

On the American continent and at the age of 17, Coconut Grove has long proven what a great jumper he is thanks to his rider. And their story is a true fairy tale. Together with German Camergo, they began show jumping in 1996 accomplishing top performances, though, the stallion was totally unknown at the beginning.

With an outstanding record including, qualifications for all of the world's major events such as World Cup finals and Olympic Games with the Colombian team, Coconut Grove was also awarded several titles such as '1999 Best South American Horse' at the Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Canada, winner of the Bolivarianos Games in Peru, winner of the Centro American Games in Venezuela, alongside several victories at World Cup qualifiers and third in the \$100,000 US Open Jumper Championships.

As a jumper, and for his owner and number one fan Tamara Smith: "Coconut Grove is an amazing athlete, he can literally jump from anywhere and clear fences. He has unlimited spring, scope, and an unbelievable desire to jump his best. Not since the great and late chestnut Napur - of which Tamara Smith was also the lucky owner - has there been a thoroughbred stallion with such heart." Purchased by Tamara Smith in 2001 at the end of his career, Coconut Grove is now standing at stud at Tamarack Select in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. And leading a peaceful life.

*So where does his talent come from?*

A pure product of Bold Ruler xx (Nasrullah xx - Miss Disco xx) and Damascus xx (Sword Dancer xx - Kerala xx), who also works

the other way around for having produced Napur (Damascus xx - Lodge xx x Bold Lad xx [Bold Ruler xx]), Coconut Grove xx is, after Napur xx, one of the few thoroughbreds in the world with such a career as a jumper.

*On his sire's side ...*

Coconut Grove xx, is the son of Dare To Pet xx born in 1979 (Bold Commander xx - Alidare xx) a large and substantially built Colombian race horse bred from two of the world's most influ-



ential thoroughbred lines Nasrullah xx (GB - 1940) and Hyperion xx (GB - 1930), famous on the show-jumping scene after being exceptional at racecourses.

Nasrullah xx, a bay stallion

born in 1940, is the sire of Bold Ruler xx who was second leading racehorse 'Sire of the Century' and present in the pedigrees of several top international jumpers such as Allegro and Pressurized.

Hyperion xx, a great stakes winner and famous 'Leading Sire' in England also passed down his quality to several American showjumping Grand Prix winners of the late seventies, such as Second Balcony, Southside, and Night Murmur.

In his dam line, Dare To Pet xx carries the quality blood of Hasty Road xx (USA - 1951) famous winner and product of the Roman xx (USA - 1937) lineage also well known on the American continent's equestrian scene

COCONUT GROVE XX		
<b>DARE TO PET XX</b> (COL - 1979)	DARE TO COMMAND XX (1972)	BOLD COMMANDER XX ALIDARE XX
	TENAS PET XX (1974)	SANTIAGO ROAD XX TINY FIB XX
<b>CORAL GABLES XX</b> (COL - 1980)	PROPELLENT XX (1970)	DAMASCUS XX KLONDIKE KATE XX
	CORALINDA XX (1971)	MILORD XX CORALINA XX

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# Coconut Grove XX: Conquering Europe

*By Claire Lervaller: Born in 1987 in Colombia, Coconut Grove (Dare To Pet – Coral Gables), a 1m65 bay stallion with two hind socks, was originally bred to race. Racecourses having closed in his country, he started out in the show ring in 1993 with Paula Camargo (who discovered him), until his talent turned him into one of the most successful thoroughbred Grand Prix performers on the equestrian scene with Paula's husband German Camargo.*

self assured, he is extremely cautious and careful, a trait that made him such a great Grand Prix jumper. His temperament is outstanding. You can be breeding him one moment and let a child feed him a treat the next moment. He is a happy horse, always kind and willing. He fits peacefully into my barn, stands with all the other horses, and is absolutely no problem. He is actually easier than my mares and geldings."

As an improvement sire and conformation-wise, Coconut Grove is well balanced, not too long in the back and carries good looks. Tamara Smith adds: "Though his foals with thoroughbred mares are absolutely beautiful, his best work will be improvement on warmblood mares that need refinement, lightening, and agility. Coconut Grove is extremely agile, athletic, and manoeuvrable. He is like a little Maserati sports car. He also has a big heart and tries hard to please, a thoroughbred trait that warmbloods can use more of. He can improve mares that are long-backed and heavy to ride. He has a lot of scope and is exceptional over a fence with his hind legs. I believe it has a lot to do with the way he is built in his hip, hock, and hind legs.

Tamara Smith adds: "His first offspring in the USA were born in 2003 (there are some older products in Colombia). Foals are of good size with nice bones and very correct leg conformation. It also seems that they inherit his hind leg structure and his pretty looks even out of common headed mares. They have a nice upright build."

## Future stars?

They also seem to have a certain disposition for jumping: "The foals will often astonish onlookers by jumping the jumps in an arena entirely on their own initiative." ■

## Back to his roots

Coconut Grove xx was to be sold to a Dutch breeder when his former owners Paula and German Camargo decided that he should remain in the USA and decided to make the deal with Tamara Smith. "Europeans, as well as breeders of European warm blood sport horses abroad, understand the strategic use and need of quality thoroughbred blood in their pedigrees", says Tamara Smith.

As a matter of fact, in 2002, Coconut Grove was approved for breeding by the Warmblood Registry, Rheinland Pfalz Saar (RPSI). In 2003, he was granted a breeding licence and the status of improvement sire by the American Holsteiner Horse Association. That same year, the Selle Français stud book, ANSF, also made him available to their breeders by recognising him as an improvement sire licensed to breed Selle Français. These official recognitions just add more weight to Tamara Smith's conviction that Coconut Grove is a great sire "par XXcellence".

Furthermore, besides these first approvals, additional licences in other European countries are being sought so as to make this exceptional sire available to breeders of other studbooks.

## Coconut Grove, a champion's groove

His fans describe him as having a great agile jumping technique fit for half blood mares. For Tamara Smith: "Coconut Grove is a super achiever in the show ring and the breeding shed. He has that huge try hard thoroughbred heart. He truly believes that he can do or jump anything. Though very

thanks to the famous Volunteer and Dutch Crown along with stakes winners' 'Leading Sire' John's Joy xx whose influx is present in the pedigree of international Grand Prix and World Cup performer Jet Run xx (USA – 1968) who is among the Top Ten Jumpers of the World in 1979.

## On his dam's side ...

Coconut Grove's dam, Coral Gables xx (Propellent xx – Coralinda xx) (Colombia – 1980) is, through her sire, from the famous 1967 Horse of the Year and sire of 415 racers and winners, Damascus xx.

Among Damascus's progeny and besides international winner and 1987 World Cup Best American Horse, Napur xx (1977) we also remember Mokheiba, sire of the famous event horse Hazmat, and of several point to point and other steeplechase winners.

Damascus's dam, Kerala (My Babu xx – Blade of Time xx) (1958) is herself by My Babu xx, great sire of sport horse sires such as The Hammer (My Babu, out of Dark Rose 2) (1954), sire himself of top level and Grand Prix jumpers, Sympatico, Golden Gavel, and Jackson County. Besides Coconut Grove xx, Coral Gables xx is the dam of Satra, also a member of the National Show Jumping Team in Colombia.

Kerala xx is out of Blade of Time xx (Sickle xx [GB]), out of Bar Nothing xx (GB) present in one of the most influential hunter and jumper sire lines. With such heritage and genetics, it is not a surprise that breeders from the Older continent constantly seeking for improvement sires for their local warm blood sport mares are showing interest in Coconut Grove xx.

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