WHAT IS THE FUTURITY?

- An evaluation system of young sports horses and ponies from foal to three-year-old
- Accessible to all British bred horses and ponies (as long as they are by a licensed stallion)
- The same for all, regardless of breed
- Different sections: Dressage, Showjumping, Eventing (+ Ponies) ((+ Endurance))
- Top scoring horses (historically 8.5 and above) qualify for the "Equine Bridge", a programme designed with the disciplines to help talented horses to be developed for the sport.
BRITISH BREEDING

- Took over the Futurity as part of a wide range of activities, including a stallion show, a Magazine ("British Breeder"), and the Equine Bridge
- british-breeding.com
- 5 Directors from different areas of the equestrian industry:
  - Joris van den Oetelaar (AES)
  - Sacha Shaw (Breeding British)
  - Rachael Holdsworth (Holdsworth PR)
  - Jane Skepper (Competition Stallions)
  - Dr. Eva-Maria Broomer (Horsepower Creative and AES evaluator)

WHAT WE DID

- Overhaul of the scoring system
- Overhaul of the judging panel
- New database
- Re-launch of the Bridge for 2019
THE JUDGES

- A panel of 4 judges, working together as a team, with one international judge, and one representative from each discipline
- A scorer, noting the linear profiles
- A senior, highly experienced vet to carry out the veterinary assessment
- A mixture of:
  - Experienced studbook evaluators
  - Riders
  - Breeders
  - Representatives from the Olympic disciplines

THE SCORING SYSTEM

- What we want the system to deliver:
  - Cross-studbook data collection on linear traits
  - Individual British studbooks largely too small to gather meaningful data
  - Pool youngstock data for potential heritability studies
  - Analyse plasticity of phenotypes as horses “grow up” with the system
  - Map early phenotype observations (linear traits) onto performance traits later on

- Feedback to breeders
  - Get early feedback to improve breeding decisions
  - Recognition and marketing exposure
THE SCORING SYSTEM (CONT.)

- A Balancing Act Between Our Need for Data and the Breeders’ Need for Feedback and Recognition
- Linear profiles AND numerical marks
- Numerical Classifications:
  - 6-6.99 – Third Premium
  - 7-7.99 – Second Premium
  - 8-8.49 – First Premium
  - 8.5-8.99 – Higher First Premium
  - 9 and above - Elite

THE ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE:

1. THE VETERINARY ASSESSMENT

- 12-15 minutes veterinary assessment outside on hard ground, two-year-olds and three-year-olds also on soft ground on a circle
- Input from nutritionist
- Emphasis not only on correctness, but also on correct management, and on issues particularly relevant to young horses (growth plates, foot balance)

Goals:
- Collect data on the relationship between environmental influences and limb development
- Collect data on heritabilities
- Collect data on relationship between conformation and management early on and performance later on
- Improve welfare by encouraging and rewarding correct management

LINEAR SCORE SHEET

COMMENTS

TWO MARKS: HORSE AS IT IS NOW (10%), PROGNOSIS FOR THE HORSE IF MANAGEMENT ISSUES ADDRESSED (10%)
THE ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE
2. EVALUATION BY THE PANEL

- Conformation, Walk, Trot and Canter (Jump in 3yo Showjumpers and Eventers)
- Assessment in hand and loose
- (insert video link to show how we assess canter in foals)
- Judges agree all the scores

SCORES ADD UP TO 80% OF THE FINAL MARK, WITH EACH ASPECT WEIGHTED EQUALLY

BREED OPTIMA

- Discipline specific breed optima
  - Developed in consultation with key industry stakeholders:
    - Studbook representatives
    - Riders
    - Judges
    - Representatives from the Olympic Disciplines
- Traffic Light System: the more crosses in dark green, the closer to 10 the mark

Woodlander Querida

Conformation - Face
- Body Shape
- Body direction
- Length of neck
- Necklength extended
- Length of neck
- Position of neck
- Necklength extended
- Necklength
- Height of withers
- Height of shoulder
- Length of shoulder
- Line of the back
- Line of the loin
- Shape of the croup
- Length of the croup
- Tail set
- Fence Walk

Future Evaluation
- Low
- Moderate
- High

I.3 (A.E. Broomer)
### Woodlander Querida

**Sex:** Female  
**Date of Birth:** 07-06-2018  
**Colour:** Black/Brown

#### Futurity Evaluation

- **Date:** 22/09/2018  
- **Location:** Montrouge Equine Unit  
- **Judge:** Rik van Miert, Jennie Loxton-Clarke, Katy Holder-Vale, Bert van den Oelestaar

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### KYLIE

**Sex:** Female  
**URIX:** 6000025100741/494  
**Champion Number:** 6410001678/337  
**Date of Birth:** 21-05-2015  
**Colour:** Grey

#### Futurity Evaluation

- **Date:** 23/07/2018  
- **Location:** Vale View Equestrian  
- **Judge:** Carron Neil, Rik van Miert, Lesley Peyton-Gilbert, Jennie Loxton-Clarke

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23 January 2019

DATA IS STORED ON PUBLIC DATABASE

- Basic ID Information
- Pedigree
- Photos
- Videos
- Detailed Linear Score Sheets
- Can be searched by stallion, age, etc.

https://british-breeding.com

THE BRITISH BREEDING FUTURITY
PLANS FOR 2019

- Review and Critique of the system, using data and video footage
- Separate assessment days for 3yos, with optional training day beforehand
- Continuous Review of the Traffic Light system and optimum profiles
- Eventing focused initiatives: scoring of successful eventers to learn more about optimum traits
- Pilote trial scheme of automatically generated numerical scores
- Pilot to change the "labels": Bronze – Silver – Gold
- Launch of the Equine Bridge: Development programme for 3-7-year-old horses, qualified through the Futurity