

Dreams Are Made Of This!!

Ever since my step-father bought my first broodmare for me, when I was just 15 yrs old, a mare from the Swedish Mare Family 23, Camone I, Camone was direct descendent from Constanica, a Hanoverian imported to Sweden by the Hanoverian Foal Company in the early 1900's, I have dreamt of having a famous stallion in my stud.

In Sweden I had a number of very good stallions standing, but none that I owned, all famous in Sweden but not "world famous". This year my dream has come true!

I really still can't believe it, after two weeks I am on cloud nine, every morning I go down to the stables I can't believe my eyes and my ears, he talks to me quietly with low murmuring



The prestigious Worverk Stud

neighs. I go up to him and he pushes his nose into my shoulder and pulls with his upper lip on my collar (excuse me I have tears in my eyes!).

Who is this "man" who makes my eyes wet with joy?

He is Relevant! An Olympic Bronze Medalist from Athens 2004. How could he be standing in my stables?

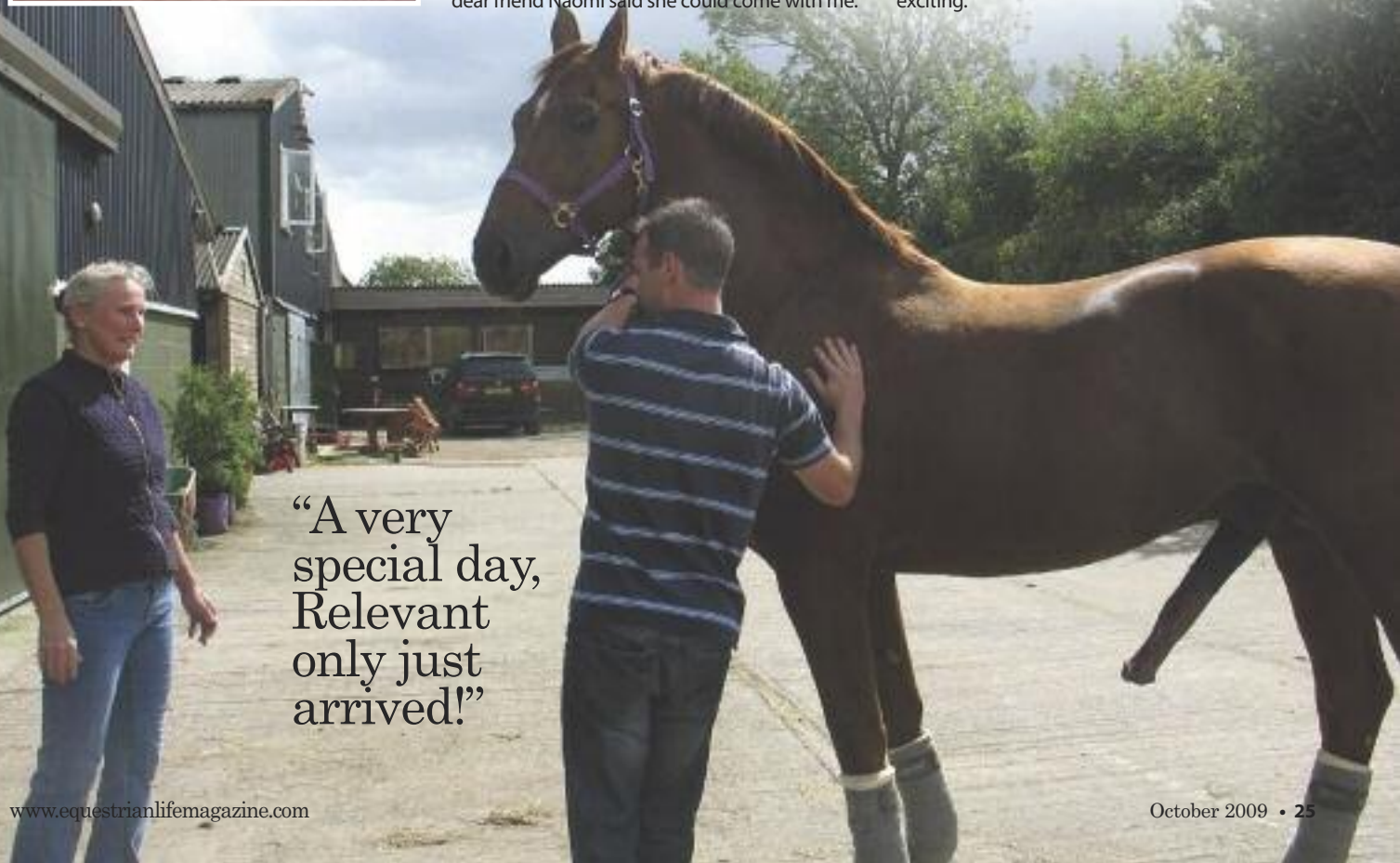
The stud in Germany, Gestut Vorverk was closing down after many years, Gudula and Jochen Vorverk-Happ were retiring, and they have no heirs to take over this famous stud and were forced into placing their stallions to different studs around the world. We had been told that Relevant was to be placed and there were 4-5 studs that were interested in taking him. My husband contacted Jochen Happ and told him we were also interested. Jochen said he would like to meet us and talk it over. Because of his health, Peter could not travel, however my dear friend Naomi said she could come with me.

I needed moral support, I was, by this time a nervous wreck. Could my dream come true?

On the 22nd of July we on our way to Germany and Relevant! On the 23rd we were warmly welcomed by Gudula and Jochen and shown this fantastic stud, dating back 300 years, so many famous stallions have stood here, Rubenstein, Relevant's sire, amongst many. What history, what heritage! We took coffee and talked horses (what else) we showed them pictures of our stud and our horses. Jochen said that he was very satisfied with our references and understood that we were horse people.

We left with a promise from them that they would make their decision and would notify us as soon as they done so. My life was hanging in the air for two weeks! And then the answer we had not dared to hear!! WE WERE TO HAVE RELEVANT!! He was mine!! Really mine!!

I had to wait all of August, nail biting but exciting.



"A very special day, Relevant only just arrived!"

On the 3rd of September he arrived (here I must thank LOC Int.Horse Transporters, top service and telephone calls all the time telling me how everything was proceeding, absolutely wonderful drivers, thank you James and Martin) stepped off the lorry with all the presence of royalty, showing himself in all his glory! Who is this "Stallion" I am so lyrical about?

Here is his CV.

His dam line is the former DLG Champion Mare Hirtin, Havanna (El.St) by Goldlowe (who was sold to Sweden and produced many good dressage horses). His sire Rubenstein has produced many GP horses both mares and stallions.



When we met in Germany for the first time



4 year old Nurejev, talented son by Relevant. Uphill, uphill!! ridden by his promising young rider Louise Baker

Relevant successfully passed his stallion test with 120 points in Medingen and returned to the Vorverk Stud to be trained to medium and advanced level, his rideability and temperament allowed him to get to this stage very early and as a 6 yr old won and was placed at international level. In 1997 he successfully participated in the German Championships and 1998 in the Kleine Tur won at the CDIO in Aachen and the Nurnberg Pokal. In 1990 he won 3 GP's and was placed in many more. In 2000-2001

he became the Best Stallion at Zwolle in the Netherlands. Under Lisa Wilcox he went on to win numerous GP's, team silver and 5th individual in Jerez, Spain, the pair were then placed 3rd on the FEI world ranking list. In 2002 he won the German Masters at

Stuttgart, this year also the BCM ranked him as the world's best breeding dressage stallion. In 2003 he was 2nd at Aachen and took the silver at the Europeans in Hickstead. In 2003 he was ranked as 3rd best stallion in Germany. In 2004 he took team bronze for the US dressage team in the Olympics in Athens. In 2005 he changed rider to Marlies van Baalen and 2006- 2008 was successfully competed in World Cup and GP competitions in Denmark, Holland and Belgium.

And now he is with us at Constanca! Relevant throws very rideable progeny; we have 2 at our stud - a filly, Rosalinda and a gelding owned by our Louise Baker, Nurejev. Both very easy horses to work with. He is surrounded by pretty girls all waiting for his attentions, we can look forward to lovely babies soon.

My dream came true, yours can too if you really believe.

Silva Olsson Bedding, Constanca Stud.



What a feeling, Relevant and Silva

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