

The legendary Sjaantje Kroon Sport AA (Tsmerk 328 X Ritse 322) was bred to Matt & Pam Gish's stallion, Sape 381, in 2017, so that offspring, Hamilton DCTF, was bred to be a driving.

With that goal Hamilton's childhood was carefully scripted: lots of turnout in hilly pastures, a sound Parelli natural horsemanship foundation, months of ground driving, so when he was first hitched to a jog cart, it went perfectly. As a late 2 YO, he spent 3 months driving 15 minutes a day and as conditioned that slowly increased to 30 minutes. Then as a young 3 YO, he had 6 months of mostly turnout, but was driven once a week, introducing him to different situations and different carriages. That fall, as a 3 YO, he went to trainer, Suzy Stafford, to begin his formal training and then went to Florida for his first winter show season, beginning his driving performance career as a young 4 YO in 2022.

In the spring of 2023 as a 5 YO, Hamilton was lightly started under saddle before resuming his driving training and performance events in the summer, and in the fall, resumed his under saddle training for 6 weeks, focusing on his canter, which is required at the higher intermediate and advanced driven dressage levels.

As a 4 YO Hamilton competed in 9 ADS Training level driven dressage events, earning scores between 65.2% and 78.8%, and received the 2022 FHANA 4YO Driving Talent Cup! His very first and only pleasure show in 2022, Orleton Farm's CT, Derby, & Pleasure Show, was a successful exhibition of his mental maturity, fitness, and talent to compete in the 6 class horse division. His results--4 firsts, a second, and a third--earned him the show's 2 wheeled vehicle championship!

As a 5 YO, Hamilton showed in both the FL and the North Eastern carriage driving circuits, moving up a level in driven dressage to preliminary. In 2023 he entered 10 preliminary driven dressage classes with scores ranging from a 65.3% to an 81.1%

In 2023 Hamilton also competed in the single horse divisions at 4 pleasure shows: at the ADS Grand Oak Classic Pleasure Show, his 2 firsts and 3 seconds, earned the single horse reserve championship; he had another reserve championship at the ADS Black Prong Classic; 3 firsts and 3 seconds clinched the 4 wheel Championship, as well as the single horse Grand Championship at Lorenzo; and 3 firsts, 2 seconds, and a third won the modern presentation vehicle championship at Orleton Farm.

Hamilton won 3 of his 4 Combined Tests (a dressage class and a cones class), and at all three (the USEF Black Prong COE, the ADS Elk Creek COE, and the Orleton Farm CT) had the high point dressage score in all three event tests!

Friesians are highly recognizable in the equestrian show world, and because driving events are open to any breed, spectators and exhibitors can easily compare a Friesian to other breeds and gain first hand knowledge on their performance superiority in the carriage pleasure driving community. At first Hamilton's claim to fame was being Sjaantje's son, but after his 2nd year of

showing he is making a name for himself. With his accolades in all phases of carriage pleasure driving: dressage, pleasure shows, & combined tests, Hamilton is now showing the equestrian community the easy trainability and incredible performance ability of the Friesian breed. Showing both in the southern and the northern show circuits, Hamilton is reaching a large spectator and exhibitor audience.