



# OLDENBURG HORSE BREEDERS' SOCIETY

*The North American Division of the Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes*

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## 2010 MARE STATUS ACHIEVEMENT

### **AWARD QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR OLDENBURG REGISTERED MARES:**

High quality, Main Mare Book Oldenburg registered mares in North America can be considered for the title of "Premium" when being presented in-hand at an officially designated OHBS-GOV inspection.

As of 2008 they can now also be considered for the titles "Verbands Premium" and "Special Premium" upon completing the Mare Performance Test. The details and requirements of both titles are described below. The term States Premium is connected to the German Government and any mares wishing to achieve States Premium must undertake the Mare Performance Test in Germany at the age of 3 or 4 years old to qualify for the mare championships in Rastede in July.

In North America, only mares that have been registered as Oldenburg foals and have either been branded or microchipped as such are eligible for the title of Premium, Verbands Premium, or Special Premium. The mare must also be at least 3 years old, registered in the Main Mare Book, and she must be out of a Main Mare Book dam in order to qualify for these titles.

### **PREMIUM MARE:**

This status is awarded to mares who meet the award qualification requirements, have not completed the performance test, and score a 7.5 or higher overall score from the Oldenburg inspection committee. The score being based on the mare's conformation, type, and movement as they pertain to the Oldenburg standard.

### **VERBANDS PREMIUM MARE:**

A mare can achieve the title of Verbands Premium if the mare meets the award qualification requirements, has been entered in the Main Mare Book with above average-scores, completes the Mare Performance Test with an overall score of at least 6.5, and is determined by the Oldenburg judging committee in the final ring to be of the correct overall quality to earn the title. The title is not solely based on the scores earned in the MPT.

### **SPECIAL PREMIUM MARE CANDIDATE:**

This status is awarded to mares who meet the award qualification requirements, have been entered into the Main Mare Book with clearly above-average scores for type and conformation, have passed the Mare Performance Test with an overall score of at least 7.0, and is determined by the Oldenburg judging committee in the final ring to be of the correct overall quality to earn the title. The title is not solely based on the scores earned in the MPT.

### **SPECIAL PREMIUM MARE:**

This status is awarded to mares who have already achieved Special Premium Mare Candidate status and have one registered Oldenburg Society Foal.

### **ELITE MARE:**

For Main Mare Book mares who are either Oldenburg or are from an acknowledged registry with Oldenburg foals, and who meet one of the following criteria:

1. Mares with the title "States Premium Mare" and/or those with the title "States Premium Candidate" (awarded only in Germany) who have had at least 3 foals registered with the Oldenburg Society of which 50% were awarded premium.
2. Mares that have had at least 2 foals registered with the Oldenburg Society of which 50% were awarded premium, and have themselves met the minimum performance requirements in competition.

Those requirements are:

In Dressage, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd with a minimum score of 60% in 3rd level, or three times in the awarded placings in classes above 3rd level.

In Jumping, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd at a height of 1.20 meters, or three times in the awarded placings at the height of 1.25 meters or higher.

In Eventing, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd at Training Level or three times in the awarded placings in Preliminary level or higher.

The performance results listed here must be achieved at a show that is officially sanctioned by the national riding federation of the respective country. Schooling show results will not be accepted.

3. Mares who have had at least 4 foals registered with the Oldenburg Society of which 50% are mares who have been awarded Premium status, States Premium, and/or States Premium Candidate status, or of which 25% are stallions who have been approved by the Oldenburg Society.

4. Mares who have had at least 4 foals registered with the Oldenburg Society of which 50% have met the minimum performance requirements in competition. Those requirements are:

In Dressage, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd with a minimum score of 60% in 3rd level, or three times in the awarded placings in classes above 3rd level. In Jumping, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd at a height of 1.20 meters, or three times in the awarded placings at the height of 1.25 meters or higher. In Eventing, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd at Training level, or three times in the awarded placings at Preliminary level or higher. The performance results listed here must be achieved at a show that is officially sanctioned by the national riding federation of the respective country. Schooling show results will not be accepted.

Mares which fulfill the conditions in 2 and 4 must also have received an above average overall score from the Oldenburg inspection committee. Mares with the Premium title generally fulfill this condition.

To receive the Elite Mare status, the owner must apply by sending a letter to the North American Office with the mare's registration and pedigree information as well as a list of the fulfilled requirements.

#### **NON-OLDENBURG MARE OF DISTINCTION**

The Non-Oldenburg Mare of Distinction award was begun in 2009. High quality mares who are not registered by the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society or the Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes in Germany, but are entered into their Main Mare Book can be considered for this award when being presented in-hand at an officially designated OHBS-GOV inspection.

The award is given at the discretion of the inspection judging committee based on the scores and the overall impression of the mare.