



## Chair's Welcome – 2009

Hello and Welcome to the UKA, the first and original Knabstrupper association in the UK.

2008 was a very busy year for us with the recognition of our association by DEFRA as the studbook holder for Knabstruppers in the UK and the granting of PIO (Passport Issuing Office) status. We were very pleased with the interest and response to this and the second half of the year saw a great deal of hard work being done to get the passports sent out to owners as quickly and efficiently as possible.

We look forward to the births of increasing numbers of Knabstrupper foals in 2009 and would like to remind everyone that we offer a range of passports. Please visit our Passport pages to see the categories available and which option would be best for your foal. We are happy to help with any queries you may have and you will find our contact details on the Contact Us page.

August saw the UKA again working with the ZfdP of Germany to organise a mare and foal grading in the UK. This was held at Moulton College in Northamptonshire and was a very busy and successful day. The ZfdP hold studbooks for a wide range of breeds including Knabstruppers and it was good to see so many different breeds of horses taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to have their mares and foals graded and accepted into the studbooks of such a highly respected association. The UKA would like to thank Hans Britze and Patricia fallows for their hard work and support in getting this event organised. We look forward to welcoming them back in 2009

In 2009 we look forward to again working with the ZfdP and hope to be able to offer a stallion grading day alongside the mare and foal grading day. Details of the event will be posted on our website as soon as they are finalised so please check our News page regularly.

In 2008 we had hoped to offer a KNN grading day in a central part of the UK as the only grading days on offer were in Devon or Yorkshire. Unfortunately this was not possible last year, much to the disappointment of those people who could not travel their horses to either venue but we will remain in communication with the KNN and keep you updated on events for 2009.

It's good to hear of more and more Knabstruppers out competing and doing so well. Do send us in photos of you and your horse competing, as we are always interested to hear of Knabstruppers doing well. This breed is so much more than a field decoration and is rapidly proving itself in a wide variety of disciplines and it's great to see these wonderful talented horses beginning to be recognised for what they can do, not just what they look like.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and successful 2009,

Lesley Knowles