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## **Kristin Schmolze Eventing and Sport Horses Partners with Kedrah House Stud to Import Ricardo Z Offspring to USA**

**28 July, 2011 - Califon, New Jersey** - Kristin Schmolze Eventing and Sport Horses of Califon, NJ is partnering with Kedrah House Stud of Ireland to import quality young horses to the United States. Schmolze, who runs a training business out of Everbreeze Farm, has imported frozen semen for several years from the two stallions standing at Kedrah House: Ricardo Z and Lux Z. They hope that bringing some of the stallions' young offspring to the United States will help promote the breeding side of the business too.

On July 16, Schmolze received two four-year-olds and one five-year-old by Ricardo Z from Ireland: 'Ricardo's Whistle and Pop' is a four-year-old old purchased for her client, Beth Durden; four-year-old 'Ricardo Time' and five-year-old 'Ricardo Million' are both for sale. Schmolze plans to get these two going and competing, and ideally would like to qualify them both for the young event horse championships this year.

"They are still very green so we will see how quickly they come along," she said. "Either way I will get them competing, and they are for sale right away."

Schmolze's relationship with Kedrah House started when she purchased her now two-star level event horse, 11-year-old Ballylaffin Bracken, who is also by Ricardo Z. "I think he's one of the nicer all-around event horses that I've had," she said. "He's solid in all three phases: he has the movement and temperament for dressage and he is brave cross-country and he is a clear, careful show jumper. I've been taking it slow with him because at 17.3 hands he is such a big horse but he is ready to go advanced. This year he has felt ready to put all the pieces together and show himself off. I feel that he just did that at his most recent competition, at Rebecca Farm in Montana, after which we were named to the USEF Short List for the Land Rover U.S. Eventing Team at the Pan American Games this October in Guadalajara, Mexico!"

Schmolze explained that Ricardo Z is a very popular stallion in Europe and that crossed with a Warmblood mare the result may be more of dressage show jumping type of horse and when crossed with a Thoroughbred, the result is the ideal event horse.

"These three young horses are all by Ricardo Z out of Thoroughbred mares and the result is a wonderfully athletic, classy horse," she said. "I think that Ricardo crossed with our American Thoroughbred mares would be very beneficial to event horse breeding in the United States."

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