

## FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND

As Northern Dancer will be no nearer than the fifth generation of Footstepsinthesand's foals, there are countless options from this line. Breeders sent him several **DANEHILL** mares in his first season and were rewarded with the Gr.3 winners Steinbeck, Sent From Heaven and Chachamaidee, plus the Listed-placed Walkingtonthemoon. As his sire Giant's Causeway has Gr.1 winners in Britain and Australia out of **DANEHILL** mares, Footstepsinthesand must be a leading option for daughters of the three-time champion sire. He also has a Gr.3 winner with a dam by **ANABAA**.

He should also suit daughters of such as **DANEHILL DANCER**, **DANETIME**, **DANSILI** and **ROCK OF GIBRALTAR**.

Mares by **CAPE CROSS**, **DESERT PRINCE**, **INVINCIBLE SPIRIT** and **OASIS DREAM** are well worth trying. **POLISH PRECEDENT** and **GRAND LODGE** are other Danzig line horses who should suit.

He has already sired a Listed winner from a **PEINTRE CELEBRE** mare. Giant's Causeway sired the Gr.1 winner Maids Causeway from a mare closely inbred to **NUREYEV**, so more mares from the Nureyev line are called for. Footstepsinthesand has two useful winners, Treadwell and Start Right, out of mares by **SADLER'S WELLS** and the smart Chachamaidee has a second dam by **SADLER'S WELLS**. He also has two Group-placed performers out of daughters of **KING'S THEATRE**. This suggests other grand-daughters of **SADLER'S WELLS** should suit. Giant's Causeway now has five stakes winners out of **SADLER'S WELLS** mares, so this cross is working well.

Footstepsinthesand should also do well with mares by such as **BE MY GUEST**, **EL GRAN SENOR**, **FAIRY KING**, **LYPHARD**, **NIGHT SHIFT** and **UNFUWAIN**, all of whom create only 5x3 to Northern Dancer. He has already sired the classic-placed Shamalgan from an **UNFUWAIN** mare.

Although Footstepsinthesand has a distant line of Nijinsky in his pedigree, he would also suit the **CAERLEON** and **NINISKI** branches of this line, as his Gr.3 winner Barefoot Lady has proved. He already has a Gr.3 winner with a **NIJINSKY** third dam.

His Gr.2-winning juvenile Formosina is out of a mare by **ROYAL APPLAUSE**, which suggests **ACCLAMATION** mares should also suit.

Giant's Causeway has enjoyed tremendous success with mares from the Mr Prospector male line, siring more than 20 Group/Graded winners, including 12 Gr.1 winners. Among the broodmare sires of the Gr.1 winners are **MR PROSPECTOR** (two, including Ghanaati), **GONE WEST**, **KINGMAMBO** (2), **MISWAKI**, **MACHIAVELLIAN** and **SEEKING THE GOLD** (3). Footstepsinthesand has sired the Group-placed Arasin from a mare by **WOODMAN** and the smart Handsome Devil from a **KING'S BEST** mare.

Although **BLUSHING GROOM** appears twice in his pedigree, Footstepsinthesand already has some black-type horses with a third line. His Gr.2-placed son Handsome Devil is inbred 3x3 to **RAINBOW QUEST**.

The **AHONOORA** line could reinforce Footstepsinthesand's juvenile ability, as he has sired two-year-old Listed winners out of mares by **INDIAN RIDGE** and his son **COMPTON PLACE**.

Footstepsinthesand's grandsire Storm Cat sired Gr.1 winners from daughters of **HALO**, **KRIS S.** and **LEAR FAN**, so mares from the **TURN-TO** line also have considerable appeal for Footstepsinthesand. His Group-winning daughter Sent From Heaven has a second dam by **ROBERTO**, so is inbred 5x3 to this Derby winner.