

Donnybrook Farm



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Is Proud To Present "The Irish in America"!!!

Registered Irish Sport Horses

Sane, Sound, Athletic and Versatile!

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The Irish Sport Horse

The traditional Irish Sport Horse (ISH) is a cross between the Thoroughbred (TB) and the Irish Draught Horse (RID). The latter being a light but versatile farm horse developed over the centuries by the ever resourceful Irish farmer.

The Irish Draught is truly the horse of the countryside. A product of its environment, the breed evolved from the crossing of Spanish and Norman horses with native ponies that worked in hand on small Irish farms. Economic conditions dictated that the poor Irish farmer breed for a lighter more efficient animal than what is typically known as a “draft” horse. He required one horse that was strong enough to plow the fields during the week, agile and athletic enough to go hunting over fences on Saturday, and docile yet elegant enough to trot the family cart to church and back on Sunday. Usually, this was an Irish Draught mare, and usually she was in foal to a Thoroughbred stallion. The objective behind this endeavor was to produce a half bred foal for Fox Hunting and sell it to Irish or English Gentry at the local fair.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, this half bred horse became known around the world as the “Irish Hunter.” A horse with the stamina and athleticism of the Thoroughbred, but the intelligence, temperament, versatility and natural jump of the Irish Draught. The demand for this bold, athletic Irish Hunter by cavalry officers in the armies of the world, almost led to the extinction of the purebred Irish Draught. After WW1 however, steps were taken by the Irish government to protect the few remaining purebred animals and replenish the endangered breed through breeding incentives.

Today, the Irish Hunter is better known as the Irish Sport Horse. In organized equestrian sports, the ISH has distinguished itself as a world-class competitor. It has successfully competed in almost every equestrian discipline on the world stage. The ISH has proven itself in Grand Prix Show Jumping, Eventing, Dressage, and Combined Driving. Mill Pearl, Murphy Himself, Custom Made, Biko, Cruising and Sailing are but a few examples of the many successful ISHs winning at the upper levels of equine competition.

The ISH is especially adept at Eventing because of its stamina and versatility. Many of the top eventers in the world will attest to the exceptional athletic attributes and intelligence of the ISH.

“This one horse can take you from beginner thru advanced in any discipline.”

Trevor Coyle - Irish Olympic Team Capt.

Our Breeding Philosophy

Donnybrook Farm breeds quality Irish Sport Horses for eventing. We have painstakingly hand picked the bloodlines used to produce our foundation stock. From 1996 to 1999 we viewed a dozen or more RID stallions in action at various shows and events in Ireland, England and North America. We inspected their get and studied their performance records. We also viewed thirty or so TB mares here in the U.S. inspecting for conformation, temperament and bloodlines. We thoroughly investigated back five generations on both sides before deciding on our foundation line pedigree. This selective method enabled us to choose the pedigree lines with proven performance attributes. As luck would have it, we succeeded in producing Donnybrook's Foundation Stock from which we breed our top quality event prospects.

Today, we breed our ISH stallion (Ellis Island), exclusively to our ISH mares (Irish Lullaby and Molly Maguire), in order to produce two quality ISH foals annually. This conservative approach to our breeding program allows us to produce with relative certainty, quality prospects that are consistent in type, conformation, athletic ability, temperament, size and color. Our foals are physically correct, solid, healthy, willing and intelligent. They are stamped with the positive attributes from their winning pedigree lines, DNA tested to prove lineage, PHR registered and lifetime enrolled in the Silver Stirrups Performance Awards Program.

Our discerning clients are successful competitors who are experts in raising, training and riding event horses. They like to purchase young prospects direct from a reputable breeder with consistent and dependable stock. This method eliminates the all too risky, common occurrence of buying someone's training mistakes or worse; getting an animal with a hidden prior injury that eventually manifests itself as career limiting and/or too expensive to fix.

Donnybrook Farm's Private Treaty Sales Agreement offers a low risk alternative to traditional buying procedures, off the track gambles, or even riskier auctioned animals from some dealers. Our contracts facilitate a win/win/win transaction for the buyer, the breeder, and the prospect.

"One horse" from Donnybrook Farm, can take you as far as you want to go.

References upon request.

Donnybrook's Foundation Stock

Ellis Island ISH - (4855525) 2000 Stallion

By Happy Ending RID x Marsh Point TB by Tiffany Ice TB



Irish Lullaby ISH - (4888193) 2000 Mare

By Touch of The Blues RID x Due Next Week TB by Shimatoree TB



Molly Maguire ISH - (4855526) 2001 Mare

By Touch of The Blues RID x Due Next Week TB by Shimatoree TB



Donnybrook's Pedigree Performance

Ellis Island

Happy Ending RID (A738M0003) →
by Snowford Stoker RID x Trinity
RID by Merry Gold RID



100 Day Performance tested in England and passed Grade One Elite. Received top scores on scope & jumping tests. Successfully competed as a Grade A Show Jumper.
1999 National Grand Champion - RID Stallion.



←
Marsh Point TB (9410878)
by Tiffany Ice TB x Palms In
The Sky TB by Great Above TB

A Kentucky bred mare. Breeders Cup Nominated. Good stamina pedigree. Raced 5 times as a 3 year old breaking her maiden in a 7 furlong race at Aqueduct and winning 3 of 4 afterwards.

Irish Lullaby and Molly Maguire

Touch of The Blues RID (A013M0002) →
By Blue Rajah RID x Seafin Lady RID
by Slievenamon RID



100 Day Performance tested in England and passed Grade One Elite. Received top scores on dressage/movement tests. Successfully evented intermediate at Burghley. 1998 National Grand Champion - RID Stallion.



←
Due Next Week TB (9416068)
by Shimatoree TB x Liberty Fire TB
by Roanoke Island TB

A New York bred mare. Good jumping pedigree. Raced 6 times between the ages of 2 and 3. Won her maiden race in a 1&1/16 mile allowance at Saratoga.

Donnybrook's Progeny Performance



← Donnybrook's Nellie Kelley
Pictured here as a yearling.
Placed 2nd in the 2008
Future Event Horse yearling class
at Fair Hills Maryland.

→ Donnybrook's Dudley Street Station
Placed 1st in the 2007 Future Event
Horse Yearling Geldings at Waredaca.
Placed 3rd in the 2007 USEA FEH
National In-Hand Championship.



← Donnybrook's Scarlett O'Hara
Pictured here at 2 years and 16H.
Placed 4th in the 2007 Future Event Horse
Yearling Fillies at Waredaca.

→ Donnybrook's Lucky Stars, aka "Jimmy"
Placed 1st in the 2008 Old Chatham HT
Placed 1st in the 2008 Riga Meadows HT
Placed 1st in the 2008 Frazier Farm HT
Placed 2nd in the 2008 Ethel Walker CT
Placed 1st in the 2008 Stoneleigh Burnham CT



Exceptional Bloodlines

Ellis Island

(Irish Ancestry)

Colman RID - Sire of 3 RID Show Jumping Champions Incl.
Snowford Stoker - Sire of Happy Ending

Tara RID - Grandsire of Sea Crest and Clover Hill
Great Grandsire of Cruising and Colman
A world renown jumping pedigree

(TB Ancestry)

Bold Ruler TB - 33-23-4-2 Sire of 28 Graded Stakes winners
Great Grandsire of Tiffany Ice - Sire of Marsh Point.

Great Above TB - 63-13-15-10 Raced till his eighth year. Sire of Holy
Bull and Palms in The Sky - Dam of Marsh Point

Irish Lullaby and Molly Maguire

(Irish Ancestry)

Blue Rajah RID - 1988/89 National Dressage Champion - RID Stallion.
Sire of 5 RID Stallions Incl. Touch of The Blues

Blue Peter RID - Sire of 3 Champion RID Stallions Incl. Blue Rajah
All 3 rated top points in movement at RID inspection.

(TB Ancestry)

Native Dancer TB - 22-21-1-0 Sire of 49 Graded Stakes winners plus 6
Steeplechase winners. Rated best jumping pedigree
by Blood Horse Magazine. Great Grandsire of
Shimatoree - Sire of Due Next Week.