

## Reference Sires - Caretino

Caretino is one of Germany's top stallions, producing horses that excel in both the dressage and jumper rings. From the latest (2001) WBFSH rankings of top jumping sires, he is ranked #5 and is the youngest, at 18 years old, in the top ten. With more than 100 offspring, known for their astonishing movement and jumping ability, in sport, Caretino has 18 approved sons and 114 daughters, of which 12 are German State Premium. Recently Caretino was one of four to be accredited as an approved KWPN stallion without having been presented at the Stallion Show nor evaluated on the constitutional requirements of the KWPN.

Caretino is by Caletto II, the most important son of the Holsteiner breed mainstay, Cor de la Bryere. As a young stallion, Caretino won his 100-day test in the Holsteiner Verband with the brilliant scores of 9.0 and 9.5 in jumping and 9.0 in general performance.

In his early competitions he won the 1998 Holstein State Show Jumping Championship that, in turn, qualified him for the Federal German Championships in Mannheim at which he won. Shortly afterwards he become a successful international jumper with rider Bo Kristoffersen. Their efforts included 40 placings in national and international competition and, as part of the Danish Nation's Cup team at Gera in 1992, they brought home a fourth place finish.

The promising Caretino showed outstanding potential and in early 1994 the ride was taken over by the legendary Ludger Beerbaum. Just six months later his international career was cut short after he sustained injury. Caretino was retired from sport but began his career as a leading sire.

By 2001 12 of Caretino's offspring had competed at the international level including AK Caridor Z (Jos Lansink), Crocodile Dandy (Alison Firestone), Chandra (Sören von Rönne), Toyzrus (Jill Henselwood) and Ballerina 124 (Marcus Merschformann). Most recently, his son Camirez (Marcus Merschformann) won the 2001 Hamburg Derby, one of the most demanding events in the international circuit. In dressage Caretino has proven himself as well with the approved sons Cheenook, Carpaccio and Cockney who are considered some of the best movers ever to have entered the sport.

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	Cor de la Bryere SF	Rantzau xx
Caletto II		Quenotte SF
Caretino Hol	Deka Hol	Consul Hol
		Oekonomie Hol
	Metellus Hol	Marinus Hol
Isidor Hol		Nachtbluete Hol
131401 1 101	Corbala Hol	Aldato Hol
	COLDUIA 1 101	Unna Hol
		Caletto II Hol  Deka Hol  Metellus Hol

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