Horse breeding in Austria
„Tradition with a Future“

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Organisation of Horse Breeding in Austria

Platform Pferd Austria

Austrian Horse Breeding Association (ZAP)  
9,775 breeders (48 breeds)

Equine Centre Stadl-Paura

Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management

Working groups for Haflinger, Noriker, Warmblood, Pinto horses

Federal horse breeding associations

Chambers of Agriculture

WBFSH 2015
Horse Breeding in Terms of Numbers 2014

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<tr>
<th>Breed Name</th>
<th>Breeders</th>
<th>Registered Mares</th>
<th>Registered Stallions</th>
<th>Foals</th>
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<td>Haflinger horses</td>
<td>2.671</td>
<td>3.371</td>
<td>101</td>
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<td>Noriker horses</td>
<td>3.332</td>
<td>4.503</td>
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<td>Warmblood horses</td>
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<td>2.318</td>
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<td>Thoroughbred</td>
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<td>Quarter Horse</td>
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<td>2.770</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>9.775</strong></td>
<td><strong>14.567</strong></td>
<td><strong>1.951</strong></td>
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Austrian Warmblood - Principles

a) Breeding Objective:
Utilisation as riding horse

b) Breeding Technique:
Pure and crossbreeding at least 3 generations of ancestors Austrian Warmblood or other accepted breeds according to appendix of stud book regulations

c) Performance tests:
• Stallions only with performance record (70 day test, 30 day test with successes in sports, sports successes on own account)
• Mares’ performance tests not compulsory

d) Health:
Comprehensive clinical and radiological examinations for stallions
## Equestrian Sport in Terms of Numbers 2014

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<td>Participations in Tournaments</td>
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- ca. 400,000 riders and drivers in Austria
- ca. 25,000 horse keepers (businesses) in Austria
  - only 5.4% of businesses and 11.8% of riders and drivers in organisations
### Participation with Austrian Horses in 2014

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<th>Activity</th>
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<td>Show Jumping</td>
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National successes with Austrian Bred Horses 2014

• 70 % of all foals become show horses

• 2,113 Austrian horses in index of show horses (16.1 %)

• Austrian championships
  3 x 1\textsuperscript{st} place
  4 x 2\textsuperscript{nd} place
  5 x 3\textsuperscript{rd} place

• Federal championships
  26 x 1\textsuperscript{st} place
  32 x 2\textsuperscript{nd} place
  22 x 3\textsuperscript{rd} place
Selection of Austrian Bred Horses on international Stage

Bartlgut’s Duccio by Dimaggio (Dressage)

Juvina by Cassini I (Show-Jumping)

Bambucca by Breitling W (Driving)
Studies Horse Industry
(Platform PferdAustria)

a) Horses as an economic factor
- EUR 2.1 billion production value per year
- ca. 23,000 jobs
- agriculture and tourism benefit the most

b) Horses as a social factor
- 80 % of Austrians positively disposed towards horses
- strengthening of public space (leisure activities)
- 70 % expect importance of horses to rise in the future
- 400,000 riders and drivers in Austria

c) Horses’ role in tourism and leisure
- 6.4 % of tourists ride when on holidays
- 8.4 days dwelling time
- € 84.5 per day spent

d) Horse and health
- promotes personality development
- promotes locomotor system, coordination skills, and balance
- rains cardiovascular system
Challenges for the Horse Industry

a) Livery stables: agriculture or trade?

b) Training of horses

c) Foreign breeding organisations

d) Commercialisation of sports
Humans love Horses

Pferd und Mensch in Österreich