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Meet Strapless' Son The grand dame of the hunter ring, Strapless, has foaled a colt, named Jackson.



"He's got lots of personality. He's a little bit of a show-off. He'll come up to the fence and say hello, but then he'll take off bucking for a little circle, showing off, then he'll come back up to the fence for more petting. He's really cute," said Emilie Hamilton (*pictured*), the groom who has cared for Strapless for the entire eight years she's belonged to the Lindner family. "He's smart and he's got a beautiful eye. He looks like Strapless."

Strapless, known for her powerful jump and elegant ways, won the AHJF Hunter Classic Spectacular in 2001, '02 and '03 with professional rider Emily Williams, and then won it again in 2004 with amateur-owner Clara Lindner. The bay Danish Warmblood mare collected countless tricolors in the regular working and amateur-owner hunter divisions before her retirement in 2007. Jackson was foaled at the Thoroughbred breeding farm Langsem Farm in Loveland, Ohio, on June 22. Hamilton kept an eagle eye on night watch for weeks before the foaling. "She had him at about 11:30 at night, and I was there for the whole thing. It was really easy for her, and she's such a great mom," she said. Jackson is by the Hanoverian stallion Sir Caletto (Sandro—Calwiene, Caletto I), who had a regular working hunter career of his own in California with Hap Hansen riding. Because Jackson was a late foal, the Lindners don't plan to breed Strapless again this year but hope to breed her again next spring.