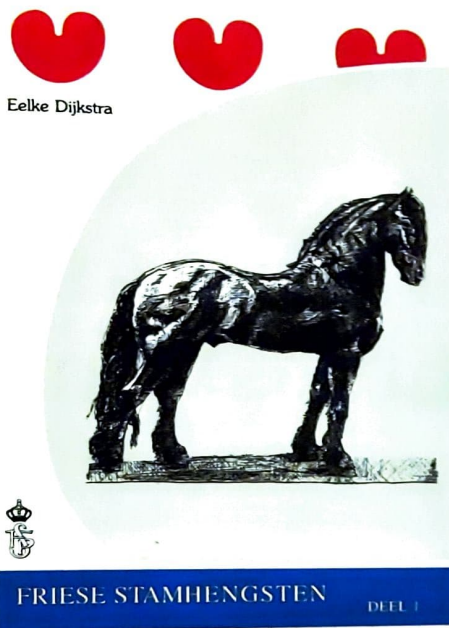


KFPS aimed at registration

The 'Vereniging Het Friesch Paarden-Stamboek' (KFPS) was originally founded to save the Friesian horse from extinction. The number of purebred Friesian horses decreased rapidly and the true population was unknown. It was decided to register all Friesian horses.

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The oldest Friesian dam line, Stam 1, dates back as far as 1878. As a four-year-old, Stam dam Jeanne 68 was registered in the 'Friesch Paarden-Stamboek', the Friesian Studbook. Nothing is known about her pedigree, which is why Jeanne 68 is recorded as ancestress. As she could not meet the Friesian exterior standard, she was registered in the B Book meant for 'crossbred horses'. For a while the last offspring of Stam 1 was believed to have been born in 1956. Fortunately, next of kin appeared from the official registration at Studfarm De Oorsprong: Flora 339H (1926), ancestress of Stam 69, and Hilda 177H (1928), ancestress of Stam 98. As it turned out, they descended from Jeanne 68 through a non-registered mare. Both mares are now registered as Stam 1. Every year still foals are born from this oldest Stam, mainly from the Flora branch. The Friesian Studbook has 252 motherlines. They all go back to a mare of unknown pedigree. If further research proved the mare descended from a known dam, her offspring were added to that Stam. Not every motherline survived. Among the biggest lines are now Stam 15, 25 and 50. Registration benefited the Friesian horse. More and more foals were born and registered. The breed also had its difficult times, such as the years when



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there were only three breeding stallions left. Nowadays thousands of foals are registered every year.

Not just registration

Over the years KFPS took up more than just registering. The KFPS closely monitors the quality of the Friesian horse, recorded in the breeding goal. Members can present their horses at inspections. The quality becomes evident through the Premie or the Predicate, if any, that a horse earns. Apart from that there is, for example, the elaborate stallion selection.

Information

The KFPS gives members a lot of information. Reference books 'Stamhengsten van het KFPS' part 1 (picture) and 2, by E. Dijkstra, are annually updated with the latest stallion data. Furthermore, the studbook makes all the stallions' breeding information available to the members. This comes in an appendix to a springtime Phryso and on the website, where members can log in free of charge. This kind of information comes in handy if for example a breeder wants to check if his mare qualifies for the Preferent predicate or if he is planning on purchasing a mare.

Ambassadors

In the Netherlands the Friesian is a popular horse suitable for recreational purposes as well as dressage, driving and harnessed disciplines. The black horses are also exquisite show horses. It's not just the KFPS that plays an important part in the breed's popularity. Many riders and drivers are very devoted to the Friesian horses and spend a lot of time training and developing them. They are true ambassadors of the Friesian horse, all over the world. Their journey has given rise to the Friesian horse in South Africa, the United States and Germany and its popularity is ever spreading. •

Jubilee Show

Last year the KFPS celebrated its 130th anniversary. On 23 and 24 October 2009 invited guests and all Friesian horse lovers could come and celebrate during the Jubilee Shows. Please see pages in of this edition for these magnificent evenings.