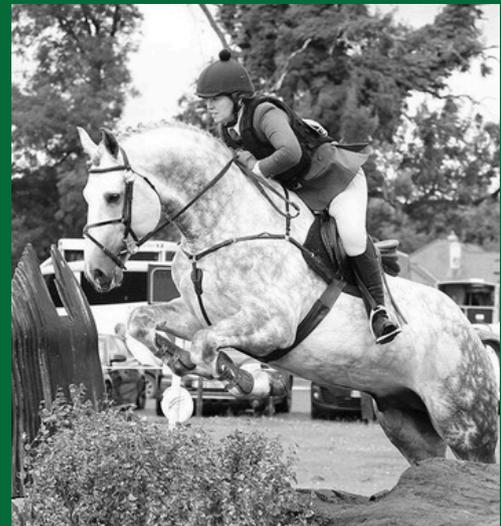




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Welcome to the HSI Breeding newsletter

Where we celebrate the strength, quality, and future of Irish sport horse and Irish Draught Horse breeding. Each month, we will shine a spotlight on two outstanding stallions, exploring their pedigree, performance, and the qualities they pass on to the next generation. Whether you are a breeder, producer, or simply passionate about Irish-bred horses, we hope this series offers valuable insight and inspiration as we continue to support excellence in breeding across Ireland.



Cappa Capone



Stallion in Focus

Cappa Capone (IDC1) has added a Bronze Performance Merit to his accolades, awarded for consistently scoring over 65% at Preliminary level dressage under Dressage Ireland rules with rider Kate Solon. Bred and owned by Jimmy and Edel Quinn of Cappa Stud, Co. Galway, the 2019 Class 1 approved stallion is by Cappa Cassanova (IDC1) out of Cappa Jewel (IDC1). Capone was also the highest-placed Irish Draught at the 2025 Dressage Ireland National Championships, highlighting both his exceptional temperament and versatility.

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Zapatero VDL



Stallion in Focus

Zapatero VDL (KWPN) has been named Horse Sport Ireland's first Stallion of the Month for the Irish Sport Horse Studbook, having achieved a rare second 5★ Merit, this time for the elite performances of his showjumping progeny. Already a 5★ sire for eventing, Zapatero's dual-purpose credentials are underlined by top-level results from progeny including Magic Mike and Jourdain VDL at CSI4* and CSI5* level. Standing at Drumhowan Stud, Co. Monaghan, Zapatero VDL continues to make a significant impact on Irish and international sport horse breeding.

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