

## Hokkaido Training Sale Review

The 2021 Hokkaido Training Sale was back this year after being canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Only 124 horses went through the ring this year, down from 2019, but the yearling market was robust all year long last year, leaving fewer horses available for the training sale. Despite the limited number of entries, the sale maintained a healthy 66.9% clearance rate. The low horse count resulted in a gross of ¥651,310,000(US\$5,867,657), but the average of ¥7,847,108(US\$70,694) and a median of ¥6,380,000(US\$57,477) were both the second-highest of the past decade.

The sale topper was Hip 28, a Maurice(JPN) filly out of Kashima Flower(JPN), purchased by Masuomi Yamamoto for ¥33,000,000(US\$297,297). The filly posted the fastest one-furlong breeze during the under-tack show the day prior, going the distance in 10.98sec. Maurice(JPN) only had two lots in the sale, but the two sold so well, he became the highest-earning stallion of the sale with a gross of ¥46,750,000(US\$421,171) and averaged ¥23,375,000(US\$210,585).

Third Crop sire To the World(JPN) has produced a respectable number of winners, especially in the NAR. He had three lots grossed a total of ¥39,600,000(US\$356,756) with an average of ¥13,200,000(US\$118,918). Rulership(JPN) has established himself as one of the reliable sires in Japan and sold four of six lots offered, grossing ¥37,070,000(US\$333,963) with an average of ¥9,267,500(US\$83,490). Third crop sire Discreet Cat(USA), sold all four lots offered up grossing ¥25,080,000(US\$225,945) and averaging ¥6,270,000(US\$56,486). Epiphaneia(JPN) has taken the country by storm with classic winners from his first two crops. It is no wonder then that both of his lots sold well, grossing ¥23,100,000(US\$208,108) and averaged ¥11,550,000(US\$104,054). First crop sire American Patriot(USA) has been off to a good start with two winners so far and multiple placings, making him the third most successful first season sire. He sold two of his four lots in the sale but grossed ¥21,450,000(US\$193,243) and averaged ¥10,725,000(US\$96,621). First Crop sire Drefong(USA) has also been on a roll with two winners and is the second on the freshman sires rankings. He only had one lot in the sale, but it sold for ¥20,350,000(US\$183,333). Popular young sire Duramente(JPN) sold three of his five lots in the sale, grossing ¥20,130,000(US\$181,351) and averaged ¥6,710,000(US\$60,450). First Crop sire Lani(USA), who is currently sixth in the Freshman Sire rankings, sold all three of his lots grossing ¥18,810,000(US\$169,459) and averaged ¥6,270,000(US\$56,486).

USD \$1 = JPY ¥111

Values all pre-consumption tax.

\*All stallion statistics are as of June 21st, 2021.



Sale Topper Hip 28 (Maurice(JPN) x Kashima Flower(JPN)) sold for ¥33,000,000