WSI News

Katorevel Reserve Champion 4-Year-Old Showjumper
WSI Approved Mare Katorevel (Quaid II - Shakira x Satisfaction I), ridden by Ita McDermott, was crowned Reserve Champion 4-Year-Old Showjumper at the Dublin Horse Show. The pair also placed second in both qualifiers earlier in the week.

Katorevel also placed fifth in the Broodmare Futurity at the Dublin Horse Show. The aim of the class is to “identify young performance mares with suitable conformation, pedigree, and athleticism to be potential broodmares of top performing show jumping horses.”

Congratulations to Ita McDermott, owners Cathy and Colm Cuffe, and breeder Jan Roede.

Izzy Places 4th in 5-Year-Old Championship at RDS
WSI Approved Mare Izzy (I’m Special de Muze - Ulrieke x Larino), ridden by Derek McConnell, placed 4th in the 5-Year-Old Showjumping Championship at the Dublin Horse Show.

The pair also placed fifth in the first qualifier earlier in the week, securing their place in the Championship class.

In 2017 Izzy was the Millstreet 4-Year-Old National Discovery Champion.

Congratulations to Derek McConnell, owner Sorcha Hennessy, and breeder J. Saaltnk.

Update on WSI’s State Aid Complaint Against DAFM
A second European studbook has filed a complaint with the European Commission against Ireland’s Department of Agriculture (DAFM). Both complaints allege DAFM paid unauthorised State Aid to Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) every year from 2008 to 2018, totalling €17.7 million. The complaints document how more than half of the unauthorised payments benefited the HSI Breeding Department’s commercial business operations, distort competition, and harm trade between Ireland and other Member States.

If you are a breeder or horse owner in the European Union who has been harmed by the unauthorised State Aid given to the ISH Studbook we urge you to contact the Agri-State Aid office at the European Commission. If you are an EU studbook official whose organisation has been damaged by the average annual payments of €2.05 million given to HSI and the ISH Studbook, the largest sport horse studbook in the world*, we urge you to contact WSI.

*Source: WBFSH and HSI data for foal and older horse registrations in Irish Horse Register.

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Izzy and Derek McConnell.