

I visited my good friend Barbara Keller's beautiful stud (Gestüt Hasenacher) in Herrliberg, just outside Zurich, Switzerland, in November 2016.

Barbara is breeding coloured warmbloods for eventing and show jumping, and her set-up in Switzerland is out of this world. Barbara and I became acquainted a few years ago when she used our now-deceased stallion Sambertino. Having helped Barbara source coloured horses over the years, we have gone from mere business acquaintances to good friends.

Barbara's knowledge hails from Thoroughbreds, having gained experience in broodmares and foals from her years living in Ireland and Australia as well as being a racehorse owner. Alongside her love of racing, Barbara has gained another passion: coloured sport horses, and so Gestüt Hasenacher was born.

The stud itself has a beautiful indoor school, which is essential when the snow is on the ground, as well as a super outdoor school. There is also a foaling yard with a small nursery paddock for new-born foals. A crew yard with separate covered turnout areas is used for the youngstock which is both light and airy. There is also a separate indoor stable block for the competition horses. The paddocks are beautifully maintained, without any corners and with wide walkways everywhere.

We have been lucky to be entrusted over the last couple of breeding seasons with some of Barbara's broodmares and have successfully put them in foal to the coloured stallions Sambertino and Semper's Spirit. In 2016 we had the lovely ZfdP homozygous mare Suse (Semper - Astek) to stay (whom we had sourced for Barbara a few years before) with her beautiful AES coloured colt Bernardino who is by Barbara's successful flat horse Dansant xx. Suse is a super mare who has produced some beautiful offspring over the recent years and Barbara now has two of her offspring: the 2014 coloured filly Lilly (San Riant - Semper) and, of course, Bernardino. Last summer we were very excited to put Suse in foal to the superstar eventing

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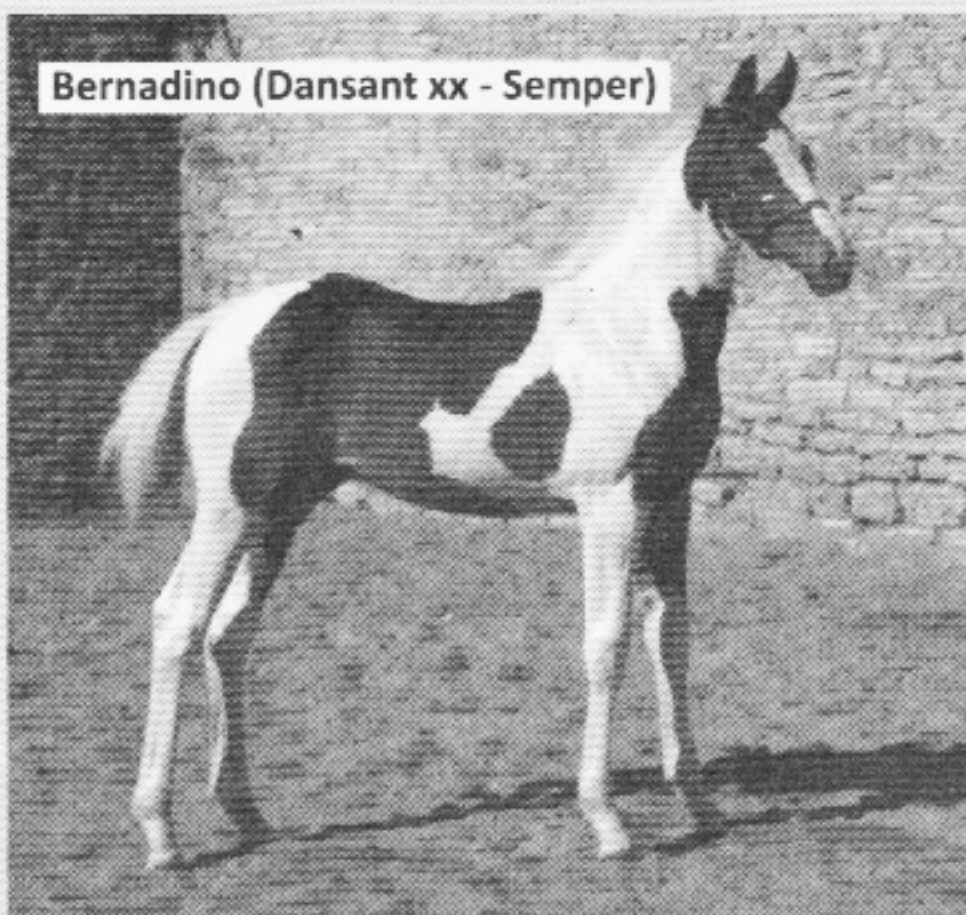
her stay with us before she and Bernardino travelled back to Switzerland.

Barbara's connection with the UK extends through us at Camrose Stud to UCS Stud. In 2015 we were delighted to assist Barbara with the purchase of their AES Buckskin and White colt UCS Skyfall (Legrande - Sempatico). In 2016 Barbara also bought their AES colt foal Cornet's Design (Cornet Obolensky - Sempatico) who is the only coloured offspring of Cornet Obolensky worldwide. The Hasenacher horses are registered with the UK-based Anglo European studbook (AES) and in 2017 Barbara will have two guaranteed coloured foals, by Toulon and Chilli Morning.

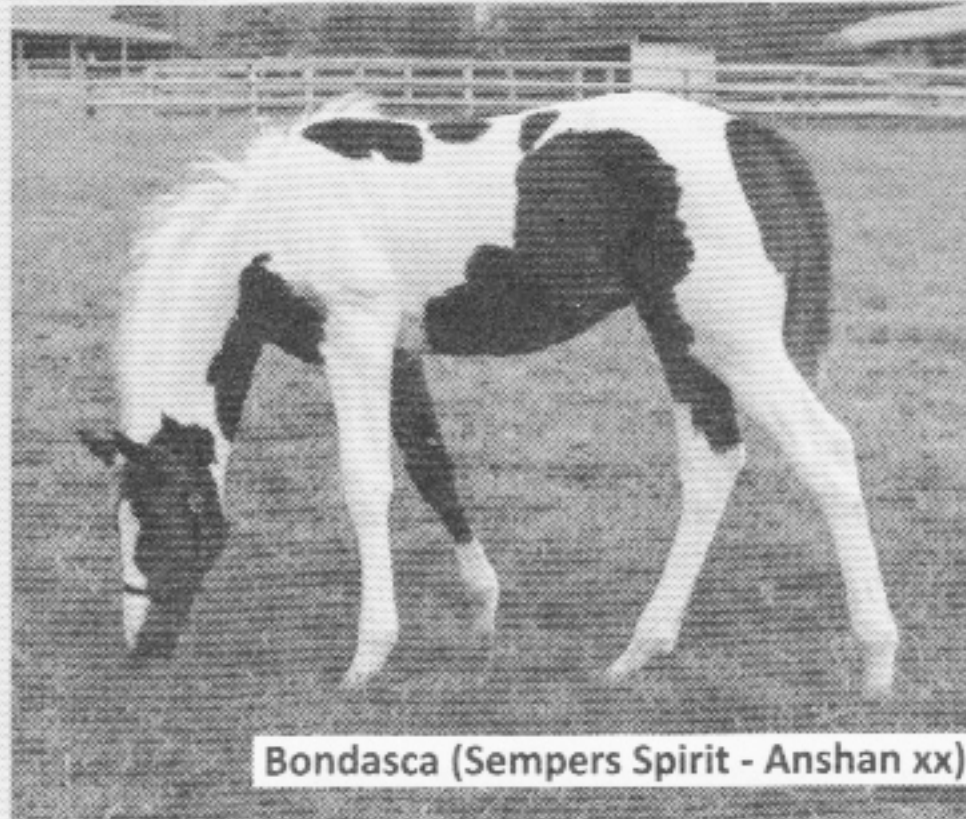
On the sport side of things, Barbara's ambassador for breeding coloured horses is her coloured gelding "Right To Play Jack Sparrow" who is ridden by Australian Olympic rider Andrew Hoy. Jack Sparrow competed at CIC** and CCI ** in 2016 with Andrew Hoy and is a rising star for the coming seasons. Although Jack Sparrow is not a home-bred, his dam, Jessies Muppets, is owned by Barbara and has a super 2016 coloured filly Bondasca by Semper's Spirit.



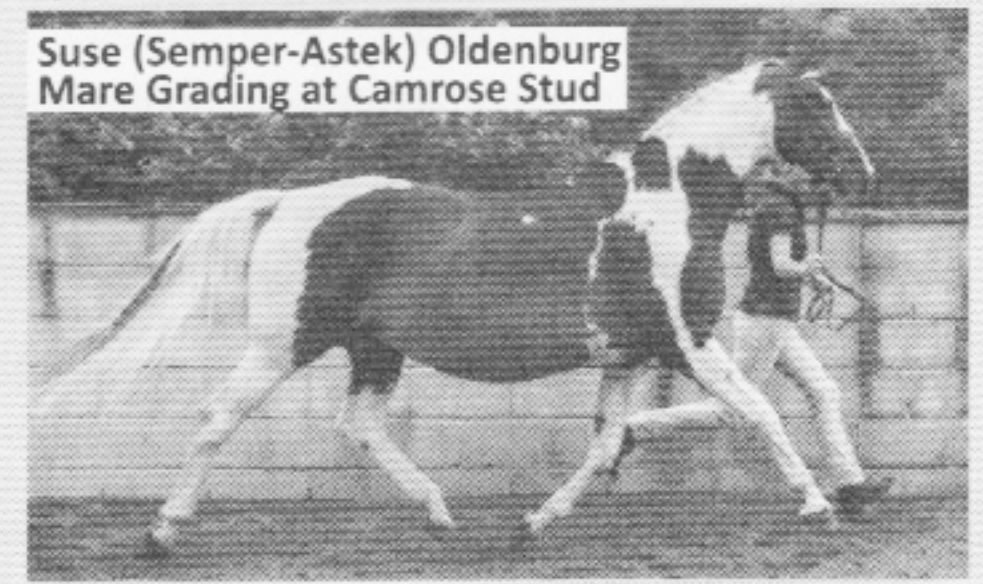
Dinah and Barbara with Lucy (Eros - Phanten)



Bernadino (Dansant xx - Semper)



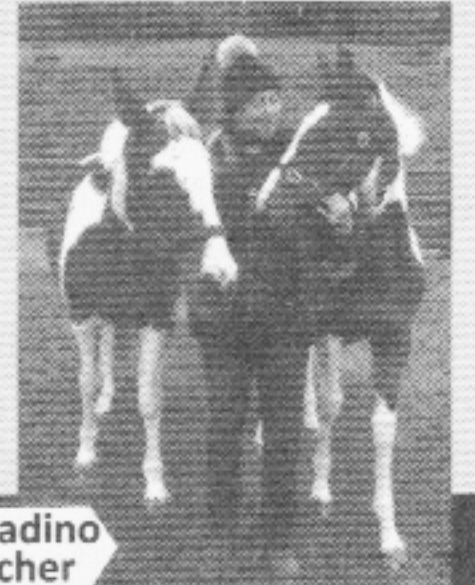
Bondasca (Sempers Spirit - Anshan xx)



Suse (Semper-Astek) Oldenburg Mare Grading at Camrose Stud

The future is bright for Gestüt Hasenacher – and perhaps the future really is coloured!

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Dinah with Suse and Bernardino during her visit to Hasenacher



Jack-Sparrow with Andrew Hoy



Bondasca (Sempers Spirit - Anshan xx) in the loose housing