

Spring 2026 CPBS Inspections Analysis of Stallions and Commentary

Includes Stallions inspected at all 3 venues

Across three venues a total of 59 stallions were inspected into Class 1, Class 2, and Class OH. All now have their pedigrees on allbreedpedigree.com. If you have a paid subscription, you can access the full linebreeding reports for each stallion and the hypothetical matings tool.

The data presented in this analysis is:

- Based on 9 generation pedigrees (the stallion plus 8 generations of ancestors)
- Based on % of Blood for each ancestor – this is calculated by adding together the percentage of each generation an ancestor is present in.
- As you read the analysis keep in mind that a 9-generation pedigree does not include all recorded ancestors, as many Connemara ponies have pedigrees that extend past 15 generations of recorded parentage. The result is that the % blood and Inbreeding Coefficient may be slightly underestimated.

Example of 9-generation and 13-generation analysis showing the effect of additional generations on inbreeding coefficient.

Name of Colt	Pedigree - no. of generations	COI%	% Carna Bobby	% Carna Dun	% Rebel	% Heather Bell
Addigoole Aslan	9	3.10%	13.48%	6.84%	8.20%	2.54%
Addigoole Aslan	13	4.12%	13.48%	6.84%	12.60%	4.30%
Vinura Timmy	9	3.87%	12.70%	11.91%	9.57%	3.71%
Vinura Timmy	13	4.68%	12.89%	12.11%	13.49%	5.69%

After the inspections at the first two of three inspection venues, I was concerned about the limited diversity of the colts presented. The addition of colts approved at the third venue reduced this concern when some of the missing lines were presented. Unfortunately, there were no male line representatives of Tooreen Laddie, Village Boy, Earl of Castlefrench, or Clonkeehan Auratum.

CPBS registered more than 7500 foals born in 2022 and 2023, sired by 580 sires. The count shows that 240 stallions sired 10 or more foals, 119 stallions sired between 5 and 9 foals, and the remaining 221 sires sired between 1 and 4 foals.

The amnesty has provided another Class 1 stallion. A five year old bay stallion, Disney, is by Slievebloom Tim out of a class 3 mare, Cnoc Caireil Daisy. Cnoc Caireil's parents are both Class 1 ponies. Disney is a welcome addition to the Mac Dara line stallion group, which are small in number.

Inbreeding Coefficients

The good news is that 35 of the 59 stallions have inbreeding coefficients in the safe range (5.0% or lower), and another 16 stallions fit into the range from 5.1% to 6.0%.

It's great to see an outcross colt, Gold Caviar, with a low COI of 3.7% and just 3.7% Carna Bobby in his pedigree and no Abbeyleix Owen. He has 15.6% Tully Grey and 15.6% Dun Lorenzo in his pedigree. He descends from The Fugitive sireline.

Several other stallions have less than 20% Carna Bobby + Abbeyleix Owen. They are 3DR Kavanagh, Carnane Viking, Croghanhill Lad, Vinura Timmy, Glenamaddy Lord of Whisper, Geneys Altair Boy, Diamonds Ice Wind and Rain, Tullanna Dara Ban, Carrowmore Cuchulainn and Rogaire Na Realtai. These lads are important for genetic diversity and managing inbreeding in the next generation.

Eight stallions have inbreeding coefficients ranging from 6.5% to 10.3% which means their parents that are more closely related than first cousins. Of this group all but one have more than 20% of Carna Bobby in their pedigree. Two stallions, Drumhass Silver Shadow and Premices Shadow, have more than 20% Carna Bobby and more than 20% Abbeyleix Owen in their pedigrees. Corner House Michael has more than 20% Carna Bobby and 25% Cloonisle Cashel.

Genetically Carna Bobby and Abbeyleix Owen are as closely related as ¾ brothers (COI of 19%). It has long concerned me that breeders mistakenly consider these two to be separate lines. I consider these two to be the drivers of increasing levels of inbreeding in the Connemara pony. Below is a graph using the colts inspected this spring to show how significant these two ancestors are when it comes to inbreeding.

% Blood - Which Ancestor contributed the most to the pedigrees of the Inspected Stallions?

No surprises here, it's Carna Bobby again. In past inspections Carna Bobby contributed the highest % of blood in pedigrees across all the stallions inspected and is the highest % in around half of the stallions' pedigrees. In this inspection, Carna Bobby is the highest % ancestor for more than half (57.6%) of the stallions inspected.

The average % blood of Carna Bobby in the stallion pedigrees is 15.7%, ranging from 25% (Glencarrig Huntsman) to 3.7% (Gold Caviar).

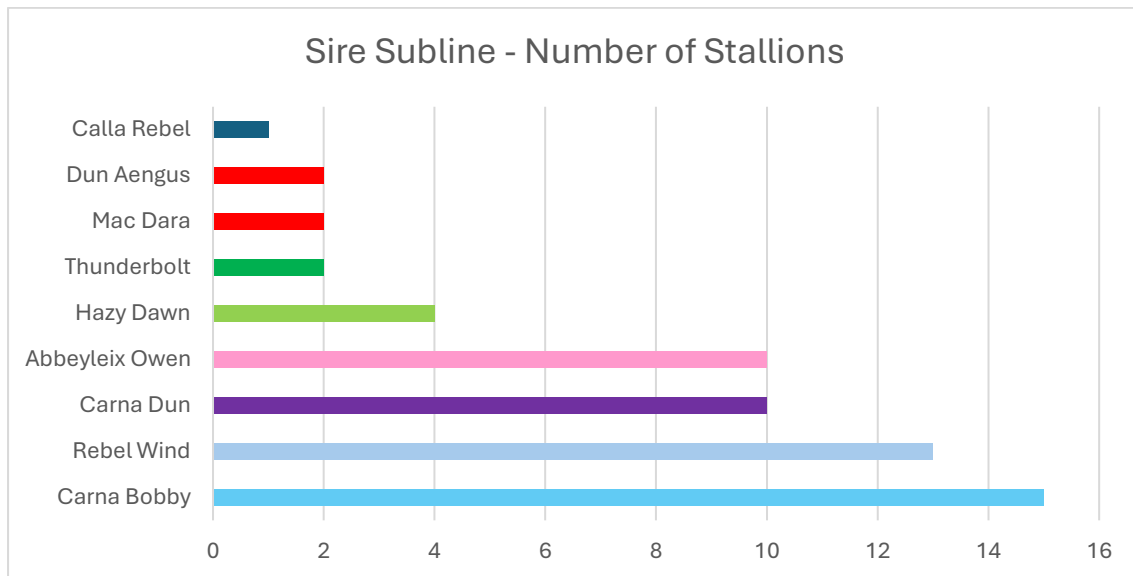
Carna Dun averages 10.5%, ranging from 22.9% (Carrowmore Cuchulainn) to 5.1% (Corner House Michael).

Abbeyleix Owen averaged 9.5%, ranging from highs of the two Silver Shadow sons 33.2% (Drumhass Silver Shadow) and 28.1% (Premices Shadow), to four sons with no Abbeyleix Owen in their pedigrees (Diamonds Ice Wind and Rain, 3DR Kavanagh, Gold Caviar, and Glenamaddy Lord of Whisper). There are 15 stallions with less than 5.0% Abbeyleix Owen in their pedigrees so plenty of choice there.

Sirelines

The stallion lines (topline of the pedigree) and sub-lines represented are

- Blue Line – Carna Bobby has 15 stallions, Rebel Wind (Marble) have 13 stallions, and Calla Rebel has one stallion. Making a total of 29 stallions, almost half of all approved stallions.
- Purple Line – Carna Dun 10 stallions. Represented by Camlin Cicada x 3, Doon Paddy x 4, Island Earl x 2, and Kilgreaney Lad.
- Red Line – Abbeyleix Owen has 5 stallions, and The Fugitive has one stallion.
- Green Line – Hazy Dawn has 3 stallions and Thunderbolt has 2 stallions.



The ancestor contributing the highest % Blood for each of the inspected stallions is Carna Bobby, who is the highest contributor for 58% of the stallions inspected. Looking back through previous inspections from September 2022, this level of Carna Bobby is above that seen in the past 3 years, where he has usually been the highest % blood contributor for around half of the stallions. His subline contributed a quarter of the colts approved. The colts with 25% or more Carna Bobby in their pedigree are Glencarrig Huntsman and Corner House Michael.

The % blood of Abbeyleix Owen averaged 9.5% which is moderate compared to 2022 to 2024 inspections when the % blood sat between 10.2% and 12.6%. There were four colts that do not have Abbeyleix Owen in their pedigrees – Gold Caviar, Glennamady Lord of Whisper and Diamonds Ice, Wind and Rain. The highest percentages of Abbeyleix Owen are present in Drumhass Silver Shadow (33.2%) and Premices Shadow (28.1%), and I note that both colts have more than 22% Carna Bobby in their pedigrees.

Blue Line

The Blue line comprises four groups based on significant descendants of Rebel. Carna Bobby, Lavalley Rebel and Calla Rebel are represented in this inspection.

Tooreen Laddie did not have descendant stallions in this inspection. Despite there being 11 stallions at stud and 288 foals born from 2020-2025.

Carna Bobby has long been the strongest sire line, numerically, in the Connemara breed. Fourteen active sublines, representing his sons, have foals born from 2020 – 2025 in Ireland. In this inspection group just four sublines were represented:

Ashfield Sparrow has around 60 stallions at stud, predominantly descending from Abbeyleix Fionn. Peaceful Fionn, Rathkeery Echo and Doonmoy Melody Boy join this very strong group.

Windy Cove Ranger has around 30 stallions with progeny recorded from 2000 - 2005. All are sons, grandsons or great grandsons of I Love You Melody, as are the four stallions presented at this inspection. Knightsbrook Prince, Highfield Joey, Devil's Arcade, Glencarrig Huntsman, and Leprechaun Tempo join this already strong group.

Leam Bobby Finn has around 35 stallions at stud. They descend from either Dexter Leam Pondi or Currachmore Cashel. Seanbhaile White Lightening, Diamonds Ice Wind and Rain, Glencarrig Wyatt (N/HW), and Addrigoole Aslan are additions to this group.

The Admiral has 3 male line descendants at stud, by his descendent Ballinavilla Prince who carries 17.2% Naseel (Arab), through Mervyn Nasim and Clonkeehan Auratum. Derrada Blake will be a useful addition to the stallion ranks.

Lavalley Rebel is represented by Marble with 8 stallions classified in this inspection.

Descending from Oxenholm Marble Junior are sons of Banks Timber (2), Erinmore Golden Marble, Glencarrig Douvan (2), and Glencarrig Knight. and Gwennic de Goariva (2).

Oxenholm Marble Junior has 38 stallion descendants with 1359 foals recorded from 2020 – 2025.

Gwennic de Goariva has 15 sons and grandsons with 687 recorded foals born from 2020 – 2025. One son of Gwennic De Goariva, Ardane Dun Rambler was classified at this inspection.

Murphy Rebel is represented by grandson Geneys Altair Boy. He has 15% Clonkeehan Auratum in his pedigree, low Abbeyleix Owen, and below average Carna Bobby.

Calla Rebel was represented by Seychelles Emmet, a son of Labanasigh Emmett. Below average Carna Bobby and a little above average Abbeyleix Owen. A useful pedigree.

Missing from inspection were stallions descending from Mervyn Kingsmill line - 97 sons and 1780 foals from 2020-2025, and Castleside Carrig line 4 sons and 33 foals during 2020-2025.

Red Line

The Red Line is based on stallions descending from Dun Lorenzo through either Mac Dara or Dun Aengus.

Mac Dara's descendant line is small and as an important part of the breed. More stallions from this line should be encouraged. Consequently, it is good to see two male line descendants. At this inspection he was represented by Disney and Cuba Outkast.

Disney is by Slievebloom Tim who has only seven foals registered won the CPBS database from 2020 to 2023. Disney is his second Class 1 son from three male foals. The top line of his pedigree goes back via Brock Lodge Buster, Ashfield Festy, Granard Storm and Atlantic Storm to Mac Dara. Being bay he will suit a lot of mares, where owners are looking to reduce the risk of melanoma in foals.

Cuba Outkast goes back via Bog Mac Bobby, Lougmor Macdara Og and Ormond Oliver to Mac Dara.

Both Disney and Cuba Outkast are below average for % Carna Bobby and above average for % Abbeyleix Owen. They should suit a reasonable number of mares.

Dun Aengus' line is represented by:

Rynne Andy, son of Maam Hero. This is a pedigree strong in Maam Hill, Dun Aengus and Dun Lorenzo, with Clonkeehan Auratum and Clonjoy as well. Carna Bobby and Abbeyleix Owen are present in small amounts, thus Rynne Andy is a useful outcross for many mares.

Gold Caviar is the most useful outcross from 2026 inspection series, with The Fugitive in his pedigree, no Abbeyleix Owen and just a little drop of Carna Bobby (3.7%). He's not grey so that will help reduce the risk of melanoma in his foals out of grey mares.

Abbeyleix Owen was represented by 10 young stallions.

The foal records for 2020-2025 show 129 males descending from Cloonisle Cashel, including Silver Shadow descendants have sired foals in these six years. This left 34 Cuchulainn descendants and 23 stallions from all the other Abbeyleix Owen son groups.

Of the 10 approved, eight descend from Cloonisle Cashel and his son Silver Shadow. The other two stallions, Parishtown Soldier Boy and Fairyhill Freddie descend from another son of Abbeyleix Owen, Cuchulainn.

Three of the colts in the Cloonisle Cashel/ Silver Shadow group have inbreeding coefficients above 8%, which is well above that for a mating of first cousins. Cloonisle Cashel has a COI of 7.6%, his son Silver Shadow has a COI of 13.4%, so for these ponies to have high inbreeding coefficients is concerning. When the Irish Connemara pony population is already saturated with ponies of this line what value do these highly inbred stallions have for the breed?

Purple Line

The Carna Dun line is based on eight sons. In this inspection just three of them are represented:

- Camlin Cicada – through Westside Mirah – Highfield Sondor and Twinstar JJ Dun Sean
- Doon Paddy – through Rynn Richard – Magherafadda Gwenic and Rogaire Na Realtai
- Island Earl – through Pumkins Pondi – Carrowmore Cuchulainn

No representatives of Westside Fred, Seafield Silver Dun, Skryne Bright Cloud, Rasmus, Ganty Champ, Abbeyfort, Island Lad, or Little Joe were presented for inspection.

Green Line

Mountain Lad was represented by both Hazy Dawn and Thunderbolt descendants.

- Frederiksminde Hazy Match grandsons – Cuach Cornarone, Rosedale Sirocco and Conns Charlie
- Innellan Kestrel's grandson Hazelrock Diego and great-grandson Furnish Copper Jack.

The 2020 -2025 sires of foals show there are 32 stallions Frederiksminde stallions at stud in Ireland, and just 6 stallions descending from Innellan Kestrel.

Orange Line

Unfortunately, there were no Clonkeehan Auratum line colts presented, however I did notice four colts with more than 5% Naseel in their pedigrees. They are **Derrada Blake** (8.8% Naseel), **Knightsbrook Prince** (6.25% Naseel), **Furnish Copper Jack** (6.25% Naseel) and **Gold Caviar** (5.5% Naseel).

Below is a chart of the colts showing their % Carna Bobby and Abbeyleix Owen.

Carna Bobby & Abbeyleix Owen %

