

## 2023 Hokkaido Training Sale Review

On May 23rd at Sapporo Racecourse in Hokkaido, the 2023 renewal of the Hokkaido Training Sale was held after hosting an under tack show the day prior. From the 116 two-year-olds to pass through the ring, 91 were sold. Of those 91, there were 53 colts and 38 fillies. The sale's gross was ¥667,040,000(US\$4,764,571) with an average of ¥7,330,109(US\$52,357).

The gross saw a 13.3% decrease from 2022; however, due to the yearling markets' success in Japan's past few years, the number of entrants in the training sales has decreased by about the same percentage.

The sale topper was Hip 49, a son of Leontes(JPN) that sold for ¥24,200,000(US\$172,857) to Koji Yasuhara. The highest-priced filly was Hip 53 by Real Steel(JPN), purchased by Normandy Farm for ¥21,450,000(US\$153,214).

With the lifting of the COVID regulations that have long since complicated entry into Japan for the sales, earlier in the month of May, several two-year-olds were purchased by internationals during the sale. Hip 10, a Yamakatsu Ace(JPN) colt was bought by Singapore based Masatsugu Otani for ¥5,500,000(US\$39,285). Tiang Kim Choi from Malaysia purchased two lots at the sale, Hip 56 a Victoire Pisa(JPN) colt for ¥4,400,000(US\$31,428) and Hip 108 a Deep Sky(JPN) colt for ¥7,260,000(US\$51,857). Also from Malaysia, Tan Tiang Huat purchased Hip 97 a Henry Barows(JPN) colt for ¥4,950,000(US\$35,357).

Thanks to those high-priced lots, Leontes(JPN) and Real Steel(JPN) were the two highest-grossing sires of the sale. Just a Way(JPN) was a close third, having also crossed the 30 million yen mark, selling all three of his lots.

In July, the 2023 yearling sales season will kick off with a yearling sale once a month out at the Hokkaido Shizunai Sales Pavilion. First up is the Selection Sale on July 25th and 26th. The week-long Summer Sale will start on August 21st. The three-day September Sale will be held from September 19th. The final yearling sale of the season will be the two-day Autumn Sale on October 16th and 17th.

Don't hesitate to get in touch with our representatives if you are interested in purchasing at any of the Hokkaido Sales or in inquiring about the Japan-bred winner bonus program:  
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Hip 49, a Leontes(JPN) colt out of Pisa no Prive(JPN) sold for ¥24,200,000(US\$172,857).