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S U C C E S S S T A R T S W I T H K N O W L E D G E !

In Holstein breeding the Thormählen family has ranked among the most successful breeders for several generations already. Last year they celebrated the 444th anniversary of their farm in Kollmar, located close to the Holstein breeding centre Elmshorn. The name of Harm Thormählen is inseparably connected to that of Capitol I and his dam's line, lineage 173. This stallion made that the stables could grow into one of the most famous show jumping horse studfarms in the world. Lineage 3615 may sound less familiar to many, but it is this lineage that brought Thormählen his biggest sport successes. The well planned talent of this story goes by the name of Cero, who is a product from this small family that produced horses with exceptional show jumping talents. In the beginning of 2006 Cero was sold to Princess Haya bint Al Hussein.

It was in 1963 that Rheder Thormählen discovered the mare Gera when he saw her jumping an MB competition (1.30m). Even in the jump-off the then 5-yr-old daughter of Galvani I cleared every fence with 30 cm to spare. "What a super horse, I will not go home without buying this mare." He accompanied the breeder to his home where he has to negotiate for five hours before he managed to acquire the mare. His son Harm picked up the training of the mare and as a 6-yr-old he already started her at Grand Prix level. Harm describes Gera as a highly athletic sport horse with a powerful stride, a proudly lifted head, throwing well rounded jumps. As a 7-yr-old Gera won the Nations Cup in Madrid, ridden by Kurt Jarasinski, after which Rheder Thormählen sold the mare to Bavaria with a priority right to buy her back eventually. Still having

▼ *Cero's grandam Gera VI performed successfully in the international show jumping sport under Michael Morrissey. The temperamental mare had inherited many qualities of her sire Calando I*



won S-level classes as a 14-yr-old, the mare returned to her native soil. At Thormählen Gera produced two sons and two daughters by his own stallion Capitano, who is a son of the celebrated sport mare Retina (Ramzes) on which Fritz Thiedemann won the Hamburg Derby. With the two Capitano daughters Larsa and Mandalyn the continuation of lineage 3615 was secured. Mandalyn produced one daughter, Cera by Cor de la Bryère. This top-class mare with the ability to give her last over the fences was a successful international showjumping horse for many years. Under Paul Darragh she won the 1996 Grand Prix of Barcelona and the World Cup qualifier of Sevilla. After the EC in Mannheim in 1997, Cera was ridden by Otto Becker, winning the German National Championship and the Aachen Nations Cup, amongst other achievements. Like her dam, also Cera only produced one daughter, by Landadel. By the name of Fein Cera this mare earned world fame under Peter Wylde. In 2002 the combination won bronze at the WC of Jerez de la Frontera. In the finals with the horse exchange Fein Cera proved to be the best horse of the WC. Two years later she won Olympic gold for the American team in Athens. The meanwhile 17-yr-old mare was still successful last year, finishing third in the Grand Prix of Brussels and Leeuwarden.



▲ Ridden by Torben Köhlbrandt Cero was the 5-yr-old winner of the German National Championship qualifier of Elmshorn

KNOCKED OUT

Larsa, the eldest daughter of Gera, always remained at Thormählen's studfarm until she died age 30. Unlike her full sister, Larsa displayed more characteristics of their sire Capitano, such as a fine conformation and good movements. Larsa passed on these qualities specifically in her son Lacapo (Landgraf I), best known as sire of the stallion Flemmingh. In 1992 Larsa's match with the influential showjumping horse supplier Calando I resulted in the mare Gera VI. We have now come to the grandam of the well planned talent of this story.

Cero - 2001 - grey - Rider: François Mathy jr. - Breeder: Harm Thormählen, Kollmar (DE)

Calido I	Cantus	Caletto I	Cor de la Bryère	SF-93
		Monoline	Deka	Holst-730b
	Baroness	Coriander	Roman	Holst-18b1
		Kollet	USA	Holst-8777
Larsa I	Come On	Cantus	Coriolan	Holst-5739
		Sühne	Primadonna	Holst-8776
	Gera VI	Calando I	Roman	Holst-18b1
		Larsa	Borade	Holst-5064
			Caletto I	Holst-730b
			Monoline	Holst-8777
			Landgraf I	Holst-275
			Bühne	Holst-8769
			Cor de la Bryère	SF-93
			Furgund	Holst-7673
			Capitano	Holst-104a
			Gera (Sarbit)	Holst-3615

WELL PLANNED TALENT - C E R O



▲ *Fein Cera* was one of the best show jumping horses of her generation. Under Peter Wylde she won Olympic team gold and individual bronze at the WC

Thormählen is full of praise about the mare. “Before we saddle-break our horses, we always start with lunging. I had built a lunging circle in the indoor hall, fenced off with showjumping material. But when she was lunged, the mare would always jump out of the circle - and back again - even though the fence was higher than she herself. I fetched along aluminium bar and stood outside the circle to prevent her jumping out again. I had told my helper to keep a good hold on the lunging line, but the mare was determined to jump, knocking off the top pole of the fence which banged into my head and knocked me out for a moment.

HOLSTEINER FAMILY 3615				THE LEADING MARES OF HOLSTEIN (3615)			
Oia (Jahn) 211470202 Habs	Wollust (Liebhaber) 212752002 Habs	Galanterie (Finn) 210825303 Habs	Vorr. (Heidenstamm) 210714901 Habs	GERA ^{IMP} (Colaris I) 21046d103 Habs	Larsa (Capitana) 210614174 Habs	Lacapo ^{HOLET} (Lanzgraf I) 210061580 Habs	
						Andante (Lorenz) 210020606 Habs	DER KLEINE ^{IMP-ARMO} LORD (Lanz) 210233192 Habs
A. (Schnefelder) (Weissenburg) 210681302 Habs						GERA VI ^{IMP} (Colaris I) 210232292 Habs	Larsa I (Carne On) 210108196 Habs
						Mandalyn (Capitana) 210615575 Habs	CERA ^{IMP} (Cor de la Bryère) 210046487 Habs
							FEIN CERA ^{IMP} (Lancolade) 210193991 Habs
							CERO ^{IMP-HOLET} (Colaris I) 210244601 Habs



▲ Cera is a grand-daughter of the international show jumping horse Gera, was herself winner of several Grand Prix and is dam of the Olympic show jumping horse Fein Cera



▲ The mare Gera is standing at the basis of a small but valuable mares line. She performed successfully in the international show jumping, here as a 6-yr-old ridden by Harm Thormählen

When I came to, my first thought was: what a super horse! Since she is so absolutely determined to jump any fence, we should design a training for her in which she can develop her potential in peace, without any violence. I put the mare in a stable together with a mate she had always played with in the field. And I also lunged them together, Gera VI tied up to the girth of her friend. She obeyed and from then on could be lunged by herself." Thormählen trained Gera VI further and sold her to the U.S.A. There the mare performed successfully for a number of seasons in the international show jumping sport under Michael Morrissey.

PRINCESS HAYA

In 2001 Thormählen bred an exceptional colt by Calido I out of Larsa I (Come On), the only daughter of Gera VI. "As a 2-yr-old he caught attention at his first free jumping event. He showed things that were well beyond the ability of many a 4-yr-old," his breeder says. By the name of Cero he was the 3-yr-old winner of the stallion performance test of Redefin, where he was immediately licensed by the Mecklenburg studbook and leased to the national studfarm Landgestüt Redefin. As a 5-yr-old Cero returned to Kollmar. Then also the Holstein studbook licensed the stallion in Elmshorn, where he promptly won the qualifier for the German National Championship.

Thormählen describes Cero as a sensitive, intelligent and easy to ride stallion. Early in 2006 Cero was sold to Princess Haya bint Al Hussein, who also owns the mare Cera and had started Cero's grandsire Come On in the 90's. This Cantus son added the first class showjumping blood of the Bühne family to the pedigree of Cero. Princess Haya keeps Cero in Belgium at François Mathy, where the stallion is successfully trained by François jr considering their fine results in Lummen, Gesves and Chantilly. Kollmar still has some 25 offspring from Cero's two seasons there. Thormählen mated the stallion to his top-class mares U-Capitola (full sister of Capitol I), Birte II (dam Quite Easy), Pretty Cera and Out of Cera (both grand-daughters of Fein Cera). And so the success in the future seems secure. ■