

## Hokkaido September Sale Preview

The yearly Hokkaido September Sale is the third of four yearling sales offered in the Hidaka region of Hokkaido each year. A relatively new addition to the lineup compared to the other sales, it had quickly found a steadfast home in the calendar. With the domestic thoroughbred market remaining at record strength all summer long, there is little doubt that the momentum will be easily maintained as fall approaches. Of the 585 yearlings cataloged in a sale that leans more towards type, there are two with strong pedigree credentials. Hip 102 is a colt by popular sire Kizuna(JPN), a half-brother to G2 winner Shigeru Pink Ruby(JPN). Hip 108 is the half-brother of G2 Meguro Kinen winner Win Tenderness(JPN) and is by Al Ain(JPN), who was a two-time G1 winner himself and is also a full brother to Japanese Derby and Dubai Sheema Classic winner Shahryar(JPN).

Throughout the three-day sale, 138 different stallions will have their progeny available for purchase. One foreign stallion is represented at the sale this year, Vino Rosso(USA), whose first crop has debuted strongly in the United States. Top Japanese stallions like Derby winner Kizuna(JPN), who is the sire of 3 time G1 winner Songline(JPN), multiple G1 winner Kitasan Black(JPN), the sire of champion Equinox(JPN), champion Maurice(JPN) who is the sire of G1 winner Geraldina(JPN) and top dirt sires like Sinister Minister(USA) and Henny Hughes(USA) are all available at this sale.

Reliable stallions like Epiphaneia(JPN), a sire of multiple G1 winners, and Orfevre(JPN), the sire of this year's Dubai World Cup winner Ushba Tesoro(JPN), are also represented. Shanghai Bobby(USA) was represented well by G1 Santa Anita Derby runner-up Mandarin Hero(JPN), a Hokkaido Sales graduate himself, and has several lots in the sale. Ten-time G1 winner Hokko Tarumae(JPN) is the sire of Hero Call(JPN), who is Mandarin Hero(JPN)'s local nemesis and also a Hokkaido Sales graduate. Last year's break-out freshman sire, Mind Your Biscuits(USA) and sire of JPN1 Zen Nippon Nisai Yushun and G2 UAE Derby winner, Derma Sotogake(JPN), has a few lots in the sale as well.

The battle for the 2023 leading freshman sire is still well underway in Japan as juvenile racing starts to get serious in the fall, but going into the last throws of Summer, it is Suave Richard(JPN) with a resounding lead based on prize money thanks to his slew of JRA winners. Moanin(USA), who has had more success in the NAR than the JRA, has the lead by overall wins at this stage. Both stallions will be represented at the September Sale. Plenty more young and promising stallions have yearlings up for purchase as well. G1 Kentucky Derby winner California Chrome(USA), two-time Dubai World Cup winner Thunder Snow(IRE), G1 Japan Cup winner Cheval Grand(JPN), G1 Breeders Cup Juvenile winner New Year's Day(USA), G1 Breeders Cup Turf winner Bricks and Mortar(USA), and two G1 Japanese Derby winners Rey de Oro(JPN) and Roger Barows(JPN) are all in the sale.

New stallions have been highly popular at the sales this year, and several of the most sought-after stallions will have progeny in the sale. Three-time G1 winning miler Admire Mars(JPN) and multiple G1 winning dirt champions Gold Dream(JPN) and Le Vent Se Leve(JPN) are all Japan-bred new stallions entering the market. Mr Melody(USA) and Mozu Ascot(USA), who were imported as juveniles before going on to make a stallion resume for themselves by racing in

Japan, will also make their debut next year. Two imported stallions, G1 winner Nadal(USA) and three-time G1 Noble Mission(GB), who is a full brother to champion Frankel(GB), will both be for sale throughout the three-day sale.

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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Hokkaido September Sale Details:

- Sale type: Yearling
- Venue: Hokkaido Sales Pavilion in Shizunai, Hokkaido
- Dates: September 19th (Tues) ~ September 21st (Thurs)

Pre-sale inspections: 8:30 ~

Sale: 12:00 pm ~

- Number of cataloged lots: 585
- Online catalog available at: <https://www.hba.or.jp/en.php>