

# PREDICATES - What, How, When?

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**A**t the meeting of the Member Council in the Netherlands, in May of this year, the KFPS amended the way they determine the Performance, or Prestatie predicate. In the past, horses achieving high levels in Sport, and IBOP scores of 75 points or more, qualified their dams for the Prestatie predicate. Included now in the qualifications are horses achieving a score of 75 or higher in the ABFP testing, or central proving stallion exams.

The number of horses to qualify remains at three, with qualifying scores. This new inclusion almost doubled the number of Prestatie mares in the world to 123. According to Ids Hellinga, executive director of the KFPS, "The number about doubled to 123, which is still a limited number of elite mares. Where sport becomes more and more important, we want to distinguish the mares that produce good sport (talent) horses. Adding IBOP/ABFP makes sense since this information is at least as important as the sport predicate. Further, we aim to encourage members to do more IBOP tests."

Of the 123 Prestatie mothers listed by the KFPS, 21% or 27, are Model mares; 2% or 3 are Kroon mares; 82% are also Preferent; and 11.5%, or 11, also have a Sport predicate. While this is the breakdown of the top end, there are also 11.5% or 11 mares that are Studbook mares, not Sters (star) or Models, who have attained Prestatie status. This designation indicates that the mares themselves can be recognized for production of superior offspring.

In this list, the sires who stand out for production are Feitse 293, with nine mares, Oege with eight, Lammert with five, Herke, Anton 343, Djurre and Sjaard 320 with three each. Most other stallions have a mare or two, but these stand out.

The Prestatie predicate for mares is one of the most prestigious awarded. It recognizes the mare's ability to produce offspring that do well in all arenas of sport, more and more important in this competitive market. In this most recent addition to the ranks of Prestatie mares, two were from Belgium, one from the United Kingdom, one from Germany, and five from the United States. The latter are:

1. Sjikedame S., (Feitse 293) Std Model, Preferent, Prestatie (3), Owned by Lynn Schmidt, Dreamgait Friesians, Ohio
2. Wieke van Schuilenburg, (Reitse 272) Std Model Preferent, Prestatie (5), Owned by Vanderploeg Family, Michigan
3. Bettie (d), (Oege 267) Std Ster Prestatie, Owned by Fantasy Friesians, Texas
4. Sebeline, (Sjaard 320) Std Ster Preferent, Prestatie (3), Owned by Elizabeth Sharp, Twin Creek Friesians, California
5. Feikje v/d Slothoeve, (Teunis 332) Std Model, Sport, Preferent Prestatie (3), Owned by Maddi's Friesian Ranch, Nevada
6. Blomke B, (Jasper 366) Stb Ster Prestatie, Owned by Morrissey, Maine

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Sebeline Star, Preferent, Prestatie with Filly, Ziva TFC



The Preferent predicate is awarded to mares, studbook or auxiliary studbook, who have produced at least four offspring which were:

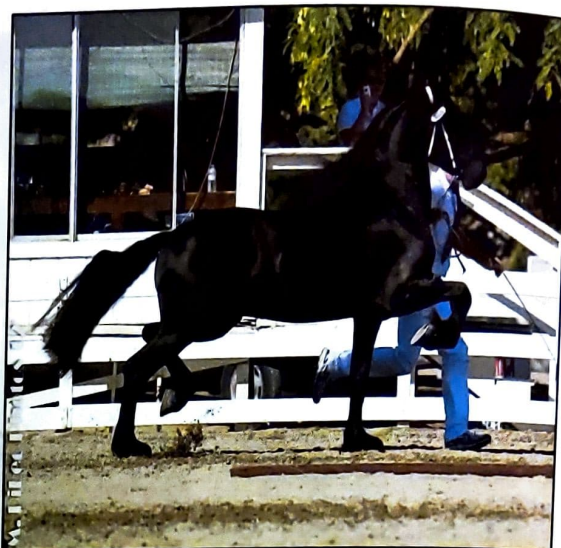
- A. Star or Model mare,
- B. Star gelding,
- C. Studbook stallion with approved breeding privileges,
- D. Stallion who reaches the second level of a recognized stallion judging.

Preferent status may be awarded to living mares or can be awarded posthumously.

The Sport Predicate can be awarded to mares, geldings and stallions that achieve good results in competitive sport, with measurable results. The shows registered with the USEF, USDF, ADS and KNHS determine qualification for the Sport predicate.

Minimum requirements for the Sport predicate are:

- A. Dressage Z1+5 scores of 60% or higher at third level or higher, or Z1 level test 24 or test 26 with five scores of 60% or higher;
- B. Driving (dressage) Z+10 - Obtain ten points from FEI driven dressage senior test 3 C HP1 from at least 3 different FEI or "R" rated judges. The point system is as follows:  
60-65% = 1 point  
66-70% = 2 points  
71% or higher = 3 points



Tristan TCF Star Stallion. Owned by Scott & Shelley Kelhofer and Elizabeth Sharp. Anton 343 Sport Preferent x Sjaard 330. IBOP 82.2.

Inga, Model. Anton 343 Sport Preferent x Sjaard 330. Marc & Erin DiLeo. 84.6 IBOP.







Ziva TCF, Star. Anton 343 Star Preferent x Sjaard 320.



Isabelle TCF, Star. Sipke 450 x Sjaard 320. At first ABFP testing in US. IBOP Ridden score of 78.5, Driven 75.5.



Sasse TCF Star Stallion. Owned by Willem and Teresa Bron. Feike x Sjaard 330. Franke Photo Design©

You must submit your score sheets to FHANA upon completion of each event. Once you have earned 10 points, your horse will be awarded the Sport predicate.

I have not gotten into the Preferent status for approved stallions, as it is based on a complex scoring system of offspring accomplishments. More information on this is available at the KFPS website.

The pictures included with this are of Sebeline, ster, Preferent and now Prestatie moeder, and her offspring that made it a reality. She was born in 1997, bred by Y. Nijenhuis, in Langezwaag, Nederland. She was a third premium filly, and made star at three with a second premium. Her pedigree is Sjaard320 x Jakob x Djurre. She is 19 this year and has had

10 offspring. She has very good gaits, even now, and at our farm we call Sebeline a force of nature. She is one of my most wary (of strangers) horses, and one of the most intelligent. One of her offspring is Menno, a ForestBoy© stallion. She has two star stallions, so far, to her credit, Tristan TCF and Sasse TCF, and two star mares thus far, Ziva TCF and Isabelle TCF, and one model mare, Inga Model. I am proud to be her owner; she is a wonderful mare.

Std = Studbook  
Ster = Star

