

## Trakehners UK Grading Tour 2025

A special Trakehner grading tour in the UK 2025 - land of wealthy possibilities for breeding. Laura Sarap and Dieter Pothén from the German Trakehner Verband travelled with Susan Attew of Trakehner Breeders Fraternity 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

Our grading journey started with an approval of a promising 3-yo Trakehner Stallion Achilty Emperor (by Millennium x I-Punkt) in Scotland. A great stallion, harmoniously built with well developed joints and close to perfect hind-legs' conformation for cadence and power in the basic gaits. With abundant and uphill trot and canter, displaying visible free-jumping talent. A stallion bringing honor to his sire Millennium!

Moving forward we judged 9 outstanding mares in Bedfordshire, Oxfordshire, Wales and Devon and approved all of them into the main Trakehner Stud Book. It was beautiful to see breeders making right decisions and this bringing generations of good offspring. 4 mares were awarded premium marks. The Champion mare was Holme Park Socialite (by Holme Park Kobalt x Freudenfest). A feminine mare with good three-part body, brilliant croup-conformation and a sound mind. In performance displaying majestic cadence and a good floating pace. The reserve Champion mare was Once upon a time (by Millennium x Hofrat), followed by Godington Pandora (Godington Hannibal x Van Deyk) and Keatinge Lily May (by Lord Luciano x Arentino). A great moment of our grading tour was judging the privileged thoroughbred mare Kolo XX (by Far Above xx x Arch xx). A very typy mare, built on strong body and well-established shoulder-withers shaping, crowned with a brilliant trot. She can be of great benefit for Trakehner breed as stars are born breeding thoroughbred mares with Trakehner stallions (e.g. Absolute Gold HDC and Windfall). We also delighted in the opportunity to visit Trakehner breeders' homes, view their youngstock, share good thoughts, insights, advice and suggestions.

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