



## Birth of TOP GUN CRYOZOOTECH, clone of TOP GUN LA SILLA, the champion horse of Jan TOPS.

The Cryozootech family welcomes the clone of one more legendary horse, Top Gun La Silla who won 22 podiums ( 9 first rank, 7 second rank and 6 third rank) in International grand Prix or Championships ridden by the Dutch rider Jan Tops from 1991 to 1998.

Top Gun was a Hanoverian gelding born in 1982. As many champions he spent some time in Paul Shockemohle stables. Top Gun started high competition with Nick Skelton and was sold to Jan Tops and Alfonso Romo. He was then named Top Gun La Silla. Jan Tops rode him in international grand prix for The Nederland from 1991 to 1998. He won the European championship and Olympic gold medals for Dutch team.

"I have been riding thousands of horses in my career, but there is only one Top Gun. The Horse you get only once in a life" Jan Tops says.

Top Gun La Silla retired in 1999 in Walkenswaard in Jan Tops stables. When Eric Palmer started banking genes of champion horses for Cryozootech company, he contacted Jan Tops and Top Gun was one of the first horses in his cell bank as soon as 2002. Top Gun died in 2005 and cloning attempts started in 2006 until this hoped birth occurring in 2010.

Top gun was sired by Grannus . With a lifetime total earning of well over 3 million US\$, the off-spring of this glossy black Hanoverian stallion which include seven Olympic horses and more than 60 approved stallions, have made Grannus one of the greatest sires in the world. Among wellknown international winners he produced Grannusch (J. Whitaker ) , Top Gun de La Silla (J. Tops ) , Almox Grand Plaisir ( L. Beerbaum ) Remus Equo (AM Bauer ) .

Top Gun Cryozootech is a beautiful black colt with four socks and a blaze whereas the original had three socks and a star prolonged by a narrow blaze. As for other clones the basic color is the same but markings vary. Like his model he is a strong horse with four strong and straight legs and an active temperament.

Top Gun Cryozootech was born March 16<sup>th</sup> in USA where he is kept with his carrier mother for his first spring and summer, as his final destination is not yet decided. Cryozootech would like to keep him in Europe, but it may be difficult for Cryozootech to decline some offers for such an exceptional horse.

Photos:

Right- Top Gun La Silla and Jan Tops

Down- Top Gun Cryozootech, 3 months old

