DONNER BUBE
A FLAWLESS PEDIGREE

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- *Donner Bube* has a very strong pedigree for dressage, being by the #2 sire of dressage horses and from a female family that produced the grandsire of the #1 sire of dressage horses in 2008.

- A total of 52 of the top 500 dressage horses at the end of 2008 are directly related to *Donner Bube*.

- Internationally noted dressage clinician, *Conrad Schumacher* (Germany), wanted to know why *Donner Bube* wasn’t “doing grand prix dressage” and how he “got out of Germany.”

- The answers is simple - he was *jumping* in Switzerland until he was *imported* to Canada in 2000.

- *Donner Bube* jumped to the 4-foot level, but did not begin his *dressage* career until he was in his teens yet progressed to *Prix St. Georges*. 
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Disput

Donnerwetter

Melli

Donnerhall

Markus

Ninette

Negola

Pik Koenig

Pik Bube I

Franka

Aldate

Grundstein I

Aldina

Alinda
Any discussion of modern dressage bloodlines will undoubtedly include the phenomenon known as Donnerhall. A competitor on the world stage, he won medals in World Championships and European Championships; Horse of the Year honors; as well as Grand Prix, Grand Prix Special, and Freestyle classes against stiff competition before his retirement at age seventeen.

In conjunction with his career as a perennial member of the talented German dressage squad, Donnerhall was also making a name for himself as a sire. The 1999/2000 version of the WBFSH listed six internationally ranked Donnerhall offspring. The 2008 version listed 13 direct Donnerhall offspring, including 2 Olympic mounts, both of which made it through to the Freestyle and final medal round.

Donnerhall sons have won Oldenburg stallion performance tests, Federal Riding Horse championships, and have often been the high sellers at auction. His daughters have won championships at the Elite Mare Show as well as Federal Riding Horse championships.
Descendants of the same sire line as Donner Bube are responsible for a long list of dressage stars, including Dynasty (team bronze 1988 Olympics), Greenoaks Dundee (2008 Olympics), Dow Jones (2008 Olympics), Digby (2008 Olympics), Don Shufro (2008 Olympics), etc.

This sire line, especially through Donnerhall, crosses extremely well with the Pik Koenig sire line, specifically through Pik Bube I.

In fact, the Donnerhall/Pik Bube I cross is known as the magical cross. The cross of these bloodlines appears in the first, second or third generation of 18 of the top dressage horses at the end of 2008.

Although laden with dressage blood, this sire line is not devoid of jumping talent. The Olympic silver medallist, Deister, hales from the same sire line, as does Daydream, who was Margie Goldstein-Engle’s grand prix jumper.

International eventers tracing to Donnerhall include Clever & Smart 4.
• *Aldate, Donner Bube’s* dam, is a states premium mare by *Pik Bube I*, a top sire of jumpers and dressage mounts.

• A total of 18 of the dressage horses in the 2008 rankings carry the cross of *Donnerhall* and either *Pik Bube I* or *Pik Bube I*’s sire, *Pik Koenig*. Five are by *Donnerhall/Pik Bube I* sons and one is by a son of *Pik Bube I* and out of a *Donnerhall* mare.

• The international dressage competitors by *Pik Bube I* include *Pikant, Plaisir d’Amour, Pik Primaire, Paddy, Zar* and *Pik Solo* (sire of international dressage mounts).

• *Pik Bube I*’s international jumpers include *Pikadero, Pikora, Pionier, Picasso x, Pik Bubes Son* and *Pourqo Plaue*.

• *Pik Bube I* is the sire of internationally ranked eventer, *Pan Am*, and is broodmare sire of *Beau Schirin*, another international eventer.

• In addition, *Pik Bube I* sired 15 approved sons and some 200 Main Studbook mares.
### PEDIGREE

**THE DAM’S LINE**

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- **Donner Bube’s** dam, **Aldate**, was a states premium mare by **Pik Bube I**, sire of **Pik Solo** (international dressage horse and sire of international dressage horses).

- His second dam, **Aldina**, was also a states premium mare. She is also the second dam of the German Oldenburg stallion, **Wolkenstern**.

- **Aldina’s** sire, **Grundstein I**, was the number 3 sire of dressage horses in 1997/1998, and number 10 in the WBFSH guide for the period spanning from 1990 to 1998.

- **Alinda**, **Donner Bube’s** third dam, made a huge contribution to sport breeding, particularly in Holland, when she produced **Purioso**.

- **Purioso** sired dozens of top international competitors in **dressage** and **jumping**, and his influence continues to be felt in KWPN breeding.
GRUNDSTEIN I

- Grundstein I, the sire of Donner Bube’s second dam, is well known as the sire of the dressage horses, including Giorgione (1992 Olympics), Gilbona (Canadian Equestrian Team).

- His offspring, who have excelled in jumping arenas worldwide, include Gento, Ganymed, Gladstone, Gustav, and Hendrix.

- From only 7 years at stud in Germany before his export to the U.S., Grundstein I sired numerous approved sons and spread his influence in the Hanoverian, Oldenburg, and Westphalen registries.

- From the sire line of Grundstein I (by Graphit) comes a host of top horses in all three Olympic disciplines, including the jumpers Special Ed (individual gold 2007 Pan Am Games and team silver 2008 Olympics), Gervantus I, Gervantus II (sire of an Olympic eventer), Top Gun La Silla, Grannusch, Casadora, Castle Forbes Libertina, etc.
Although the third dam, *Alinda* (Rheinlander), was not given states premium status, she was a valuable broodmare. Her biggest contribution to sport horse breeding was her 1974 colt, *Purioso*.

Although he was born in Germany and registered Oldenburg, *Purioso’s* fame came as a stallion in the KWPN.

*Purioso* is one of the top dressage sires internationally, in part due to the performances of *Olympic Cocktail* (international competitor and sire of international competitors, including Jazz), *Jazz* (international competitor and sire of international competitors), *Arnaldo Thor*, and *Fledermaus*, but that’s not all.

*Purioso* also sired top class jumpers, sires of jumpers, dams of jumpers, etc. He is found in the pedigrees of numerous international competitors in all three Olympic disciplines.
• The influence of the individual ancestors in the pedigree of *Donner Bube* is immeasurable, but perhaps most significantly, the influence continues...strongly.

• *Donnerhall/Pik Bube I* sons have already sired Olympic competitors in dressage, including the 2008 Olympians, *Dow Jones* (by the *Donnerhall/Pik Bube I* stallion, *Don Primero*) and *Greenoaks Dundee* (by the *Donnerhall/Pik Bube I* son, *Duntroon*).

• Horses carrying *Grundstein I* bloodlines are frequently found at international competitions in all three Olympic disciplines as well as the show hunter rings in North America.

• *Donner Bube* represents the best of the best in combination and has proven his strengths in competition (dressage and jumping) and as a sire...just as his pedigree dictates.