

Thrusses and ceiling structures were damaged by long-term inflow of rainwater. This led to a state of disrepair of the wooden structures. Repairs were made by replacing the affected parts, preserving a large amount of the original beams. An interesting fact is that slate roof tiles were used for the original stable roofing.



The gala-harness room has been part of the stables since the late 19th century. This is a room in the eastern wing that was intended for storage of historical saddles and harnesses from the very beginning. The whole interior was restored in the renovation, including the solid oak table, the fireplace and the extremely impressive chandelier. The equipment in the gala-harness room is protected as a historical monument.



The stables were opened to the public on 1 April 2023. Tours take place every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, until the end of the visitor season on 31 October. More detailed information at www.nhkladruby.cz. Due to great interest, we recommend to buy tickets online.



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RENOVATION OF THE TRAINING STABLES IN HEŘMANŮV MĚSTEC

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Today's Training Centre at the National Stud in Kladruby nad Labem is located in Heřmanův Městec in the original riding stables of the Kinsky family; they were built by Ferdinand Bonaventura Kinsky in 1874–1875. The extraordinary timeless work of Architect Jesenský bears distinct traces of English architecture.



The dilapidated state of the entire stable buildings required total renovation, which began on 11 March 2021, when site was handed over to AVERS, spol. s.r.o. The reconstruction was supervised by a broad team of specialists. The costly repair for CZK 94 million was completed on 21 November 2022. The necessary funds were provided by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic.

The impressive central hall with a glass roof hasn't ceased to amaze visitors. Due to the corrosion of elements forming the original roof plane, a new auxiliary structure made of aluminium profiles was designed in the renovation and connected to the original roofing structure. Metallic athermal glass reflecting the heat from sunlight was used for the glazing.



Kinsky property was nationalised in 1945 based on the Beneš decrees and stables were handed over by the state to the State Experimental Stud Farm in Slatiňany, which used it as a training centre for young, not only black Kladruber horses. In 1992, when the Kladruby and Slatiňany Studs were merged into one unit – the National Stud in Kladruby nad Labem, the training centre continued to be used for its original purpose – for the training of black Kladruber horses.



If we were to look for the most typical building element of the stables in Heřmanův Městec, this would undoubtedly be the red brick facaded deliberately evoking a classic English architecture. Before the renovation, the brickwork was soaked and degraded, some bricks were completely or partially missing. Approximately 8,000 shaped replicas of the original bricks were made in two colours.

Before the renovation, around thirty horses were stabled here. During renovation the boxes were completely rebuilt. The red colour of the metal grates is in line with the overall appearance of the stables, and it is also supported by research into the original colour. The same shade is also used on the Kinsky family coat of arms. Now 24 horses can be comfortably stabled in the Training Centre.

