

Tornesch

Thanks to his outstanding performance with Malin Baryard, the KWPN-recognized stallion H&M Tornesch (s.Lux) is good advertising for Swedish show jumping. He also has made his Dutch breeders, Henk and Anneke Noordhof-Nieborg, very proud.

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Tornesch's breeders Henk and Anneke Noordhof, pictured with Tornesch's dam Ninerta (s.Libero H), are pleased the stallion is with top rider Malin Baryard: "He gets all the opportunities with her that he deserves."

Breeder Noordhof on Tornesch

How would you describe Tornesch's temperament?

Anneke Noordhof-Nieborg: It's difficult to say because he was here for just a few months as a foal. I remember that he was a high-quality foal. That's why we sold a 50% share in him to stallion keeper Reinie Tewis when he was four months old; that allowed us to prepare him for the KWPN stallion selection. He didn't go very far in the selection as a three-year-old, but we're happy that he now has KWPN-recognized status.

What traits did he inherit from his dam?

We bought his dam as a yearling and just used her for breeding. She's a very easy mare on the ground. Our son Freek-Pieter recently saw Tornesch up close at a show and said that you couldn't tell that he's a stallion because he was so quiet. I think that he inherited that trait from his dam. And of course, jumping talent: his dam is a young Libero H and his offspring are known for that trait.

Why did you choose Lux as Tornesch's sire?

Back then, we went to Maas Hell's stallion station a lot, and he was always lyrical about Lux. We're also true sporthorse breeders, so we like to use stallions which have excelled in the sport, and that certainly was the case with Lux. We were very interested in him for our Libero H mare Ninerta, and it's a combination we have repeated several times since.

What other offspring has Tornesch's dam produced?

We've bred Ninerta to several different stallions, among them Karandasj and Tygo. We still have Ninerta's three-year-old Up to Date filly and a yearling colt, who's a full-brother to Tornesch.

Malin Baryard on Tornesch

How would you describe Tornesch's temperament?

Tornesch is a very friendly and curious horse. He loves working and always does his best for me. In that respect, he's one-of-a-kind; he's a true winner who always goes for it. And he's a very enjoyable horse to work with every day.

What is Tornesch like in the barn?

He's quiet, and he loves attention. For a stallion, he's certainly very easy on the ground. I'm really crazy about him, so he doesn't have to complain about not getting enough attention. Tornesch is the king of our barn!

What is his best trait under saddle?

His best trait is his willingness. He always wants to jump and does everything to go around clear. He's very intelligent and truly loves jumping, which makes my job as a rider easier. In any case, he's a very nice horse to ride.

How did Tornesch come to you?

His current owners approached me when Tornesch was seven years old. At the time, he was already jumping at the 1.40m level here in Sweden. I was contacted to ride him at the higher levels.

Did you immediately 'click' with him?

Yes, when I saw him, I immediately fell in love with him. He gave me a really good feeling under saddle, and I felt his potential for the higher levels. Of course, there were some things that initially needed improvement with respect to rideability, but he quickly learned everything. Tornesch is a very smart horse, he likes to learn, and we 'clicked' immediately.



The KWPN-recognized stallion Tornesch (s.Lux) is very special to both his breeder, the Noordhof-Nieborg family, and his rider, Malin Baryard.

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Breeder Noordhof on Tornesch

Ninerta is 18 years old now and unfortunately didn't take when she was bred to Lux last year. We'll have her inseminated again this year, and hopefully we'll get a full sister to Tornesch so that we can continue the line. Tornesch's full brother is a lot like Tornesch, so we decided to keep him, and we hope to present him in the stallion selection. The Up to Date filly is quite different from Tornesch: she's a chestnut and a whole other type.

Was Tornesch's talent evident as a foal?

We had a lot of faith in him as a foal, but it's always difficult to assess how a horse will develop over time. That depends on many things. He wasn't the biggest foal, but he's big enough now. His younger brother seems to be bigger, although we'll have to wait and see. As a foal, Tornesch was a nice type and had a good canter, which he still has.

When did you sell Tornesch and to whom?

We sold a 50% share in him as a foal to Reinie Tewis, and through him, Tornesch went to Sweden as a five-year-old. Of course, it's great that he ended up with a top rider like Malin Baryard, where he gets all the opportunities he deserves.

What does Tornesch's success mean to you and your breeding business?

A lot! Wherever we go, everyone knows Tornesch and talks about him. It's really nice to have a flagship horse for our breeding business, although we've bred other international jumpers and approved stallions. Still, Tornesch is special to us! We recently launched a sales- and training barn here in Kropswolde, and we named it Stal Tornesch.

Do you keep close track of Tornesch's achievements?

Yes, we try to follow everything the best we can, usually through the internet, show results, and/or live-streams. And if he's competing somewhere in the neighborhood, we go watch him. We also have a good relationship with his rider. Our son spoke with her in Rotterdam: she's thrilled with Tornesch, which is always nice to hear as a breeder!

Malin Baryard on Tornesch

When did you first think that he could make it big?

From the start, I thought he could become a good grand prix horse, but that's something you don't know until you actually cross the finish line of a 1.60m course. But we were right. Tornesch is not just a good grand prix horse: he is also a true winner at that level.

What do you want to improve in his work?

Of course, there are always small things to improve, but I'm very pleased with Tornesch's training. He keeps getting better with experience. I got him as a seven-year-old, and he's thirteen now, and I still think he hasn't reached his limit yet. He keeps improving and seems very happy. He loves to work and that's a very big advantage.

What do you still want to achieve with him?

As much as possible! Tornesch is a true winner, so I hope that we can still have many good experiences together. I enjoyed showing him in the World Cup Final in Gothenburg at the end of April. It was extra special because it was on our home turf, and Tornesch has a lot of fans here! Now I hope to show him in the European Championships in Herning this August. ●

Malin Baryard:
"Tornesch
is a true winner."

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