

## **Breeding Knabstrappers:**

I am making the assumption that you are on this page because you are interested in breeding to a Knabstrupper stallion. We are offering frozen semen from two few spot stallions. These two horses are both are excellent examples of the Knabstrupper breed and best of all can bred to solid colored mares and will give you a foal with color patterning.

We also have given you contact information for two other stallions that are available here also via frozen semen.

We are offering you the contact information only, we have no involvement in these horses except that as they are Knabstrappers, and available here is the USA, we wanted you to know that they are available and how to buy the semen. Both of these horses are full leopards and are also excellent examples of the breed.

If you would like to breed your mare to either Lobi or Figaro please follow the links and contact info on their pages.

There is one Knabstrupper stallion who is present in the USA and thus is available via chilled cooled semen and that is Atlantis. You can get info on breeding to Atlantis from Ginger Young at Equotec.

<http://www.equotec.com> or from his owner Ashby Mitchell at

<http://www.spottedsporthorses.com/>

Atlantis has just recently been approved for breeding Knabstrappers by the RPSI and we are very happy to include him in the ranks of Knabstrupper stallions available here in the USA.

We also have a few straw available of frozen semen by Apollon the first approved Knabstrupper in the USA. Apollon is sadly now deceased, but we do have a few frozen straws available.

Please contact us to enquire about purchasing semen from Apollon.

Please note that we only offer semen or contact info on approved stallions. It is important that we register as many foals as we can in order to build this rare breed here in the USA. Thus it is important that before you breed your mare you understand the rules about getting the foals registered.

One thing we recommend is that you join the American Knabstrupper Association and that you get a copy of the by laws and the breeding rules.

A copy of the breeding rules is available at -----

A copy of the breeding rules of the KNN is available here.....

These two sets of breeding rules are not quite identical.

Registering the foals.:

The breeding on Knabstrappers in the USA is very new right now, and things are a bit confusing and in a state of flux.

So this is an attempt to explain the situation *as it is right now* , please be aware that things may well change and may do so rapidly.

The inspection/registry of foals is done via RPSI and then the AKA. The mare and the foal will need to be presented to the RPSI at one of their inspections. For details of when, where and how to apply for an inspection go to <http://www.rhpsi.com>  
If your mare and foal are accepted by the RPSI (please look in the Rules for breeding for mare acceptability) the foal will be branded and will be issued German papers.  
The foal can then be registered with American Knabstrupper Association.  
When that foal grows up and starts it's competition career it will need to be registered with the AKA in order to be eligible for all-breeds awards with USDF.

Be aware that there is a controversy currently going on with the use of Appaloosa mares for breeding Knabstrupper. In the past the RPSI have accepted mares of suitable body type as F1 mares, and their foals by approved Knabstrupper stallions have been eligible for registration.

HOWEVER the KNN the Danish parent body have stated that they will NOT accept the offspring of Appaloosa mares, and will not recognize these as Knabstrupper. At the current moment the AKA is accepting Appaloosa mares as F1 mares.

SO what do you do?

It is my personal suggestion that you do not breed Appaloosa mares to Knabstrupper stallions with the intention to produce Knabstrupper as there is a possible risk in the future that they will not have their offspring accepted.

Breed only mares that are acceptable to the KNN. That way there is no potential conflict at a later stage. The KNN rules are available here -----.

Why is using only acceptable breed mares a problem?

The problem is that there are so few Knabstrupper stallions in the USA, and the few that are here are mostly full leopards. A leopard spot is a heterozygote (only one gene codes for spotting) thus you only have a 50% chance of the foal inheriting color. As the dam won't give any and the stallion will only supply one spotted gene half the time!

There are no spotted mares here of Knabstrupper origin, mares with spots are most likely to be Appaloosas. So to use an acceptable breed mare you are most likely to be using a solid colored mare. This means that you have a probability of 50% of getting foals with the color patterns.

This is why we went to the trouble to go to Denmark and to negotiate with owners of few spot stallions to buy semen.

The use of few spot stallions means that you can breed solid colored mares and be sure to get color, it won't always be a full leopard but you can be sure that the foals will get at least some degree of color patterning.

Over time we will continue to go to Europe and to purchase semen from suitable few spot stallions to have different bloodlines and stallion available here that you can be sure will throw color.

Over time as more Knabstrupper mares (with color) arrive here the ability to use leopard stallions will get better as then the chances of getting color is going to be higher.

So in summary:

Select mares that are going to be acceptable to the KNN as well as RPSI.

If the mare is a solid colored, and you really want color in the foal, then I would suggest use of a few spot stallion rather than a leopard.

But if you do breed to a leopard please do register the foal even if it is a solid foal, we need as many of those foals on the books as possible.