

SHEARWATER POTENTIAL INTERNATIONAL DRESSAGE HORSE SUPREME CHAMPION (Four and Five year old champions)

Vicki Thompson-Winfield and Beltoni, a five-year-old stallion by Belissimo, bred by Sarah and Tony Pidgley, won the supreme championship. This breeding stallion has been extremely successful winning several young horse qualifiers before being selected by British Dressage to compete at the World Breeding Championships at Verden in Germany, where he came 19th. He was described by the German judge Dieter Schuele and Dutch judge Eddy de Wolff as very elastic; "He has a good rhythm and cadence and keeps it in the medium trot, it's a really active trot and very expressive. You can see he has a talent for suspension and collection." Vicki has had the ride on Beltoni since December when Toni Terry bought him from the Pidgleys. "He felt really relaxed today, he's got really mature in his attitude, he learnt a lot at the world championships, and the experience has really given him confidence. I'm just really proud that you can breed a horse like this in Britain." Vicki intends to give the horse a rest and then compete in the six-year-old classes next year.

Charlotte Dujardin and Don Archie, Carl Hester and Ann Cory's Dimaggio gelding, were reserve five-year-old champions.

Tim Sillevis managed the remarkable feat of coming first and second in the four-year-old championship. He won the four-year-old class and was reserve supreme champion on Julie Down's Romanno Ruinart and was second in the four-year-old championship on Sandy Senior's GF Deville.

RIGHT: Beltoni.

BELOW: Vicki
Thompson-Winfield tells
owner Toni Terry her
horse has won the
supreme championship.



