

FAREWELL *Dinamo QC*

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Dinamo QC will be remembered by all who had a chance to meet him or any of his offspring.

His smooth, natural Paso Fino gait as well as his charisma, exceptional color, beauty and extreme willingness to please everyone who rode him made him so special, unique and unforgettable.

Dinamo QC (Impecable de Carmin, a Carmin son x Cordela Cabal, a Hilachas daughter) was born in July 1997 at the farm of Kay Chiapetta in the USA. In 2000 he was bought by Ute and Robert Steinbeis and imported to Germany to stand at stud at Paso Fino Farm Wiesenfelden in Germany where he sired a small number of offspring. He also successfully started his German/ European show career at that time.

In 2005 Friederike Etessami, owner of Southdown Farm in Devon, UK, took him and some of the Wiesenfelden mares to England where he became the founding stallion and over time also one of the leading sires in the UK. Dinamo sired more than 20 offspring, the majority of them being born and raised at Southdown Farm, UK. His sons and daughter are spread out across Europe and are treasured by their owners as reliable, well gaited and gentle companions.

German gaited horse trainer, Petra Schoener, who rode and trained this unique stallion from the beginning for more than 16 years describes Dinamo like this: "It was an honor to train him – we used to be a great team together. No matter how long I had not trained him and how many riders had ridden him in the meantime he was always there for me and remembered the basics I had taught him. I also had the great pleasure of starting quite a few of his offspring under saddle, all of them naturally gaited, friendly, beautiful, courageous and well mannered."

He was truly one of a kind. Though he might not have been the flashiest show horse, yet successful, he was a modest hero, beautiful and a dignified gentleman, always polite, always a pleasure to be around, meek yet proud. He made every rider look great thanks to his effortless and natural gait and he forgave many mistakes. He was a serious athlete in the show ring but knew how to have fun cantering down the beach at Southdown Farm.

He is indeed leaving a great legacy behind and will continue to live on in his children and grandchildren – pleasure horses in the truest meaning of the word who cannot be weighed in gold.

Farewell, Dinamo, you will be missed for sure! ■

