

## NEW STALLIONS IN FINLAND 2009

Finnish breeders have access to four new stallions in 2009 breeding season. Two are imports and two home-bred.

Irish import Fairyhill Fort is a grey six-year old stallion bred by Michael Mullen. His pedigree does not need introduction among Connemara pony enthusiasts, being by Monaghanstown Fionn and out of Kingstown Fairy. Fairyhill Fort aka Eddie is thus closely related to last year's Clifden Supreme Champion Kingstown Dana as well as Kingstown Fionn among other "celebrities". He was successfully shown in Ireland before bought by Nina Tiainen. Fairyhill Fort arrived to Finland in September 2008 and settled without any troubles to his new home.

Another import is 12-year old Calvin Klein from Sweden. He is leased for 2009 season by Merja Nurmi and Sari Takala. Merja's stallion Rockfield Scarface went to replace him at his owner Kerstin Johansson's Bjennesby Stud. Calvin Klein has also very well known pedigree being by Janus who is currently standing with Henry O'Tooles Castle Stud. Calvin's dam is a successful show jumper Coosheen Dill whose sire is not less than Coosheen Finn. Calvin is a small stallion standing only 135 cms and a welcome addition to the stallion list.

Vanity Padraigh is also a son of Janus, out of Tempelisa Lady Calista by Ard Ri Cunga. Padraigh is a big strong bay. As he is only a 3-year old he got a licence for three seasons and will be back to his final inspection as well as performance test as a six-year old. Padraigh's breeder is Jenni Virtanen and he is owned by Laura Ovaskainen and Suvi Virtala.

Last but not least is Doyher Bay Boy by Symphatil Hazy Becks (Frederiksminde Hazy Marvel) out of Golden Ashlair by Westside Mirah. Bay Boy is, as his name suggests, bay and 148 cms. As he is a 4-year old his licence is valid for two seasons and he will be inspected again as a six-year old. Bay Boy did a good riding test 10 days after the official inspection as his rider had a nasty accident with another stallion just before she was supposed to ride Bay Boy. Doyher Bay Boy is bred and owned by Nina Tiainen and he might be for sale.

You can find more details of these and other stallions standing in Finland from the Finnish Connemara Pony website

[www.connemara.fi/english/stallions.html](http://www.connemara.fi/english/stallions.html)

