



2017 CANADIAN BREEDER OF THE YEAR, PRESENTED BY JOHN DEERE: KARYNE LORD



The Canadian Breeder of the Year Award was created to recognize Canadian breeders who have displayed incredible dedication to the Canadian equestrian industry through efforts to improve the quality and enhance the reputation of Canadian bred horses.

Karyne Lord of Mirabel, QC is the recipient for 2017 in recognition of her dedication to breeding quality warmbloods within Canada.

An active breeder for over a decade, Karyne's breeding operation is hosted at L.L. Warmblood Farm in Mirabel, QC, which she owns with her husband, Martin Leduc. Karyne takes on the role of rider, trainer and breeder, while Martin handles the development aspect of the business.

Through carefully managed breeding that focuses on utilizing the best lineage of sport horses in the world, Karyne has become a premiere breeder of sport horses in Canada. After meticulously selecting and importing several brood mares from Europe, Karyne has developed generations of quality warmbloods in Quebec. Karyne's program currently includes 12 broodmares, and 30 foals have been born at L.L. Warmblood Farm within 10 years.

Karyne's approach to breeding involves strategically selecting premium mares and proven sires with an eye to improving conformation, movement, and strength. This has resulted in Karyne being recognized by high performance athletes and coaches for developing horses that have superior athletic abilities, and friendly, straightforward dispositions.

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Many of Karyne's homebred horses have achieved Premium and Premium Select status within breed registries, including Canadian and North American associations for Holsteiners, Oldenburgs, Hanoverians and Dutch Warmbloods.

Karyne's horses have also been making their mark in the ring. Calendro LLWB (Contendro x Nekton), a 2008 Holsteiner gelding, competed successfully with Quebec rider, Bianca Lafontaine on the young horse circuit in Quebec, before being purchased by Irish rider, Paul O'Shea. Now known as Skara Glen's Presence, Calendro competed in the FEI World Championships for Young Horses in Europe, before progressively rising up the ranks to the FEI 1.60m level, earning many top placings at prestigious competitions, including the renowned Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) in Wellington, FL.

Caledonia LLWB, a 2009 Oldenburg mare sired by Calentino and out of one of Karyne's premium broodmares, Concordia BG, has achieved great success in the hunter ring. After making a name for herself with Quebec rider, Sabrina Lefebvre, Caledonia was sold to a young rider in New Jersey and has since earned an incredible reputation on the American hunter circuit, including WEF, where she picked up a championship title in the highly competitive Children's Hunter 15-17 in 2016.

In recognition of her commendable breeding program, Karyne was awarded the Best Hunter Breeder of the Year Award from Cheval Quebec in 2015, and has been nominated for Best Jumper Breeder of the Year in 2018. EC is pleased to add the 2017 Canadian Breeder of the Year Award to Karyne's list of accolades.