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Stallion of the Year





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*For several years, the licensings in Verden have been developing in a direction that increasingly focuses on a connection between breeding and sporting events. This process had already begun a few years earlier at the licensing of show jumping stallions and is already well advanced. With this development, the Hannoveraner Verband clearly sets itself apart from the other German studbooks and thus has a positive unique selling point.*

*By Ullrich Hahne*



Helene Geervliet had every reason to beam: her chestnut by Donkey Boss/Don Olymbrio L found a new owner for a sensational two million euros. He was presented by Hans-Jürgen and Anders Hoeck.

Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn

The procedures for preparing and running two separate licensings were optimized this year, so that they now took place on two consecutive weekends, a continuous pre-selection of stallions was organized and a joint catalog was printed.

The separate events meant that 122 stallions could be presented. A number that would be difficult to imagine with the necessary presentations and procedures at a joint licensing. Although there was a joint licensing event of this magnitude many years ago, today's requirements no longer make it seem realistic.

The licensing season got off to a flying start with the dressage licensing. From the first moment, there was a positive atmosphere that built up to the sensational auction on Saturday afternoon. No fewer than ten premium stallions were selected, all of which changed hands for at least six figures in the auction. Leading the way was the sensational top price of 2,000,000 euros for a chestnut stallion by Donkey Boss/Don Olymbrio L (breeder: Stutteri G, Lyngé/Denmark). Bernd Hickert, who auctioned off the entire collection in the absence of his auction partner Frederik De Backer, confidently guided the bidding duel, which was fiercely contested by several parties until the very end, to a much-celebrated finale.

#### ***A pleasing variance in pedigrees***

The individual premium stallions will be discussed in more detail in the corresponding photo captions. Overall, they exhibit a pleasing and desirable variance in terms of pedigree and appearance. What unites them is a quality of movement and conformation that makes them suitable for higher dressage tasks. Nine of the ten premium stallions were purchased from stallion stations or in cooperation with stallion stations, so that there is justified hope for breeding use. This is an aspect of great importance for the work of a breeding society.

In discussions with the spokesmen of the stallion raisers, the procedure for the day of delivery was changed. The first inspection in the small indoor arena was dispensed with in favor of familiarizing the stallions with the lunging circles in the Niedersachsenhalle. This had just as positive an effect on the lunging of the young stallions on the following day as did the mutual agreement of the lunging experts not to start lunging until both stallions had side-reins on. This, too, was a result of the discussions with the spokesmen of the stallion raisers led by Jan-Dirk Gießelmann and was another factor in the calmer and thus significantly improved course of this part of the program.

With 76 stallions, the licensing lot was significantly larger than in the two previous years. The licensing rate was slightly below that of previous years, with 39 stallions licensed, or 51 percent. The date

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*Ulrich Hahne*

of the dressage licensing has now been postponed so far that in the week before the licensing, anxious glances were cast at the weather maps every day. But the weather and ground of the triangle held and offered a cool, but traditional and once again successful start to the licensing days.

The following final of the FRH Cup was won by Life Time FRH by Livaldon/Fürstenball (breeder: Johannes Heeslink, Emlichheim) and Charlott-Maria Schürmann in front of a well-attended crowd. The FRH Cup is an important part of the plan to further integrate breeding and competition and to make this clear to breeders at the licensing. A glance at the licensing collection also revealed that rarely before had there been such a high level of performance in the dam lines of the young stallions, which applied to a greater extent to the licensed stallions than to those not licensed.

The second day of the licensing was a long and eventful day, starting with the first stallion being presented in free-running at 8 o'clock in the morning and ending with the final hammer falling at the auction at 10 o'clock at night. Admittedly, the ranks emptied noticeably towards the end of the auction. The free-running sequences were rehearsed and enabled each stallion to be optimally presented. Again and again, the spectators in the Niedersachsenhalle were enthusiastic and applauded for particularly high-quality performances. This created a positive atmosphere. Honors for breeders of horses that were successful at the Olympic and Paralympic Games were integrated between the rings, which was supported by the show program, which included the presentation of awards to the premium stallions, performances by stallions that had previously been licensed in Verden, and the honors, right up to the proclamation of Benetton Dream FRH by Brentano II/Rotspon (breeder: Axel Windeler, Verden-Walle) as Stallion of the Year. Lövsta Stuteri accepted the honor by bringing Benetton Dream FRH from Sweden to the Verden licensing especially for this special honor. And a second valuable sire appeared in the Niedersachsenhalle: Olympic participant Toto Jr. by Toltas/Desperados (breeder: ZG Schmidt, Naumburg) picked up the Grande prize that was awarded to him in the spring.



**6 / Dark bay by For Romance/Christ**

Breeder and exhibitor: Thomas Ehrengut, Bad Oldesloe  
270,000 Euros | Dressurhengste Schleier, Station Brodhecker, Riedstadt

*He comes from a dam line with all the ingredients: thoroughbred bloodline, show jumping talent, developed for dressage. His granddam St.Pr.St. Delicia has got to offspring with successes up to Grand Prix-level and is a three-star mare in the Program for Hannoveraner Dressage Horses. He is impressive in color, has great elasticity and elegance. His three basic gaits are good and better. Photo: Fellner*



**7 / Bay by Franco Nero/Belstaff**

Breeder: Susann Heise, Achim  
Exhibitor: Hengststation Ferienhof Stütter, Weeze  
150,000 Euros | Saarland

*The bay is harmonious in proportion with the right size. The showjumping genes in his background bring strength and stability. He showed powerful push-off with good correspondence between fore and hind legs since the pre-selection. With him, dressage is getting a valuable rough diamond. Photo: Fellner*



**30 / Dark bay by San Amour/Cachassini**

Breeder: Christoph Gehre, Weeze | Exhibitor: Patricia Gehre, Weeze  
120,000 Euros, Stallion Station Reesink, Eibergen/NED

*And again, show jumping genetics on the dam's side of this beautifully moving horse, which is equipped with great potential. He knows how to use his body and was always in balance when presented in a forward and backward. His mechanics of the basic gaits and his recognisable talent for high collection are striking. This stallion seems to be waiting for his rider. We will see him again in the dressage arena! Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn*



**33 / Black by Secret/Fidemark**

Breeder: Dr. Christine Feichtinger, Vaduz/LIE  
Exhibitor: Horse Performance GbR, Vaduz/LIE  
275,000 Euros, State Stud Celle

*Segantini's full brother impresses with his great look. His great uphill canter is impressive. He presents himself in a compact frame with good stability. He presents himself in top form and always uphill. His full brother shows him the way as Bundeschampion and fifth at the World Championships in Ermelo.*

*Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn*

This year, everything was perfect. The quality of the stallions and the smooth running of the event created a positive atmosphere that ultimately led to a great success for everyone involved. This was already the case for the 2023 show jumping licensing, and after last year's event and the good dressage licensing, expectations were high this year. With the warm-up free jumping, the Hannoveraner Verband set a trend, as a glance at other licensing sites shows.

The finals of the Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters, which took place on Friday, were very well attended and repeatedly offered cross-connections to the collection of stallions, thus providing interesting aspects for spectators and buyers. The collection of stallions presented included 41 stallions, of which 23 were licensed. The licensing rate of 56 percent is thus insignificantly higher than for dressage horses. Six premium stallions were selected.

As with the dressage stallions, the premium stallions of the show jumping licensing presented a pleasingly varied pedigree and sufficient variance in appearance. What unites them is a sportiness that is not only evident from their own athleticism, but to an even greater extent from their dam lines. In two cases, the dam or granddam had been successful over 1.60 metres, in another case, the dam

and granddam had been performance-tested at 5 level. The dam of a premium stallion had successful siblings at 1.60 metre level, and Qualito III by Quaid/Salito (breeder: Helmut Habermann, Häningsen) not only has two licensed full brothers and two full siblings that have been successful at 1.55 metres and 1.50 metres, but since this year's licensing, he also has a Hannoveraner Mare of the Year as his dam. He was jointly acquired by the state studs of Celle and Neustadt (Dosse), which secured another licensed stallion from the best family with a chestnut stallion by Utamaro D'Eaussins/Acorado (breeder: Frank Johannsen, Buxtehude).

The close connection between the presented stallions and the dam line has increased significantly in recent years. This is appreciated by customers. It would be desirable to raise this to an even higher level in dressage horses as well. Ultimately, the stallions pass on their dam lines, and successfully competing dam lines of the sires increase the likelihood of breeding progress in a sport horse breeding program.

### On the right track

The fact that the Hannoveraner Verband is on the right track with the organization of its show jumping licensing is proven by the fact that the very

pleasing auction result of the previous year was exceeded. In addition to the state studs and other renowned stallion owners from Germany and abroad, it was German championship riders who took advantage of the offers in Verden.

The current level of Hannoveraner show jumper breeding was not only demonstrated by the honors bestowed on breeders of Hannoveraner that participated in the Olympic Games during the licensing, but also by the fact that, after the opening of the licensing to other breeds, it is still the Hannoveraner stallions that set the tone. Five out of six premium stallions are Hannoveraner. Hannoveraner show jumper breeders have no need to fear comparison.

With its licensing of dressage and show jumping stallions, the Hannoveraner Verband has been able to send a positive signal in difficult times. However, a closer analysis of the results shows that the breeding and economic success of the Hannoveraner Verband breeders and thus of the main office of the Hannoveraner Verband in Verden is closely linked to a clear focus on performance. This is a fact that breeders should consider when making future breeding decisions, without forgetting equally important characteristics such as rideability and type. XX



#### 39 / Black by Total Diamond PS/Asgard's Ibiza

Breeder and exhibitor: Heinrich Gießelmann, Barver  
245,000 Euros, State Stud Celle

*The black stallion presents himself with rhythm and a good back. His physical and mental balance make him a special horse. He has always shown a positive energy since the pre-selection. You can see that he wants to do everything right, and he has the potential to do so. A large number of internationally successful dressage horses has already come from his dam line of Arma.*

*Photo: Fellner*

#### 42 / Vitalamour by Vitalis/Apache

Breeder: Johannes Baumeister, Kranenburg | Exhibitor: Stephanie Hüffer, Süsel | 480,000 Euros, Klosterhof Medingen

*Ein Hengst in herrlicher Chestnutfarbe. Er zelebrierte förmlich seine Auftritte. Er „fliegt los“ in wunderbarer Aufrichtung und mit einem aktiven Hinterbein. Er ist mit tollem Gesicht und Ausdruck ausgestattet. Ein Pferd mit Geist und Charakter. It is the sum of these positive attributes that make his presentation so special. As a former Verden auction foal, he is the second licensed son of the Hann.Pr.St. Ananada, after his full brother Venturini. Photo: Fellner*



## FURTHER LICENSED STALLIONS

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| 1 Chestnut by Escolar/Asgard's Ibiza<br>Breeder: Ulrike Susmann, Rheinberg<br>Exhibitor: BG Bonds GbR & Thiel GbR, Dorsten         | Exhibitor: BG IB Berger & Sportpferde Beckmann, Sulzbach-Rosenberg  | 45 Chestnut by Venido/Quaterhall<br>Breeder: Wilhelm Meyer, Wangerland<br>Exhibitor: Henning Mues, Stolzenau        |
| 4 Dark bay by Fire Jazz/Foundation<br>Breeder: Carsten Gebers, Winsen<br>Exh.: CHC Capellen Horse Consulting, Baar/SUI             | 25 Dark bay by Morricone/Sir Donnerhall<br>Breeder: Daniela Schanze, Stelle<br>Exhibitor: Jörn Dasse, Hamburg                           | 48 Black by Von Und Zu/Lauries Crusador xx<br>Breeder: Annelie Witt, Stade<br>Exhibitor: Gestüt Allerhof, Hambühren |
| 10 Bay by Friedrich der Große/Fürst Nymphenburg<br>Breeder: Jutta Hell, Fischbachau<br>Exhibitor: HorseSales LLC, Cape Coral/USA   | 26 Dark bay by Moreno/Florenz<br>Breeder: Karl-Heinz Engel, Garbsen<br>Exhibitor: Herbert Kruse, Hamburg                                | 50 Dark bay by Zanetti/Don Index<br>Breeder: Zuchthof Leegmoor, Aurich<br>Exhibitor: Mathieu Beckmann, Wettringen   |
| 11 Bay by Franklin/Romanov Blue Hors<br>Breeder: Pferdezucht P & S, Farven<br>Exhibitor: Michael Schenk, Römhstedt                 | 27 Liver chestnut by Q-Sieben/Borsalino<br>Breeder: Lena Thoenis, Hanstedt<br>Exhibitor: Amaira Chadra, Neu-Dehli/IND                   | 52 Dark bay by Zoom/Londontime<br>Breeder and exhibitor: Dagmar Meyer, Edemissen                                    |
| 12 Black by Franklin/Vitalis<br>Breeder: Gestüt Hülsdau, Marl<br>Exhibitor: Bollmoor Partner GmbH & Co KG, Lütjensee               | 34 Black by Secret/Finest<br>Breeder: Richard Hinck, Osterbruch<br>Exhibitor: Ann-Carolin Grotheer, Worpsswede                          | 55 Black by Beck's/Londonderry<br>Breeder and exhibitor: C. Thelker, Osterappeln                                    |
| 13 Dark bay by Fürst Belissaro/Quaterhall<br>Breeder: Georg Zimmermann, Rhauderfehn<br>Exhibitor: Henning Mues, Stolzenau          | 35 Black by Secret/Finest<br>Breeder and exhibitor: Pia Sophie Wahlers, Visselhövede  | 57 Chestnut by Bon Courage/Fürsten-Look<br>Breeder and exhibitor: Wolfgang und Henning Bollhorst GbR, Wetschen      |
| 14 Dark bay by Fürst Belissaro/Don Crusador<br>Breeder: Klaus-Hinrich Tamke, Farven<br>Exhibitor: Heinz-Walter Pferdmenges, Jüchen | 38 Bay by Secret Game/Rock Forever<br>Breeder: Robert Drenker, Drentsteinfurt<br>Exhibitor: BG Drenker & Holkenbrink, Münster           | 58 Liver chestnut by Bonds/Dancier<br>Breeder and exhibitor: Helmut Bäßmann, Meitze                                 |
| 17 Brown by Fürstenball/De Niro<br>Breeder: Stald Heiline, Odder/DEN<br>Exhibitor: Westendarp GbR, Wallenhorst                     | 40 Bay by Va' Pensiero/De Niro<br>Breeder: Thomas Heuer, Bienenbüttel<br>Exhibitor: BG Valerian, Bad Bevensen                           | 67 Bay by Despacito/Rotspon<br>Breeder: Bernd Meyer, Geestland<br>Exhibitor: IB Berger, Sulzbach-Rosenberg          |
| 18 Dark bay by Fynch Hatton/Asgard's Ibiza<br>Breeder: Karl Rumpke, Wagenfeld  | 41 Liver chestnut by Va' Pensiero/Fürstbischof<br>Breeder: ZG Niebel u. Kaiser, Ebstorf<br>Exhibitor: Klosterhof Medingen, Bad Bevensen | 69 Black by Despacito/Abano<br>Breeder and exhibitor: Jochen Meyer, Allwörden                                       |
|  | 44 Brown by Vitalis/Fürstenball<br>Breeder and exhibitor: Herbert Werth, Moers  | 72 Chestnut by Don Romance/Fürst Nymphenburg<br>Breeder and exhibitor: S. Tiekenhenrich, Stolzenau                  |
|  |   | 77 Black by Dynamic Dream/Danone<br>Breeder: Ramona Heinz-Lichtenegger<br>Exhibitor: Heiko Klausing, Eydelstedt     |



**51 / Dark bay by Zauberlehrling PS/Franz-Ferdinand**

Breeder: Rene Zuidema, Basdahl  
Exhibitor: IB Berger, Sulzbach-Rosenberg  
120,000 Euros, Stallion Station Gut Schönweide, Grebin

*He presented himself in all three basic gaits in a relaxed and light-footed manner, with powerful push-off and a good swinging back. His walk is particularly remarkable. He also has a beautiful type. His great character will make it easy for a rider. Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn*



**61 / Becket by Borsalino/Danone**

Breeder and exhibitor: Michael Schenk, Römhstedt  
210,000 Euros, Gestüt Pramwaldhof, Haag am Hausruck/AUT

*He is the powerful full brother of the former Vice Bundeschampioness Barcelona. The stallion has a good confirmation, has correct limbs and in terms of conformation, leaves nothing to be desired. He shows his generous movements with a lot of rhythm. These are ideal conditions for a successful career as a sport horse. Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn*

## FRH-CUP: WELTMEISTER LIFE TIME FRH EXCELS IN VERDEN

The appearance of Life Time FRH at the FRH Cup for seven- to nine-year-olds in Verden was eagerly awaited. The World Champion of seven-year-old dressage horses lived up to his role as favorite in the Niedersachsenhalle and took the victory in the Prix St. George Special with Charlott-Maria Schürmann. The son of Livaldon/Fürstenball (breeder: Johannes Hesselink, Emelichheim) had already led the competition with confidence in the qualifier. Two other stallions followed in the award ceremony.

The KWPN stallion Maddox Mart, owned by Gestüt Schafhof and ridden by Lena Haßmann, took second place. The third-best result was achieved by Dancelli by Dante Weltino/Baroncelli (breeder: Hubertus Hufendiek, Bad Salzuflen), who was also licensed, with Beatrice Hoffrogge in the saddle. In the qualifier, ZINQ First Vienna FRH by Vitalis/First Dance (breeder: Beekenhof GmbH & Co. KG, Bommelsen) and Lucie-Anouk Baumgürtel had still taken the promising second position, but in the final they had to settle for the "ungrateful" fourth place. Last year, the two had been second as the best Hannoveraner participants. ☺



World Champion Lifetime FRH by Livaldon/Fürstenball and Charlott-Maria Schürmann have won the FRH-Cup.  
Photo: Fellner



### 71 / Liver chestnut by Dimaggio Black/Revolution

Breeder and exhibitor: Heinrich Gießelmann, Barver  
230,000 Euros, Station Klosterhof Medingen

*His movements are generous. His performance on the lunge was special, showing off his special character. He always moved in balance. Everything he showed us looked incredibly easy. His grandmother has been awarded three stars in the Hannoveraner dressage horse breeding programme. Photo: Fellner*

### 75 / Chestnut by Donkey Boss/Don Olymbrio L

Breeder: Stutteri G., Lyngé/DEN | Exhibitor: Stutteri G. u. Hesselhoej.dk, Lyngé/DEN | 2,000,000 Euros, Paul Schockemöhle and Helgstrand Dressage

*And finally – the special one. He is simply a complete horse. Walk, trot and canter are at the highest level: always elastic, yet powerful and ground covering! He seems to be aware of his special nature. A horse with spirit and quality of movement close to perfection. A horse for goose bumps! Photo: Fellner*

## HANS-HEINRICH MEYER ZU STROHEN: THE STALLIONS HAVE DEVELOPED FURTHER

Hans-Heinrich Meyer zu Strohen has been a member of the licensing commission for 20 years. Breeding Manager Ulrich Hahne dared to make a comparison: "If the licensing commission is Helgoland, Hans-Heinrich Meyer zu Strohen is the 'Lange Anna' (a high rock on Helgoland). Big, visible from afar, defying rain and storm and only seemingly slightly offside, because it is an immovable part of the whole and thus of what it stands for."

### DER HANNOVERANER: How has the licensing changed since 2004?

Hans-Heinrich Meyer zu Strohen: "The basic quality of the horses has improved. In terms of modernity, the breeders have worked their way into the advanced phase of the modern riding horse and stallion. This was clearly visible at this year's event. The horses have developed significantly in type, quality of movement and limbs and are increasingly approaching the type of the modern sport horse."

### DER HANNOVERANER: Which stallion do you particularly remember?

Hans-Heinrich Meyer zu Strohen: "De Niro. I was not yet a member of the licensing commission at the time of his licensing, but I liked the horse very much. Actually, they had tried to bring him to the state stud, but the then state stud master, Dr. Bade, was not so keen on his conformation. Nevertheless, this stallion ultimately created a dynasty in dressage."

### DER HANNOVERANER: You worked with three Breeding Managers. How was working with them?

Hans-Heinrich Meyer zu Strohen: "Dr. Wilkens was very open with me and took a more modern approach to evaluating a stallion. Werner Schade



Hans-Heinrich Meyer zu Strohen has been a member of the Hannoveraner licensing committee for 20 years. Dr. Hinni Lührs-Behnke and Ulrich Hahne offer their congratulations. Photo: Fellner

had a different philosophy when it came to seeing the modern stallion. He found openings in all channels for marketing not only as a stud stallion. Ulrich Hahne comes from a breeding background and always has the eventing horse in mind. He sometimes brings this aspect into the discussions, but also agrees with other opinions."

### DER HANNOVERANER: How do you see the development of the stallion licensing in the next few years?

Hans-Heinrich Meyer zu Strohen: "We will have to fight hard to ensure that two-and-a-half-year-old

stallions can continue to be licensed. However, we have laid very good foundations for standing up to external criticism. The number of stallions presented is likely to decrease. I would be very happy if we had a greater variety in the pedigrees in the future."

### DER HANNOVERANER: What are your hopes for the breed?

Hans-Heinrich Meyer zu Strohen: "I hope that the Hannoveraner will once again develop a better confirmation worldwide, as it has already been indicated at this year's licensing." 

## FURTHER LICENSED STALLIONS

|    |   |  |     |     |   |
|----|---|--|-----|-----|---|
| 78 | Dark bay by Hickstead/Landclassic                           | Breeder and exhibitor: Gestüt Sprehe, Löningen                                   | 113 | Bay | by Comme il faut NRW/Baloubet du Rouet                                      |
| 79 | Dark bay by Zinedream/Carpacio                              | Breeder and exhibitor: Sportpferdezucht Behrens GbR, Borstel                     |     |     | Breeder and exhibitor: Emma Melgin-Mäentausta, Nummela/FIN                  |
| 83 | Chestnut by Emerald van het Ruytershof/Aganix du Seigneur Z | Breeder: Eloma Hoeve VOV, Opende/NED<br>Exhibitor: IB Berger, Sulzbach-Rosenberg | 114 | Bay | by Comme le Coeur/Diar Noir   |
| 86 | Grey by For Treasure VDL/Crumble                            | Breeder: Martin Klintworth, Ohrensen<br>Exhibitor: Klintworth GbR, Ohrensen      |     |     | Breeder and exhibitor: Hengststation Ferienhof Stücker, Weeze               |
| 91 | Grey by Jasper/Messenger                                    | Breeder and exhibitor: Gerold Gögele, Bleckede                                   | 117 | Bay | by Conthargos/Chacco-Blue   |
| 92 | Bay   | by Kassander van't Roosakker/Diarado   |     |     | Breeder: Marcell Müller, Hustedt<br>Exhibitor: Werner Burghart, Sonthofen   |
|    |   |  | 119 | Bay | by Dia Corrado/Contendro  |
|    |   |  |     |     | Breeder and exhibitor: Andrea Bargtsen, Buchholz                            |
|    |   |  | 121 | Bay | by Dourkhan Hero Z/Chamberland  |
|    |   |  |     |     | Breeder: Karsten Brockmeyer, Stuhr<br>Exhibitor: Heiko Klausing, Eydelstedt |



### 88 / Grey by Jasper/Calido

Breeder: Astrid Peter, Wolfsburg | Exhibitor: BG Schulze-Averdiek GbR, Rosendahl | 92,000 Euros, USA

*The dam and second dam of this grey stallion have been successful in show jumping up to 1.40 metres and are awarded two stars of the Hannoveraner Jumper Breeding Programme. He is a typey stallion with a lot of substance in his body and legs. This makes powerful movements and jumping with a lot of scope possible. He always moves uphill and has a powerful hind leg – looking at him, you can tell he is a real gentleman. Photo: Fellner*

### 93 / Olympic by Ogano Sitte/Marome MW

Breeder and exhibitor: Gestüt Eichenhain, Blender-Varste | 180,000 Euros, Schleswig-Holstein, Station Sven Völz, Bienenbüttel

*His dam, Andrea, has a successful sport record over 1.60-metres (Gert Jan Bruggink/NED). The chestnut is self-confident in his appearance and shows powerful push-off not only over the jump. This correct stallion showed an energetic performance and can bring Hannover forward in breeding. He was always paying attention and focused on the task. Every jump was good and always the same. He is the future! Photo: Fellner*



### 97 / Qualito III by Quaid/Salito

Breeder: Helmut Habermann, Hänigsen  
Exhibitor: IB Berger, Sulzbach-Rosenberg  
66,000 Euros, State Studs Celle and Neustadt (Dosse)

*We are looking at a complete stallion: His genetics: a sire with a successful show jumping career and a three-star dam, who was honoured as Hannoveraner Mare of the Year this year. His type and conformation: very correct, harmonious and well-muscled. His movements: powerful and balanced. His jumping: focused and through the body. Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn*

### 98 / Bay by Stakkato Gold/Julio

Breeder and exhibitor: Gestüt Sprehe GmbH, Löningen  
100,000 Euros, Lower Saxony

*He always did a good job! He is the grandson of the world-class mare Farina (Rene Tebbel), die einst über die Elite-Auktion in Verden den Weg in das Gestüt Sprehe gefunden hat. Her internationally successful son Well Fier made her a performance mare in show jumping. Julio Mariner xx and Jet Stream xx add a touch of thoroughbred influence. He is an intelligent horse with elastic jumping and good scope. Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn*

## STALLION SALES: CONSCIOUS PURCHASE

It was difficult to develop a feeling for the behavior of the buyers and the price level in the run-up to the two Verden stallion sales. At the same time, the demands placed on the Hannoveraner Verband were understandably high. The stallion sales are a figurehead event that, in combination with the quality of the licensing crop, is a barometer for the performance of a breeding society. After rather unspectacular overall results in previous years, spectators and interested parties were able to enjoy a refreshing overall quality of the two-and-a-half-year-olds this year. Joy is the keyword that has characterized the past sales weeks in Verden. The pre-selections of stallions from both disciplines already revealed that every customer in Verden

would find what they were looking for. This was confirmed during the licensing process, and so the final Stallion Sales of both disciplines began with positive expectations.

In particular, the line-up of premium stallions is given the chance to breed (see the chart on the whereabouts of premium stallions). Various stallion keepers were once again able to strike in Verden, with five of the stallions going to state studs. The proportion of foreign buyers was encouragingly high and offered a mix of existing and new customers. The latter were mainly looking for an ambitious sport horse. Particularly in the showjumping stallions, it was once again noticeable that top-class championship riders supported the auction, and that three premium stallions in different sports stables are destined for the international top sport.

The sales statistics show a significant increase in turnover for stallion sales as a whole. Even last year's good show jumper stallion sales was slightly exceeded. However, the increase in the results of dressage stallions should be seen as particularly noteworthy. It should not be overlooked that a large part of this is due to the special hammer price of two million euros, but it is also remarkable that all premium dressage stallions were sold in the six-figure range. Three of the six premium stallions for showjumping were also sold at prices in this range. A total of 17 stallions from both stallion sales exceeded the 100,000-euro mark. It is also noticeable that the price range from around 40,000 to 80,000 euros was not sufficiently represented, particularly among dressage stallions. This shows that customers are currently more price-conscious, especially when it comes to young horses that are assessed for resale.

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| Statistics stallion sales dressage |    |                  |   |
|------------------------------------|----|------------------|---|
| Licensed stallions                 |    |                  |   |
| Entries pre-selection              |    | 221 stallions    |   |
| Presented at licensing             |    | 76 stallions     |   |
| Licensed                           |    | 38 stallions     |   |
| Not licensed                       |    | 38 stallions     |   |
| Participants in stallion sales     |    | 37 stallions     |   |
| Sold                               |    | 37 stallions     |   |
| Net proceeds                       |    | 5,448,500 Euros  |   |
| Average price                      |    | 147,256.75 Euros |   |
| Top price                          |    | 2,000,000 Euros  |   |
| Lowest price                       |    | 15,000 Euros     |   |
| Price range                        |    |                  |   |
| 25,000 to 49,999 Euros             |    | 18 stallions     |   |
| 50,000 Euros and more              |    | 19 stallions     |   |
| Sales by region                    |    |                  |   |
| Germany                            | 27 |                  |   |
| Belgium                            | 1  | Denmark          | 1 |
| France                             | 3  | Netherlands      | 1 |
| Poland                             | 1  | Switzerland      | 1 |
| UAE                                | 1  | Austria          | 1 |
| Not licensed stallions             |    |                  |   |
| Number of stallions                |    | 33 stallions     |   |
| Sold                               |    | 33 stallions     |   |
| Net proceeds                       |    | 719,500 Euros    |   |
| Average price                      |    | 21,803.03 Euros  |   |
| Top price                          |    | 64,000 Euros     |   |
| Lowest price                       |    | 11,000 Euros     |   |
| Sales by region                    |    |                  |   |
| Germany                            | 21 |                  |   |
| France                             | 2  | Great Britain    | 1 |
| Poland                             | 1  | Sweden           | 1 |
| Spain                              | 2  | USA              | 3 |
| UAE                                | 1  | Austria          | 1 |

| Statistics stallion sales show jumping |    |                  |   |
|--|----|------------------|---|
| Licensed stallions                     |    |                  |   |
| Entries pre-selection                  |    | 136 stallions    |   |
| Presented at licensing                 |    | 44 stallions     |   |
| Licensed                               |    | 23 stallions     |   |
| Not licensed                           |    | 21 stallions     |   |
| Participants in stallion sales         |    | 22 stallions     |   |
| Sold                                   |    | 22 stallions     |   |
| Net proceeds                           |    | 1,286,000 Euros  |   |
| Average price                          |    | 58,454.54 Euros  |   |
| Top price                              |    | 195,000 Euros    |   |
| Lowest price                           |    | 15,000 Euros     |   |
| Price range                            |    |                  |   |
| 25,000 bis 49,999 Euros                |    | 14 stallions     |   |
| 50,000 Euros und mehr                  |    | 8 stallions      |   |
| Sales by region                        |    |                  |   |
| Germany                                | 15 |                  |   |
| Belgium                                | 1  | China            | 1 |
| Netherlands                            | 1  | CZE              | 1 |
| USA                                    | 3  |                  |   |
| Not licensed stallions                 |    |                  |   |
| Number of stallions                    |    | 17 stallions     |   |
| Sold                                   |    | 17 stallions     |   |
| Net proceeds                           |    | 304,500,00 Euros |   |
| Average price                          |    | 17,911.76 Euros  |   |
| Top price                              |    | 30,000 Euros     |   |
| Lowest price                           |    | 10,000 Euros     |   |
| Sales by region                        |    |                  |   |
| Germany                                | 9  |                  |   |
| Argentina                              | 1  | China            | 1 |
| France                                 | 1  | Iran             | 1 |
| Netherlands                            | 2  | Poland           | 1 |
| CZE                                    | 1  |                  |   |



The show program presented Olympic participant Toto Jr. by Totilas/Desperados. He was awarded the Grande Prize in spring. Photo: Fellner



#### 104 / Grey by Vingino/Calido

Breeder: Hedi Franke, Zernien | Exhibitor: Georg Bräuer, Elze  
46,000 Euros, Lower Saxony

A grey stallion, typey and correct. He is full of scope and all possibilities. He does a small jump over a small fence and a big jump over a high fence – just as you would like him to. What he does, he does with great ease. Added to this comes from the coveted dam line of Eckernförde II. Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn



#### 109 / Grey by Arezzo VDL/Cornado

Breeder: Antonius Schulze-Averdiek, Rosendahl  
Exhibitor: Schulze-Averdiek Sportpferde und Aufzucht GbR, Rosendahl  
195,000 Euros, Hesse

He is still a shy horse, but full of spirit. A typey stallion whose dam is a half-sister of Fire and Ice J (Leonie Böckmann), who has celebrated successes at 1.60 metre classes. He showed courage and willpower in the final free jumping and showed his potential with great scope. He showed his elasticity in the basic gaits and in jumping. Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn

## FRITZ VON DER DECKEN PRIZE

The number of stallions the Schult family has sent to Verden is large – whether they are their own or those whose owners have sent them to Hünxe to prepare. This makes them the most successful stallion raiser of the past ten years. The reward for this good work was the Fritz von der Decken Prize in the form of a painting of Escaneno, by Escamillio/Veneno. He was licensed in Verden in February 2022 and is in breeding service at the Schult stallion station. Meanwhile, he has been stabled at Klosterhof Medingen and Jacob Schenk has taken on the job of riding him. In the summer, the two became Hannoveraner Vice Champions of five-year-old dressage horses in Verden.

Numerous sire careers have begun at the Schult family. One of the figureheads is the Fidermark/Ravallo son Fidertanz. Just three years ago, the family of St.Pr.St. Reine Freude, St.Pr.St. Quintera by Quaterback, St.Pr.St. Amore Mia by Ampere and Hann.Pr.A. Vaiana by Veneno, won the Herwart von der Decken Prize in Verden. XX



Hermann and Tobias Schult were honoured with the Fritz von der Decken Prize. Artist Manfred Busemann presented the painting of the stallion Escaneno. Photo: Fellner

# THE BOLERO-BOOSTER

*Awaited with excitement and celebrated with standing ovations in the Niedersachsenhalle: Benetton Dream FRH is Hannoveraner Stallion of the Year. Breeder Axel Windeler from Verden-Walle accepted the award, an oil painting by the artist Manfred Busemann and a well-endowed cheque.*

By Ulrich Hahne

When Benetton Dream FRH first went to stud in 2007, the Bolero bloodline still only accounted for 3.41 percent of the total number of covers by the Hannoveraner Verband. Belissimo M, Hannoveraner Stallion of the Year 2018, had already given a small boost to this paternal bloodline. Last year, the figure was 11.5 percent. Benetton Dream FRH and Belissimo M have given the Bolero bloodline a new lease of life.

The impressive dark bay Brentano II son was born on May 21, 2004, the first foal of the Rotspon daughter Rotkäppchen at the stable of his breeder Axel Windeler in Verden-Walle. His sire Brentano II was already 20 years old at the time. Benetton Dream FRH combines two of the most important Hannoveraner dam lines: the dam line of Alferate through his father Brentano II and the line of Se-faza through his mother Rotkäppchen. Relying on strong dam lines has always been part of Axel Windeler's basic breeding concept and is one of the building blocks of his success. "At the time,

Weltmeyer, Donnerhall and Rotspon were the must-have dressage stallions. They are all represented in Rotkäppchen's pedigree. In the WBFSH sire lists, Brentano II was at the top, so I used him," says the breeder.

When Benetton Dream was three years old, Anna-Sophie Fiebelkorn got in his saddle – at that time still just Benetton and without the name affix FRH – and rode him to his first successes in riding horse tests. He competed five times up to and including the Bundeschampionat final in Warendorf, and five times he left the arena with the golden winner's ribbon. His success in Warendorf was a triumph. He finished the final as Bundeschampion with an outstanding final score of 9.5. You can only achieve such a result if you can deliver a consistently high level of scores. This was followed by the licensing in Adelheidsdorf in October and the suitability test in Schlieckau in December of the same year. He passed the test with a final score of 9.3 in dressage, also at the highest level. With

plenty of early praise, Benetton Dream FRH entered the following breeding season and moved into his stallion box at the Poll family's Hörem stud farm in Gilten. He was sure to be in high demand.

## New home in Sweden

In terms of sport, Holga Finken, who rode him to the Bundeschampionat final for five-year-olds, and Yvonne Reiser, who trained him up to Prix St. George, were initially responsible for the next steps before Juliane Brunkhorst presented him at Grand Prix level for the first time. In terms of breeding, he was at Eckhard Wahlers' WM Stud at the time. At the age of ten, Benetton Dream FRH left Germany for the north. Lövsta Stud in Sweden became his new home and Tinne Vilhelmson-Silfvén took over the reins of the stallion. Just one year later, he achieved his first successes in international Grand Prix competitions. In 2018, Benetton Dream FRH won his last international Grand Prix in Wellington/USA. A start at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro came too soon. Dreams of the 2020 and 2021 Olympics were brought to an abrupt end by a serious injury. This was to be the end of Benetton Dream's competition career.

Benetton Dream FRH has a breeding value of 159 for the highest level achieved. This certifies that his offspring have, in part, followed in his footsteps and reached the Grand Prix level. Internationally, he is represented in this class by, among others, Beryll (Hubertus Schmidt, MV Weltmeyer, breeder: Kleemeyer GbR, Sudweyhe) for Germany, Blueberry Dream (Young Shik Hwang, MV Wolkenstein II, breeder: Axel Windeler, Verden-Walle) for Korea, Belfast (Ruben Mengual Reig, sire: Peter-Hermann Rabeler, Winsen/Luhe) for Spain, Atterupsgaard's Botticelli (Charlotte Jorst, sire: Caprimond) for the USA or Belantis I (sire: Expo'se, William Matthew) for Australia. The latter was ridden by the Dane Alexander Yde Helgstrand for the past two years before coming into Swedish ownership.

Benetton Dream FRH has also proven himself on the dam's side. For example, Gut Wettkamp's Mondrian by Millennium (breeder: Johannes Sabel, Gersten) is already winning at Grand Prix level with Lisa Müller at the age of nine. His dam Balu-



Dr. Hinni Lührs-Behnke (right), Chairman of the Hannoveraner Verband, and Michael Edzards (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) from R+V Versicherung congratulate breeder Axel Windeler and his daughter Ann-Kathrin, as well as Florian Darcourt (centre) from Lövsta Stuteri, on the Hannoveraner Stallion of the Year. Photo: Fellner

na comes from Benetton Dream FRH's first crop and is already one of the particularly valuable three-star mares in the Hannoveraner dressage horse breeding program. Diaton by Dimaggio (breeder: Silke Groeneveld, Bunde) represented the Hannoveraner colors in the final of the World Championships for Young Dressage Horses in Ermelo last year and this year he became German Vice Champion of the juniors with Maria Teresa Pohl. Don Martillo by Don Juan de Hus (breeder: Axel Windeler, Verden-Walle) was once even World Champion of young dressage horses with Ann-Christin Wienkamp.

Daughters and granddaughters of Benetton Dream FRH have also been successful at mare shows up to the Herwart von der Decken Show. Both his daughter St.Pr.St. Beautiful Lady (MV Royal Highness, breeder: Axel Windeler, Verden-Walle) in 2013 and his granddaughter Hann.Pr.St. Louisa Vuitton by Livaldon (breeder: Hubertus Poll, Gilten) in 2019 were able to win their class in Verden. But Benetton Dream FRH achieved the "Boleto Booster" through his sons and grandsons and in particular through Bon Coeur (dam's sire Sandro Hit, breeder: Birgit Tietjen, Reeßum), who was awarded the Grande prize last year and is now also at home at Lövsta Stuteri in Sweden.

"Benetton Dream FRH impresses with his temperament and rideability. He is not a foal-maker, but his offspring are really good riding horses," says Florian Darcourt, who is responsible for the stallions at Lövsta Stuteri in Stjärnborg, north of Stockholm, about his declared favorite. "This is important because there are many amateur riders in Sweden. The stallion is very popular in Sweden." Benetton Dream FRH was a very special horse who loved his routine. 'He doesn't like everyone, but he's a good buddy!' Three years ago, Benetton Dream FRH was sent into well-deserved retirement. The newly crowned Hannoveraner Stallion of the Year enjoys his retirement on a small island two hours from the Swedish capital. "He has a great life now and goes out to pasture every day. It's beautiful there, and he can look out over the sea all day," says Florian Darcourt with a grin. 'I think Benetton Dream had fun today. When we unloaded him in Verden, he looked to the right and to the left as if to say, 'I know this place!'" ☺

|                    |             |                    |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
|                    | Bolero      | Black Sky xx       |
| <b>Brentano II</b> |             | Baronesse          |
|                    | Glocke      | Grande             |
|                    |             | Ferbel             |
|                    | Rotspon     | Rubinstein         |
|                    |             | St.Pr.St. Antalia  |
| <b>Rotkäppchen</b> | Dornröschen | Davignon           |
|                    |             | St.Pr.St. Windrose |



Stefan Krause presented Benetton Dream FRH, the Hannoveraner Stallion of the Year, in the Niedersachsenhalle. Photo: Fellner



St.Pr.St. Starlight with her breeder Helmut Habermann (3rd from right) at the award ceremony in Verden. Photo: Fellner

## ONE OF MANY, AND YET A SPECIAL

**Hannoveraner Mare of the Year is St.Pr.St. Starlight, bred by Helmut Habermann from Hänigsen. Shortly after her honor, her third licensed Quaid son left the Niedersachsenhalle as a premium stallion.**

By Ulrich Hahne

The dam line of Norm goes back to the Habermann stud in Hänigsen in 1921. It is still based there today. Among other achievements, it produced five Nations Cup horses for five different nations. In the past 100 years, this family has repeatedly produced mares with exceptional hereditary powers. With the 2006-born St.Pr. St. Starlight by Salito out of Calinca by Calypso II, Helmut Habermann again produced a special mare. At the age of three, the very charismatic bay was awarded a prize at the Herwart von der Decken-Show and passed her mare performance test with top scores. All criteria decisive for a show jumper were rated above average. She received 8.0 for her can-

ter, 8.25 for rideability and the top score of 10 for jumping. St.Pr.St. Starlight is now one of the three-star mares in the Hannoveraner Jumper Breeding Program, because she has more than confirmed her own quality with her offspring.

Qualito I by Quaid, born in 2011, was St.Pr.St. Starlight's second foal. His father Quaid by Quidam's Rubin/Voltaire should prove to be the ideal combination for St.Pr.St. Starlight. Qualito I, who had been largely unknown until then, won the Hannoveraner Free Jumping Championships at the age of three and was the talk of the town from then on. The state stud stallion, who was full of energy and ambition, was placed at the Hannoveraner Show Jumping Championships with Heiko Tietze when he was four and five years old and qualified for the Bundeschampionat when he was five and six years old. Heiko Tietze particularly appreciated the stallion's constant willingness to perform: "Qualito always wanted to do everything right and was very ambitious. These are qualities

that stood him in good stead in his further training." At the age of seven, Qualito retired from the breeding scene far too early. But he left 320 offspring to the Hannoveraner show jumper breeding, who initially catapulted him into the top group of the German Equestrian Federation breeding values for young horse tests due to their early successes and have since given him a respectable breeding value for the highest level achieved of 131. His oldest offspring are now nine years old and have long since reached advanced (S) level. For example, the former Bundeschampionat finalist Queen's Park (dam's sire: Herma Sentker, Großenwörden) with Matthis Westendarp or the two-time Bundeschampionat finalist Querida (dam's sire: Hans Henning von der Decken, Stade), who achieved international placings up to 1.55 metres with Stephi de Boer. His full sister IB Qualita is a year younger than Qualito. The now twelve-year-old bay was brought into competition by Alexander Ueckermann before Tim Rieskamp-Goedeking took over the reins in late summer 2018. The following spring, at the age of seven, she already had her first placings in advanced level show jumping. In August, the pair placed above 1.45 metres for the first time at the international competition in Verden. After an injury-related break, IB Qualita made an impressive comeback in 2023 and has been successful up to 1.55 metres. Thomas Berger of Allerhoop Stud's passion for Starlight's offspring also began with IB Qualita. He has since secured several offspring of this exceptional mare.

In 2013, another successful full brother was born in Hänigsen: Qualibro, also a bay and also brought into competition by Alexander Ueckermann. With Simone and Hans Günther Blum, he already got to compete at home and abroad and was placed up to 1.50 metres. The fourth top foal in a row was born in 2014. This time, Check In, a stallion who also comes from the dam line of Norm, was the father. Chackalito was sold to France at the 2019 Verden Elite Auction and was brought into eventing by Thibault Champel, where he is successful up to CCI3\*. Qualito II, born in 2019, is the first chestnut out of St.Pr.St. Starlight to step into the limelight. After his first licensing in Münster, he also received a positive licensing decision from the Hannoveraner Verband after successfully completing his 50-day test. Qualito II, like Qualibro, was ridden by Alexander Ueckermann until the 2024 Bundeschampionat and, like IB Qualita, is now being ridden by Tim Rieskamp-Goedeking. A third licensed full brother of Qualito I and II has his future open after the 2024 Verden Stallion Sales.

At 18 years of age, St.Pr.St. Starlight is one of the younger mares to be named Hannoveraner Mare of the Year. However, her performance in breeding is no less impressive in comparison and her influence on jumper breeding through her licensed sons is significant. XX

## SHOW JUMPING MASTERS: TWO FRH HORSES WIN FOR THE SECOND TIME

Breeding and competition go hand in hand – the Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters are traditionally held during the stallion licensing in Verden. The first event saw 28 four-year-olds competing in the finals of the Show Jumping Masters in an elementary (L) level show jumping test for young horses. Josch Löhden took the victory with a score of 8.7 with Cloudy White JL, bred by his father and sired by Checkter/Cent (breeder: Jens Löhden, Heeslingen). He pushed the winners of the qualifier, Ulano de Calou by United Way/Contendro, into second place. The bay was ridden by his breeder, Eric Müller-Rulfs from Ritterhude, who, as a 15-year-old, had been successful in show jumping competitions with Ulano de Calou's dam, Ciky Calou, and later up to 1.45 metres. His cousin, Julia Geils-Lindemann, followed with Chase by Cancara/For Keeps (breeder: Imke Fleischer, Osterholz-Scharmbeck) in third place. She, too, had achieved success in the saddle of the dam Funny girl before the mare was taken over by Eric Müller-Rulfs. Case shared his top placing with Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Comme Demande S by Comme Prévu/Catoki (breeder: ZG Schmidinger, Stade) with Stephan Dubsky in the saddle, who won the Ic Prize at the Herwart von der Decken-Show in August this year.

The 27 five-year-olds competed against the clock in the M\* show jumping competition. Hann.Pr.A.

Cherry Fly K by Chacfly PS/Chasseur (breeder: Martin Klintworth, Ohrensen) literally flew to victory with Ole Klintworth, beating the competition by over a second. She is the half-sister of Crumble Cheesecake K FRH, with whom Ole Klintworth took the title at the Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters two years ago. Another half-brother by For Treasure VDL was licensed a day later. Ginger nut by Glasgow van't Merelsnest/Canstakko (breeder: Ulf Plate, Oldendorf) and Julia Plate, who won the Hannoveraner Show Jumping Championships in Elmlohe with superior style this summer and returned from the Bundeschampionat in an excellent 14th place, took second place. The Grey Top/Newton son Gucci's Airplane W (breeder: Johannes Wegner, Kutenholz) and Jamie Reiß took third place on the lap of honor.

The 22 six-year-olds competing for victory in the M\*\* show jumping competition with a jump-off were excited. Last year's winners, Diarello FRH by Diamant de Semilly/Cascadello (breeder: Stefan Aust, Armstorf) and Tim-Uwe Hoffmann, accepted nothing for granted. They confidently defended their title ahead of DiCarlo FRH by Diacontinus/Chalet (breeder: Enno Köster, Loxstedt) and James William Passy. The two pairs know each other well, they were part of the Hannoveraner team last year that won the WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy for five-year-olds in

Valkenswaard/NED. The white ribbon for third place went to Hann.Pr.A. Apardi's Deern by Apardi/Acorado (breeder: Frank Johannsen, Buxtehude), who was ridden by Thies Johannsen and had finished fifth in the same place twelve months ago.

There was also a "repeat offender" among the 21 seven- and eight-year-olds. The Hickstead White/Cheenook son, High Five FRH (breeder: Marc Hahne, Kirchlinteln), had already secured the yellow and white winning sash with Jessica Freye two years ago. This year, the two were the only pair to remain penalty-free in both the advanced round with a very tight time limit and in the jump-off. The rider's family had discovered the talent at the 2018 Stallion Sales. Jessica Freye had also qualified her second horse, Hann.Pr.A. Spiffy Flight GR by Streetfighter/Calido (breeder: Günter Rodenberg, Diepenau), for the jump-off and came third with the chestnut mare. The pair had already come fourth twice and eighth once at the Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters, but this year they finally made it onto the podium. Moonraker by Messenger/For Edition (breeder: Siegfried Pilz, Lilienthal) was awarded the silver ribbon for second place. Oliver Klüsener was in the saddle of the chestnut gelding, who had found his way into the ownership of his current owners via the 2016 foal auction. 



The winners of the Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters (from left to right): Diarello FRH by Diamant de Semilly/Cascadello with Tim-Uwe Hoffmann | Hann.Pr.A. Cherry Fly K by Chacfly PS/Chasseur with Ole Klintworth | High Five FRH by Hickstead White/Cheenook with Jessica Freye | Cloudy White JL by Checkter/Cent with Josch Löhden. Photos: Fellner

# SUNSHINE IN FRANCE

*The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Verden Auctions was celebrated in the Niedersachsenhalle. The top price of the 141<sup>st</sup> Elite Auction was the chestnut mare Sunshine, for which the bid was accepted at 150,000 euros from France. On average, 39,184.21 euros had to be spent on one of the 57 horses at the OnLive Auction. The last 29 foals of the 2024 auction year were sold for an average of 7,741.37 euros. Excalidor, who found a new owner for 24,000 euros, led the price statistics.*

*By Wilken Treu and Britta Züngel*

The first riding horse auction took place in Verden in the same year that the German constitution came into force. Both developed into a success story that has now lasted for 75 years. This was celebrated at the start of the 141<sup>st</sup> Elite Auction – with a reception and a short, attractive show program that gave a taste of the OnLive Auction. The collection consisted of three almost equally sized segments of around 30 dressage horses, show jumpers and high-quality foals, which took turns to enter the ring of the Niedersachsenhalle.

The dressage collection offered a mixture of horses that had not yet been presented to the public and those with initial competition experience. Most of the show jumpers had already enjoyed success in the show jumping ring. The best conditions for a relaxed atmosphere, which, however, took longer than usual due to the consideration of the online bids. The mix of the three possible bidding options live in the indoor arena, by telephone and online was striking. These three options were used by customers to an equal extent throughout the auction.

However, the interest in the live auction was also noticeable. This was particularly the case in the second auction week, when customers arrived who wanted to stay for the whole weekend. The good overall quality of the collection generated a corresponding level of interest and a lively presence of customers in the auction hall. Of course, the customer and spectator area emptied as the auction progressed. Nevertheless, the overall financial result was successful, particularly with regard to the exhibitors, who are especially important for an auction. The collection was full of excellent horses across the board, meaning that high hammer prices were recorded throughout the auction.

Five fewer horses were sold than in the previous year, but the average price was around 7,000 euros higher than at the 140<sup>th</sup> Elite Auction. 14 young talents (previous year: eight) sold for 50,000 euros or more. "Of course, for the sake of the public image, we would have liked to have had a few more horses with a net hammer price in the six-figure range. However, some were just below this limit. On the positive side, however, the range

of hammer prices is worth highlighting," said managing director and auction manager Wilken Treu.

## ***That certain something***

The Secret/Royal Blend daughter Vet+ Sunshine (breeder: Anneli Brunckhorst, Wohlesbostel) had that certain something. The expressive chestnut mare was the top price at the jubilee auction with a sales price of 150,000 euro. The test rider had already given her a dream score of 10 for her rideability in her mare performance test. A professional rider from Normandy, who is at home in all three equestrian disciplines, secured the four-year-old hope for the future, who was immediately given the name affix "Montligeon". "The mare is very lively and always in a good mood," reports customer advisor Ariane Pourtavaf. The new owner, who had come to Verden Auctions on the recommendation of a French Olympic rider, said that everyone in the stable was already jealous. Sunshine is already the third offspring of the St.Pr.St. Ronja, who herself has excellent rideability, to change ownership in the Niedersachsenhalle. The



*The top priced horse at the 141<sup>st</sup> Elite Auction was Sunshine by Secret/Royal Blend. A trainer from France purchased the chestnut mare for 150,000 euros.*

*Photo: Fellner*



The Valdiviani/St. Schufro son Von Otto S sold for 92,000 euros to a Canadian owner (left) / Total Happy H by Total Hope/Sezuan goes to a well known dressage rider for 105,000 euros. Photos: Fellner

first was a licensed stallion by Franziskus, who was followed four years later by the not licensed Emperio by Escolar, who has already celebrated victories in tests for young dressage horses as a five-year-old.

The Total Hope/Sezuan-daughter Total Happy H will also be in the hands of a champion. She will make an internationally successful dressage rider "totally happy". The latter prevailed against six other bidders and can call the tall three-year-old, whose dam Hann.Pr.St. Symphonie was herself successful in the arena, her own for 105,000 Euros. Breeder and exhibitor Edeltraud Hähn from Bergneustadt entered another of her products in the race: the Global Player daughter Hann.Pr.A. Gaya, who has already placed in tests for young riding horses. Gaya, a half-sister of Symphonie, is the 30th horse that the Cadre Noir from Saumur/FRA has purchased at the Verden auction, and she was sold for 22,500 euros.

### ***Successful opening***

The successful opening of the anniversary event was already catalogue number one, at which it was mainly mares that made buyers' hearts beat faster. Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Violetta by V-Plus/Light and Easy (breeder and exhibitor: Michael Schenk, Niendorf) set the first exclamation mark at 96,000 euros. Jacob Schenk, who has known this exceptional talent since birth, as the bay was born at her parents' farm, was in the saddle. He also presented her at the mare performance test in Fehrenböl in July of this year, which she passed with top marks and which earned her the Hannoveraner Premium candidacy. Only eight weeks later, the two finalists were at the Hannoveraner Riding Horse Championships and were nominated for the Bundeschampionat. "Violetta has no limits as a young dressage

horse. Her great rideability inspires me every day anew. In combination with her great movements, she has everything you need for a future in the dressage arena," says Jacob Schenk. She will look forward to this future in Florida in the stable of a Brazilian dressage rider. She will be accompanied

by the Sezuan/Donnerhall son So In Love K (breeder and exhibitor: Willem Klausing GbR, Diepholz). The full brother of the former Bundeschampion of three-year-old stallions and Weltmeyer Prize winner, So Unique, cost 40,000 euros. Michael Schenk presented two more horses in the showcase of the

### ***HANS JOACHIM KÖHLER PRIZE***



Wilken Treu (left) and Board member Dieter Meyer (right) congratulated Michael and Dorothee Schenk.

The Hans Joachim Köhler Prize was awarded for the most successful auction supplier over the past ten years. It went to Michael Schenk from Niendorf, who has sent over 50 young talents to the Niedersachsenhalle. The breeder and trainer will have very special memories of the 141<sup>st</sup> Elite Auction: Hann.Pr.A. Vet+ Violetta by V-Plus/Light and Easy, Verdicchio by Von Und Zu/Fürst Fohlenhof and Quandillo by Quantensprung/Friendship were among the top-class dressage horses in the collection. The 57-year-old and his wife Dorothee run the business in the Lüneburg Heath with passion and great success. They have passed on their passion for horses to their son Jacob, who trains horses excellently, is a regular at the Bundeschampionat and was already part of the Verden auction team at the age of 16.

| Statistics             |    |                    |
|------------------------|----|--------------------|
| Riding horses          |    |                    |
| Number of horses       |    | 57 horses          |
| Sold                   |    | 57 horses          |
| Net proceeds           |    | 2,233,500.00 Euros |
| Average price          |    | 39,184.21 Euros    |
| Top price              |    | 150,000.00 Euros   |
| Lowest price           |    | 11,000.00 Euros    |
| Price range            |    |                    |
| 11,000 to 14,999 Euros |    | 4 horses           |
| 15,000 to 24,999 Euros |    | 19 horses          |
| 25,000 to 49,999 Euros |    | 20 horses          |
| 50,000 Euros and more  |    | 14 horses          |
| Sales by region        |    |                    |
| Germany                | 26 |                    |
| Belgium                | 1  | Denmark            |
| France                 | 4  | Great Britain      |
| Irland                 | 1  | Italy              |
| Canada                 | 2  | Netherlands        |
| Portugal               | 1  | Sweden             |
| Switzerland            | 2  | Spain              |
| CZE                    | 1  | USA                |
| Austria                | 2  |                    |

141<sup>st</sup> Elite Auction, both of outstanding quality. In addition to Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Violetta, the Von Und Zu/Fürst Fohlenhof son Verdicchio was sold for 36,000 euros. Quandillo by Quantensprung/Friendship will advertise for Hannoveraner in Spain at a hammer price of 70,000 euros – together with Vet+ Beste Deern by Borsalino/Dauphin (breeder and exhibitor: Jörgen Hemme, Wedemark), who cost 75,000 euros.

The second bid close to the 100,000-euro mark did not take long – a total of six horses cost 90,000 euros or more. The auction hammer fell on 90,000 euros for the second horse of the highly interesting afternoon. Klaus Michaelis from Basdahl had discovered the quality of Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Vajana by Von Und Zu/Dancier (breeder: Gianna Peters, Oldendorf) – like Violetta a finalist in the Hannoveraner Riding Horse Championships – in the pasture. Her top scores at the mare performance test confirm this quality: 9.50 for trot and canter and 9.0 for rideability. A horse later, the most expensive show jumper cantered through the Niedersachsenhalle as headliner number four: Continue H by Conthargos/Stakkato (breeder and exhibitor: Hans-Henning Hagemann, Pattensen). Cian O'Conner secured the exceptionally talented horse for his Ronnoco Jump stable for 90,000 euros. The Irishman has already brought numerous Verden auction horses into top-class sport. 13 years ago, Continue H's dam, St.Pr.St. Shakira, had already caused a stir. At that time, her son Quality H by Quaid was sold to Canada for the highest



*In the limelight, Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Violetta by V-Plus/Light and Easy, with the breeder's son and auction rider Jacob Schenk in the saddle, presented her extraordinary quality and was sold for 96,000 euros. Photo: Fellner*

price at the Elite Auction. "Continue H was already leggy and typey as a foal. He is a well-balanced horse with a great attitude, super character and top jumping ability," enthuses breeder Hans-Henning Hagemann. Continue's full sister, Vet+ Queensberry H, who is a year younger, was the fourth-last horse to come up for auction, and sold for 18,500 euros to a Spanish owner. The six most expensive horses also included Von Otto S by Valdiviani/St. Schufro (breeder and exhibitor: Hartmut Struß, Elze). A regular customer from Canada paid 92,000 euros for the four-year-old top-class horse that won a dressage horse test. The second most expensive show jumper was Casper Gold (breeder: Vetart GmbH, Dägeling, exhibitor: Sportpferde Jasper Kools, Diepholz), another Conthargos son after the top-priced Continue H. The bay stallion, who has a Stakkato dam and comes from the Al-gave line, which is known for top show jumpers, was sold for 80,000 euros to a long-time Hannoveraner expert from Florida who has already purchased numerous stallions in Verden.

The average price of 39,184.21 euros was achieved with 14 horses costing 50,000 euros and more. The Hannoveraner breed attracted a great deal of international interest after the outstanding performance of the Hannoveraner at the Olympic Games in Paris, where the eventing horse Fischer-Chipmunk FRH won an Olympic gold medal, and Baloutinie won a show jumping medal and Mount St John Freestyle won a dressage medal. 31 horses are expected to leave Germany.

The first foal to enter the Niedersachsenhalle at the 141<sup>st</sup> Elite Auction also received the highest bid of the day. A new customer from Lower Saxony seized her chance and purchased the Excalibur/Londontime son Excalidor (breeder and exhibitor: Franz Sassen, Hoyerhagen) for 24,000 euros. The chestnut, who has fantastic movements, is the eighth foal by St.Pr.St. Londonflower to be auctioned in Verden. He is a representative of the Juggema line, which also produced team Olympic champion and Stallion of the Year 2016, Desperados FRH. ☺

| Statistics            |    |                 |
|-----------------------|----|-----------------|
| Foals                 |    |                 |
| Number of foals       |    | 29 Foals        |
| Sold                  |    | 29 Foals        |
| Net proceeds          |    | 224,500 Euros   |
| Average price         |    | 7,741.37 Euros  |
| Top price             |    | 24,000.00 Euros |
| Lowest price          |    | 4,500.00 Euros  |
| Price range           |    |                 |
| 4,000 to 4,999 Euros  |    | 3 Foals         |
| 5,000 to 7,999 Euros  |    | 14 Foals        |
| 8,000 to 9,999 Euros  |    | 8 Foals         |
| 10,000 Euros and more |    | 4 Foals         |
| Sales by region       |    |                 |
| Germany               | 18 |                 |
| Belgium               | 2  | Italy           |
| Netherlands           | 1  | Sweden          |
| Switzerland           | 4  | Spain           |
| Hungary               | 1  |                 |

### Seizing the opportunity



The most expensive horse at the November auction was the Chubakko/Stakkato son Chubakka Black, which was sold to Great Britain for 37,000 euros. Photo: Kunst

| Statistics             |                  |               |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Riding horses          |                  |               |
| Number of horses       | 38 horses        |               |
| Sold                   | 38 horses        |               |
| Net proceeds           | 556,000.00 Euros |               |
| Average price          | 14,631.57 Euros  |               |
| Top price              | 37,000.00 Euros  |               |
| Lowest price           | 8,000.00 Euros   |               |
| Price range            |                  |               |
| 8,000 to 10,999 Euros  | 17 horses        |               |
| 11,000 to 14,999 Euros | 7 horses         |               |
| 15,000 to 24,999 Euros | 10 horses        |               |
| 25,000 Euros and more  | 4 horses         |               |
| Sales by region        |                  |               |
| Germany                | 26               |               |
| Belgium                | 1                | Finland       |
| France                 | 3                | Great Britain |
| Sweden                 | 1                | Switzerland   |
| UAE                    | 2                |               |

## LEAP TO THE TOP

**When the last virtual bid was accepted, the result was clear: the 38 horses of the Verden Auction in November achieved an average price of 14,631.57 euros. Chubakka Black took the top spot, finding a new owner for 37,000 euros.**

By Britta Züngel

Once again, it was a show jumper that became the most expensive horse at the Verden Auctions. The four-year-old Chubakka Black by Chubakko/Stakkato (breeder and exhibitor: Volker Bremermann, Oyten) was considered one of the highlights of the show jumping collection in advance. Eleven bidders placed 47 bids before the dark bay came into British ownership for 37,000 euros. He comes from a family that has been successful in sport. Tobias Bremermann, the breeder's son, is placed internationally up to 1.35 metres with Chubakka Black's 2017-born half-sister Diamond Darkness B by Diamant de Plaisir. Corretto B by Cascadello II, who is two years younger, has collected ribbons up to 1.25 metres.

Only 1,500 euros less cost the most sought-after dressage talent from the renowned line of Juromette, which has not only produced Westphalia's influential stallion Radetzky, but has also achieved Olympic honors through the privately owned stallion Don Schufro. The Secret/Lauries Crusador xx son Silence SF (breeder and exhibitor: Sven Seidel-

Fehling, Eyendorf) is at the beginning of a promising career after top placings in riding horse tests and was worth 35,500 euros to a dressage rider from Schleswig-Holstein.

The last riding horse auction of the year kicked off with the impressive Fürst Belissaro/Rotspon daughter Vet+ Festiva (breeder: Bernd and Heinz von Allwörden, Drochtersen, exhibitor: Hans Henning von der Decken, Stade). A dressage trainer from northern France paid 30,000 euros for the rideable bay, who has three siblings that were also sold in Verden. The fourth horse that cost more than 25,000 euros was Vet+ Greta B by Grey Top/Stakkato (breeder and exhibitor: Heinrich Bielmann, Burgdorf). She will be eating her oats in Switzerland in the future. She has one of the most important dam lines in Hannover. Numerous internationally successful show jumpers and sires can be traced back to the foundation mare Norm.

The small but select collection achieved an average price of 14,631.57 euros. About one third of

the horses were sold to bidders outside of Germany. In addition to customers from neighboring European countries, a buyer from the United Arab Emirates was also successful twice. She purchased Reena B by Rock Springs/Don Frederico (breeder: Hans-Jürgen Bührig, Loxstedt, exhibitor: ZG Bührig, Loxstedt) for 17,500 euros and Fabiola by Fusionist/Lauries Crusador xx (breeder: Joachim Demuth, Düdenbüttel, exhibitor: ZG Melzian, Tüllau), who was knocked down for 8,500 euros.

The collection of the November auction was rounded off by 18 youngsters. The representatives of the 2022 crop, all but two of whom were selected for the pre-selection for the stallion licensing, lived up to the good reputation that preceded them. On average, 11,352.94 euros had to be invested. The bid for Teamplayer PJF by Total Diamond PS/Secret (breeder: Jürgen Fetzer, Zimmern, exhibitor: Christine Klaewer, Lentföhrden) ended at 20,000 euros. 

| Statistics       |                 |        |
|------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Youngster        |                 |        |
| Number of horses | 18 horses       |        |
| Sold             | 17 horses       |        |
| Net proceeds     | 193,000 Euros   |        |
| Average price    | 11,352.94 Euros |        |
| Top price        | 20,000.00 Euros |        |
| Lowest price     | 6,000.00 Euros  |        |
| Sales by region  |                 |        |
| Germany          | 13              |        |
| France           | 2               | Sweden |
| Switzerland      | 1               |        |

# TWO DOUBLE VICTORIES

**Mount St John Freestyle and Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour won the freestyle in Stockholm/SWE with over 90 percent. And only 14 days after their World Cup victory in Herning/DEN.**

By Britta Züngel

## DRESSAGE



### ELEKTRA DI FONTE ABETI (RHLD.)

The Franklin/De Niro/Lauries Crusador xx daughter Elektra di Fonte Abeti (breeder: Societa' Agricola Allevamento Fonteabetti, Sansepolcro/ITA) celebrated her first international double victory in Prix St. George and Inter I at Le Mans/FRA. The nine-year-old was ridden by the Swede Juliette Ramel.

### GUT WETTLKAM'S D'AVIE FRH (VA)

Gut Wettlkam's D'avia FRH by Don Juan de Hus/Londonderry/Walt Disney (dam line of Delicta, breeder: Dorothee Heitmüller, Nienburg) and Isabell Werth attracted a lot of attention at the CDI3\* in Hagen/GER. The eight-time Olympic champion had mounted the double World Champion of

young dressage horses to be able to better support his rider and owner, Lisa Müller, during training. It was a complete success: Gut Wettlkam's Davie FRH won the Grand Prix Special.

### FLYNN FRH (VA)

In his first appearance after the Olympics, Flynn FRH (breeder: Anton Muhr, Bad Rappenau), son of Fahrenheit/Sir Oldenburg/Davignon, won the Grand Prix of the CDI4\* Hagen/GER with Flore de Winne. It was the last victory of the two, shortly after Flynn FRH was sold.

### MOUNT ST JOHN FREESTYLE (VA)

In Herning/DEN, Mount St John Freestyle by Fidermark/Donnerhall/Atatürk (dam line of Liebeslust, breeder: Stephan Kurz, Zöbingen) and Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour had every reason to celebrate.

They took the victory in the World Cup freestyle by a large margin, having already won the Grand Prix. The next triumph was not long in coming. The pair won the Grand Prix and freestyle in Stockholm/SWE, beating Wendy de Fontaine and Isabell Werth.

### SMILE DI FONTEABETI

Smile di Fonteabetti by Sandro Hit/Donnerhall/Feiner Stern has reached the top (dam line of Noria, breeder: Kurt Struck, Peine). The half-brother of the 2002 licensing winner, His Highness, won the Grand Prix and freestyle at the CDI3\* Ornago/ITA with Valentina Trupa.

### JET SET FRH

Jet Set FRH by Johnson/Beltoni/Dacaprio (breeder: Nina Sixtensson, Köping/SWE) celebrated two vic-



After the victory in the World Cup freestyle in Herning, Mount St John Freestyle and Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour have won the Grand Prix and freestyle in Stockholm. Photo: FEI/Hägg

tories in Lombardy. At the CDI Ornago/ITA, the nine-year-old and Mia Sanna Walser from Switzerland were the best in the team and individual test of the juniors. The chestnut stallion and Kira Laura Soddemann came in third at the Bundeschampionat for five-year old dressage horses and tenth at the World Championships for seven-year olds.

## SHOW JUMPING

### ACUERO

In mid-October, it was time for the "Winter Season Kick-Off" at Azelhof in Lier/BEL. The Acorado/Catoki/Graf Grannus son Acuero (dam line of Steingilde, breeder: Gundi Engfer, Rosengarten) and Annelies Vorsselmans won the CSI2\* final by almost three seconds.

### KEMPF'S BALERO (RHLD.)

In week two of the Autumn Tour at Azelhof in Lier, Belgium, Kempf's Balero by Balou du Rouet/Coldander/Polydor (breeder: Wilhelm and Stefan Miss, Xanten) and Basile Bettendorf won the CSI2\* final.

### BALOUTINUE

Team silver medal winner Baloutinue returned from his Olympic excursion to Europe to the United States at the beginning of October. And the 2010-born Balou du Rouet/Landor S/FIGARO son (breeder: Heinrich Meyer, Langwedel) is already celebrating his next victory with Laura Kraut in the saddle: winning the qualifier (1.55 metres) for the CSI5\* Mill Spring/USA Grand Prix.

### BIG SOLUTION

In week two of the Autumn Mediterranean Equestrian Tour in Oliva/ESP, Big Solution by Big Star/Couleur-Rubin/Star Regent xx (dam line of Isolde, breeder: ZG M. Fuhlrott and D. Kuhn, Schwanewede) and Josch Löhden won a competition for six-year-olds.

### BUSTER MOON

Those who don't travel to Spain can also get their money's worth on the Riviera. In the second week of the Autumn Tour, Buster Moon by Blockbuster/Diarado/Lord Lancer son Buster Moon (dam line of Jucking, breeder: Tobias Schult, Hünxe) and Alain Jufer triumphed and celebrated their first international victory at the CSI3\* San Giovanni in Marignano/ITA in a jumping competition on faults and time.



*At the Peelbergen Equestrian Centre, the Diarado/For Edition son Donald and Armin Schäfer won two golden ribbons.  
Photo: Lafrentz/Archiv*

### CALEYA (RHLD.)

Two starts – two victories. It doesn't get any better than that. At the CSI2\* Oslo/NOR, the Calido/Lancer II/Renoir daughter Caleya (dam line of Erlenklette, breeder: Sjaak Bindels, Siebengewald/NED) won the Grand Prix with Jordy van Massenhove after she had already been the best in the two-phase competition.

### HANN.PR.A. CASCALOU

In mid-November, Hann.Pr.A. Cascalou by Cascadello/Balou du Rouet/Raphael (breeder: Ernst-August Meier, Oppenwehe) and Yves Houtackers took first place in the opening competition of the Gold 4 Tour at the CSI3\* Oliva/ESP.

### CALISSI

Calissi by Cassador/Glenfiddich/Goldfinger (dam line of Marritjen, breeder: Günter Kappei, Kirchberg) started with a victory in the Large Tour of the CSI2\* Riesenbeck/GER on the first weekend in October. The bay, born in 2014, was ridden by Wilhelm Winkeler.

### CASCADELLO BOY RM (RHLD.)

As part of the Global Champions Tour in Riyadh/KSA, Cascadello Boy RM by Cascadello/Balou du Rouet/Polydor (dam line of Willkür, breeder: Josef Ruyter, Rees) and Kamal Abdullah Bahamdan won

a speed jumping competition at the two-star CSI in their first competition start together. Last year, Cascadello Boy RM and Meshari Alharbi won gold at the Asian Games in Hangzhou/CHN.

### CHACOSSINI

The Chacco-Blue/Cassini II/Wienerwald son, Chacossini (dam line of Algave, breeder: Ute Lücke, Barleben), won the two-phase special jumping competition of the Small Tour at the CSI2\* Gorla Minore/ITA with Martin Chestnut. One day later, the bay took his next victory, this time in the jumping competition with a jump-off for first place.

### CHACCO' GIRLSTAR

Emanuele Camilli and the Chacco-Blue/Sandro Boy/Quick Star-daughter Chacco's Girlstar (dam line of Anela, breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Mühlen) won the Friday main jumping competition (1.50 metres) of the CSI5\* Monterrey, La Silla/MEX with ease. It was a Hannoveraner double victory, with the Olympic contender Contendros taking second place with Andres Azcarraga.

### CHADONIA PS

The last test at the Global Champions Tour competition in Rabat/MAR was the CSI2\* Open speed jumping. Chadonia PS by Chacco-Blue/Chicago Z/Domino (dam line of Sedalia, breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Mühlen) and Yassine Laklach were a fast pair.



In Riesenbeck, the Glenfiddich/Goldfinger daughter Calissi and Wilhelm Winkeler celebrated the victory in the opening jumping class of the Large Tour. Photo: Lafrentz/Archiv

## COMMISSAR PEZI

In the Queens Cup (1.50 metres) of the Nations Cup Final in Barcelona/ESP, the winners were Commissar Pezi by Commissario/Lord Pezi/Fly High (dam line of Ambella, breeder: Johannes zur Lage, Bersenbrück) and Martin Chestnut.

## CONTENDROS (VA)

The Contendro/Drosselklang II/Glückspilz son Contendros celebrated one of his greatest successes to date at the CSI5\* Monterrey, La Silla/MEX (dam line of Neapenda, breeder: Wilfried Berghorn, Stolzenau). The 17-year-old, whose dam is a half-sister of Christian Ahlmann's Olympic partner Codex One, won the lucrative Grand Prix (1.50 metres) with Andres Azcarraga.

## DAVITA FRH

Finally, the Mediterranean Equestrian Tour is back! The first leg kicked off right on schedule in Oliva/ESP in the first week of October. The Diaconitus/Calido/Graf Sponeck daughter Davita FRH (dam line of Katischa, breeder: Marie Luise Holten, Freiburg), who won the Hannoveraner Jumper Championships two years ago, and Christopher Bartels won the speed jumping competition in the Bronze 4 Tour.

## DILLINGER NE (BHHS)

In the "Stoneleigh Cup" (1.60 metres) in Birmingham/GBR, Mark Edwards and the Diarado/Caris-

mo/Grafenstein son Dillinger NE (dam line of Jabitia, breeder: Roslyn Palmer, Littleton-Upon-Severn/GBR) were unbeatable.

## DONALD

The results of the CSI2\* Kronenberg/NED at the beginning of November reported the first international double victory for Donald by Diarado/For Edition/Laptop (dam line of Nordspitze, breeder: Carlo Meyer-Sauber, Boulders/LUX) and Armin Schäfer. After winning the first Medium Tour qualifier, the two also took the golden ribbon in the Small Tour final.

## FOR FRIENDSHIP VDL (VA)

At the end of November, For Friendship VDL by For Pleasure/Stakkato Gold/Zeus (dam line of Fliegerin, breeder: Günter Soltau, Hamburg) and Marlon Modolo Zanotelli won the final for seven- and eight-year-olds at Sentower Park in Opglabbeek/BEL.

## GHIA PE

When Sophie Hinners lines up, it is hard for the other competitors to beat. This was also the case at the Peelbergen Equestrian Center in Kronenberg/NED at the beginning of November. In the saddle on the Gem of India/Laissez faire/Feinbrand daughter, Ghia PE (breeder: Kirsten Merz-Silbernagl, Meßstetten), she took victory – the first in the ten-year-old mare's career – in the Medium Tour final.

## HANN.PR.A. GRACE WB (VA)

On the final day of the CSI2\* Opglabbeek/BEL at the end of November, Hann.Pr.A. Grace WB by Grey Top/Escudo/Werther (dam line of Schligrunne, breeder: Frank Wagner, Beienrode) prevailed against 60 competitors and won a two-phase special show jumping competition with Anna-Maria Grimm.

## KOKOMO B

After Calissi's victory in the first qualifier of the Large Tour of Riesenbeck, the only eight-year-old Kannan/Lord Quidam/Carry Gold son Kokomo B (dam line of Vilane, breeder: Tomke Bruns, Holtland) led the field of starters in the second qualifier with Eoin McMahon.

## LEAVE THE LIGHT ON

With over two seconds ahead, the Lord Pezi/Lordanos/Stakkato son Leave the Light on (dam line of Festungszeit, breeder: Eberhard Wotte, Rhede) and Lou Puch won the second test of the U25 riders at the international young rider competition in Chevenez/SUI.

## LET'S GO FZ (VA)

Second Hannoveraner winner at the CSI2\* Gorla Minore/ITA at the end of September was the Lord Fauntleroy/Stakkato/Escudo son Let's Go FZ (dam line of Schneiderin, breeder: Manfred Schäfer, Köchingen) with Giacomo Casadei. The two won the opening competition of the Big Tour.

## LOOPING LUNA (VA)

In week three of the Gorla Fall Tour in Gorla Minore/ITA, the Lord Fauntleroy/Calido/Gambler's Cup xx daughter Looping Luna (dam line of Juka, breeder: Andreas Middelkampf, Grönloh) and Steve Guerdat entered their names in the winners' lists. They won the ranking competition on Friday. A week later, they won the next gold ribbon at the same place, this time in the opening competition of the Big Tour.

## PRINZ (VA)

Two Perigueux offspring, both former Verden auction horses, competed against each other in the Grand Prix of the CSI4-A Chevenez/SUI. The experienced Prinz by Perigueux/Escudo/Werther (dam line of Nachbarin I, breeder: Volker Ebeling, Ingeln) and Ben Dreher did not accept defeat and relegated Hero Flicka by Perigueux/Embassy/Sin-

gular Joter (Amara line, breeder: Heiko Rieckmann, Wittorf) and Brianne Beerbaum to second place.

## QUERIDA (VA)

We've saved the best for last: at the end of October, Querida by Qualito/Embassy/Landclassic (dam line of Stange, breeder: Hans Henning von der Decken, Brocklosenborstel) and Stephi de Boer won the Grand Prix (1.50 metres) in Oliva/ESP.

## SOHN DER ERDE K

The Mediterranean was the backdrop for the first international 1.40-metre victory of Sohn der Erde K by Salz der Erde/Contender/Leonardo (breeder: Dr. Susanna Kleindienst, Vienna/AUT). At the CSI1\* Oliva/ESP, the nine-year-old won the Bronze Tour final with Philippa Wildfang Linde from Denmark.

## SOLIDAT (VA)

The number one in the accumulator competition on the last day of the World Cup show in Oslo/NOR was the Semper Fi/Chacco-Blue/Grannus son Solidat (breeder: Wilhelm Ovelhey, Isernhagen) and Rodrigo Giesteira Almeida from Portugal. The next success for the pair came at the CS15\*-W

Stuttgart, where they won the speed jumping on Saturday.

## STENMARK

Clear and fast like his Swedish namesake, Stenmark by Stolzenberg/Perigueux/Carbid (dam line of Amitose, breeder: Henry Schwanemann, Otternedorf) and rider Stefan Egbers in Kronenberg/NED completed the course of the second qualifier of the Youngster Tour and took the well-deserved victory with a lead of over three seconds.

## SERENDEPETY

The Stoltenberg/Escudo/Calypso II daughter Serendepety (dam line of Schutzsiegel, breeder: Jennifer Lee, The Plains/USA) and Darragh Kenny took the victory in the opening competition of the CSI2\* Greenwich/USA.

## UNTOUCHABLE

The last weekend in September was the weekend of two Van Helsing offspring. While Ventago won the Grand Prix of Greenwich/USA, a good 2,000 kilometres further east, the Van Helsing/Lady's King/Silvio daughter Untouchable (dam line of Königsau, breeder: Marie-Claire Wimmer, Königs-

lutter) took the victory in the World Cup show jumping (1.50 metres) of Rabat/MAR with Ramzy Al Duhami. The Saudi Arabian riders were also unbeatable in the Nations Cup. In the team competition, Untouchable delivered two clear rounds.

## VENTAGO

In the exciting Grand Prix (1.60 metres) of Greenwich/USA, Ventago by Van Helsing/Scendix/Dorian (dam line of Arma, breeder: Stefan Trentelmann, Rastede) and Abdulrahman Alrajhi left the assembled show jumping elite behind them and took the victory. "Ventago is an incredible horse. He always seems to move slowly, but he has a huge canter stride, is ultra-careful and has a lot of scope," said the 29-year-old rider from Saudi Arabia.

## EVENTING



## DALI DU MONTESY

In the south of France, the eventing season is not over yet. The Don Darius/Wolkenstein II/Matcho AA son Dali Du Montesey (dam line of Antje, breeder: Henriette Bregendorf, Braedstrup/DEN) and François Pons confidently won the CCI3\*-L in mid-November. ☀

## ■ EVENTING

### DIACONDIVA FRH IN FOURTH PLACE

At the World Championships for Young Eventing Horses in Le Lion D'Angers/FRA, Hann.Pr.A. Diacondiva FRH by Diacontinus/Sunlight xx (breeder: Johannes Hilmer, Rullstorf) and Ann-Catrin Bierlein just missed out on a medal by finishing in fourth place. After dressage and cross-country, last year's Hannoveraner Champion of five-year-olds was still in a promising third place, but had to accept a pole down in the course. The reigning Hannoveraner and Bundeschampion, Kasparow by Karajan/Diacontinus (breeder: Friedrich Thiesse, Steimbke), and Calvin Böckmann were also close to the podium. They entered the ring in fifth place, knocked down two poles, and finished in a respectable eighth place. The six-year-old World Champions were the Holstein mare Killer Queen and Merel Blom-Hulsmann, who won by a clear margin ahead of the KWPN gelding Norway van der Haar and Max Warburton. Third place went to Clawfinger (SWB) with Anna Fresgard, who, like the world champion, is an offspring of I'm Special de Muze. The seven-year-olds were won by Cilli Morning IV, bred in Great Britain, with Gemma Stevens, ahead of Kantango (AES) with Kitty King and Mr. Cookie Time (KWPN) and Samantha Lissington. ☀



Contendros by Contendro/Drosselklang II and Andres Azcarraga have won the highly endowed Grand Prix of Monterrey. Photo: Lafrentz/Archiv

# BREEDING WITH PASSION

*This year, the seven-year-old Chacoan Blue daughter Chaqueen from the Kruse breeding was crowned Bundeschampion in Warendorf. For over 30 years, the Kruse couple and their son Stephan have been successfully breeding Hannoveraner show jumpers in Walsrode.*

By Jürgen Stroscher

"We breed Hannoveraner out of passion and not to make money," says Inge Kruse (80), making it clear what the intention behind the Kruse family's horse breeding is. She is unreservedly supported by her husband Helmut (84) and son Stephan (55). The current breeding success with the mare Chaqueen is all the more impressive. "I have always paid attention to rideability and a good character, coupled with a high level of motivation, in both our mares and the selected stallions." This was also the case in 1999 with the filly Welfin by Wolkentänzer, the granddam of Chaqueen.

The breeder couple Inge and Helmut Kruse recognized the breeding potential in the young mare very early on, which they value so highly. "We had already set our sights on Welfin. When she was offered at the Luhmühlen auction, we took the chance and bought her," recalls Helmut Kruse, still thinking back to the happy day. The Wolkentänzer daughter, bred by Wolfgang Thiele from Bergen,

was later awarded state premium status, as were all of the Kruse stud mares. In 2008, she produced the mare Queen Silvia by Quicksilber, who is the dam of Chaqueen. Welfin has had a total of eight foals at the Schneeheide breeding farm, a district of Walsrode. After her breeding career, Welfin and her riders Marco Löw and Sarah-Sophie Bexten celebrated success in show jumping courses up to 1.40 metres well into old age. All of her offspring were broken in by Stephan Kruse and later also demonstrated their good jumping ability in L to M courses with either him or their new owners. The bay gelding Cocuma M by Contendro (2006) was also successful in advanced show jumping with his rider Marco Blazczak.

"It quickly became clear that Chaqueen had exceptional jumping ability. When we saw her jump over a 1.80-metre fence from standing, we decided to sell her so that she would end up in the right

hands and receive the training she needed," explains Stephan Kruse, why the granddaughter of Welfin was not used in their own breeding program. The mare's further career confirms that the Kruse breeding team (now Inge, Helmut and Stephan) were absolutely right in their assessment. At the Verden Elite Auction in 2022, the Chacoan daughter became the top-priced show jumper and changed ownership to Hans Zewe in Tholey. The mare celebrated her first successes under Olympic rider Richard Vogel. At this year's Bundeschampionat, David Will was in the saddle of Chaqueen and, after only a very short familiarization period, rode her to the title in the seven-year-old show jumpers. "It was simply amazing to see the attitude, fighting spirit and intelligence with which the inexperienced mare mastered her tasks," said Marburg Nations Cup rider David Will, who was totally thrilled by the young show jumper's abilities.

Inge, Stephan and Helmut Kruse with St.Pr.St. Federmaus by Federweisser/Maurice. Photo: Stroscher.



"It was my love of animals that brought me to riding as a child. I was simply fascinated by horses, even though I come from a family that had nothing to do with horses," says Helmut Kruse. His parents owned a gardening business in Walsrode, so he had to do an appropriate apprenticeship at the time in order to take over the family business one day. Then his path led him to Verden, where he took the opportunity to learn how to ride at the local hunting riding club. "That was a great time. I spent a lot of time at the riding stable with a friend and got to know Alwin and Paul Schokemöhle. Back then, we still rode directly to the competition with the horses, and show jumping was my passion."

However, Helmut Kruse met his present wife Inge at a dance school. "He immediately 'dragged' me to a horse show, and that's how we became a couple. My parents ran a bakery in Walsrode and my grandparents were in fact in owners of working horses, but I wasn't allowed to get into the saddle," the 80-year-old recalls. "In order to be able to work in the garden center, I trained as a florist and then even successfully passed the master's exam. The first years together were characterized by their jobs and a lot of work. Even Helmut Kruse gave up active riding, and they got married in 1964. "Later, I came up with the idea of giving my husband a horse for a wedding anniversary," Inge Kruse looks back, whereby she was to make a "momentous" decision, because the Kruses' life took on a completely new direction as a result. The three-year-old Norwegian Eddy eventually became the family horse. "My husband wanted to go back to participating in competitions, and since we wanted to spend time together, I learned to ride Eddy myself. Later, he became a school master for the children."

### Horses determine life

From that point on, the horses determined the life of the Kruse family. Even the birth of their sons Henning (1966) and Stephan (1969) did not stop Inge Kruse from continuing her active riding. It was only a bad fall with a broken vertebra that prevented her from riding. Helmut Kruse, on the other hand, competed in the area at M level for some time. "When our sons became interested in equestrian sports, showed talent, got better and more successful, my wife and I increasingly found ourselves in the role of competition companions," Helmut Kruse describes another turning point in the family's life. "We wanted to offer our children sport horses at a higher level than we had ourselves and quickly realized how difficult that is," Inge Kruse describes the situation at the time. So the idea of breeding their own sport horses slowly matured. "Through the horses we bought, my brother and I learned not to give up in equestrian sports and to persevere. With my first own gelding, Ali Baba, I still managed to ride my first advanced (S) level show jumping competition – al-



*"She is the Bundeschampion!" Chaqueen by Chaco Blue/Quicksilber and David Will Photo: Fellner*

beit only after a few years and a lot of effort," says Stephan Kruse, who definitely sees a positive side to his equestrian development and is also a little proud of it. "My brother was certainly even more talented. Unfortunately, he passed away much too early, leaving a big gap in our lives."

The purchase of the filly Grandezza by Galvano (breeder: Franz-Josef Hölscher, Schellerten) in 1990 finally paved the way for her to enter Han-

overaner breeding. "With my father's help, I first broke her in, like all our home-bred horses, and competed with her in show jumping up to M level until 2000. In between, she was used for breeding from time to time." Her very first two foals were to shape the Kruse family's horse breeding program. In 1995, Guarda by Gibraleon was born, who, with her offspring, is responsible for numerous highly talented breeding and sport horses to this day. A year later, Ramiro Grande by Ramiro's Bube was



*Pele by Contendro/Federweisser celebrated numerous successes with Bastian Freese and came sixth in the World Championships for seven-year-old show jumpers before being sold to the USA. Photo: Lafrentz*



Fledermaus' daughter Sunday Flame by Stolzenberg competed at international level with Patrick and Karina Leichle, Raena Leung from Hong Kong (photo) and Belgian rider Victor Kumps. I Third place at the Herwart von der Decken-Show: Hann.Pr.A. Charming Girl by Checkter/Cornet's Balou (right) Photos: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn, Lafrentz

born, whose path led directly to international show jumping. "He immediately made a great impression under the saddle, which prompted us to offer him to the Hannoveraner Verband. That's also how we got our perfect start in the auction business," explains Stephan Kruse. At the 2001 Verden Auctions, Ramiro Grande went to the stables of Hermann Berger in Amberg, Bavaria, and later won advanced (S) level show jumping competitions with Thomas Frühmann. The dam line of Laute is maintained through the bloodline of Grandezza. The broodmare Guarda particularly impressed with her fertility. "In each crop, she conceived and gave birth to a total of 18 foals. Just like our mare Fledermaus, who was born here in 1999 and is responsible for our third bloodline," says Inge Kruse. "We bought her granddam Samantha in foal to Maurice in 1992. The pedigree was important to us at the time because it included the blood of the Thoroughbred stallion Shogun xx." Monbretia (breeder: Hinrich Luessen, Kirchlinseln) eventually foaled Fledermaus' dam.

However, her full brother Chateau Maurice was born out of Monbretia before Fledermaus in 1997, and he proved his quality in show jumping up to 1.40 metres with his rider and new owner Stefan Daurer. "With this success in mind, we then tried again to breed a dressage horse with the dressage sire Federweisser. Perhaps Fledermaus would have had the potential to do so. However, since she was seriously injured in a car accident, a career in sport was no longer an option, so we were able to use her exclusively in breeding." In retrospect, it was almost a stroke of luck, because the Kruses were once again able to achieve a resounding breeding

success with the first foal they bred out of a mare. In 2003, Pele, a son of Contendro and out of Fledermaus, was born, a particularly highly talented show jumper. Pele changed ownership at the Verden Auctions in November 2007, passing into the hands of Paul Schockemöhle. There, the gelding celebrated numerous successes under his rider Sebastian Freese, before Pele competed in show jumping up to 1.60 metres in South America with the American rider Annie Philips. Fledermaus' offspring Quinte by Quintender (2010), Sunday Flame by Stolzenberg (2011) and Confedro by Conthagos (2017) were also able to establish themselves in advanced show jumping, with the mare Sunday Flame and gelding Confedro also celebrating international success.

With the selection of the mares Grandessa, Weltin and Samantha, the Kruses have laid the foundation for breeding showjumpers with above-average talent. The home-bred mares Guarda and Fledermaus are also highly fertile and are almost solely responsible for half of the Kruses' approximately 70 breeding products. "We only ever had one or two foals per crop that were not sold immediately, but were broken in by us and then shown in competition."

The Kruses were in the best position to judge their own breeding products due to the close connection between equestrian sports and horse breeding. "So we knew exactly what to look for when selecting suitable sires, but also when selecting mares. The horses that we did not want to keep either found a new owner at the Verden Auctions or, in some cases, directly from the farm." The pro-

ceeds went towards the urgently needed renovation and expansion of the stables on the property in Schneeheide.

### **Landgold's offspring**

Today, the work is more or less done by son Stephan and actively supported by his daughter Isabeau (26). Inge Kruse is still in top form for her 80 years, but she would like to hand over responsibility for horse breeding entirely into the hands of her son and granddaughter. She still takes on assignments as a horse therapist, focusing on biorresonance and acupuncture. With the good future prospects and development potential of the breeding farm, continuing the business should not be a problem. In addition, the most recent breeding successes should be motivating. The 2021-born Hann.Pr.A. Charming Girl by Checkter was nominated as the class winner of the show in Ahlden for the Herwart von der Decken-Show 2024 and awarded Ic in Verden. The bay comes from the bloodline of Grandezza, her dam is the twelve-year-old Corngold by Cornet's Balou, bred out of Laguarda by Landgold.

"The offspring of our Landgold daughter Laguarda are particularly promising, but we also have high hopes for the last foals from Fledermaus," says Stephan Kruse, who takes a very positive view of the development of his own Hannoveraner breeding. 'Besides, we still want to fulfill our dream of having a licensed stallion.' With colts by Segantini and Flamant, there are already possible candidates in the stable. ☺

## ■ STALLION PERFORMANCE TEST

### HANNOVERANER SHINE IN THE STALLION EXAM

Two Hannoveraner stallions impressed in Münster-Handorf. The Von Und Zu/Dancier son Verbier (breeder: Monika Rösemeier-Harms, Großefehn, stallion station: Dressurpferde Leistungszentrum Lüdberg) was the best in the three-day short performance test with a focus on dressage. With a final score of 8.44, the three-year-old achieved the best result of the 18-strong field of participants. With three good basic gaits (trot 8.4, canter 8.8, walk 7.6), Verbier moved in a very balanced and confident manner despite his impressive size and young age. In addition, the bay stood out due to his high rideability with both his own rider, Jessica Lynn Thomas, and test rider, Sina Aringer, in the saddle. This earned him a score of 8.7. The evaluation commission awarded him a score of 8.4 for willingness to perform. His dam, Hann.Pr.St. Delilah, was once the winning mare in Timmel and was awarded a prize at the Herwart von der Decken-Show with 1c.

With a score of 8.15, the young Celle State Stud stallion Benjamin Franklin by Bon Vivaldi/Royal Blend (breeder: Wilhelm Kamps, Cuxhaven), whom the Celle State Stud had secured at the Verden Stallion Sales last year, followed in second place. The bay has highly successful sisters: Shakeela FRH by Secret (breeder: Wilfried Putz, Wiesenthied) was Hannoveraner Champion of five-year-old dressage horses, Belinda FRH by Bon Coeur (breeder: Wilfried Putz, Wiesenthied) was sixth in the World Championships for six-year-old dressage horses. In the walk, Benjamin Franklin received the highest score of the day, 8.4. And he also knew how to present himself well under the saddle on both days of the test. In terms of rideability, a dark bay son of Jovian/Sezuan (breeder: Peter

Rieckmann, Winsen) was among the best in this criterion with a score of 8.40. His average final score was 8.0.

In the Sport Test Dressage Part I, the twelve four-year-old Secret sons were the measure of all things. Sir Gribaldi by Secret/All Inclusive (breeder: ZG Aronis and Janßen, Hamburg) was the best four-year-old. With this top result, he repeated last year's success when he won the performance test at the same venue. In the meantime, he has also won a riding horse competition. With a perfect "very good" for his canter and overall impression, the dark bay, discovered by Gestüt Sprehe at the 2022 Stallion Sales, achieved a final score of 8.84. His dam line, Dodica is currently on everyone's lips, as it produced this year's Bundeschampion of four-year-old riding horses, Hann.Pr.A. London Eye by La Vie/De Kooning (breeder: Kathrin Wassmann, Badbergen). The Secret/Dancier son Succession (breeder: Wolfgang Reich, Heidenheim), who is not yet licensed for Hannover, was hardly outdone with a final score of 8.34. His best score was for his well-developed trot, but the black stallion also did well in canter (8.0) and walk (8.2). And he also impressed with rideability and willingness to perform (8.5 each). Noteworthy: like the three-year-old Jovian son, Succession goes back to the foundation mare Schwäbin. A line that has already produced a dressage horse with Esprit de Valdemar by Espril/Woermann (breeder: Lüder Tienken, Loxstedt), who competed in the 2000 Sydney and 2004 Athens Olympics with the Danish rider Jon D. Pedersen. Val d'Aran by Vivaldos/Weltmeyer (breeder: Dieter and Jens Röbken, Ipwege) made the third-best overall impression (8.2). His highlights were his trot (8.60) and walk (8.20), which led to

a final score of 8.14. His dam line of Aslaug is impressive for eventing: Scara Boa by Scolari/Wolkenstein II (breeder: Rixta Stolte, Odisheim), the 2013 World Champion of five-year-old dressage horses, is one of them, as are the world cup-successful show jumper Babalou HD by Balous Bellini and the five-star winner of Luhmühlen 2021, Charly van ter Heiden by Contendros Bube/Escudo II (breeder: Klaus Steffens, Stinstedt).

A Hannoveraner celebrated victory at the 50-day test of showjumping stallions in Neustadt (Dosse). With a final score of 8.64, the Calox/Cassini II son Calver (breeder: Staj Mustang, Lucina/CZE) came out on top. The judges gave him the day's best score of 9.0 for scope, 8.5 for style and overall impression. The test riders also felt visibly at home on the chestnut and awarded him 8.75. At the Verden Foal Auction in 2007, the renowned Staj Mustang stud farm had secured Calver's dam, Cover Girl, for their herd of mares. One of her first foals was the Drosselklang II son Drover, who is at home in 1.50 metre show jumping courses with Nikola Bielikova. His sire Calox by Cador/Lordanos (breeder: Dietrich Tomforde, Mülsum) was also stationed in Lucina, Czech Republic. He came from the 2015 Stallion Sales and is now competing internationally. The second-best result (8.46) was achieved by Kool Blue by Kannan/Chacco-Blue, who was licensed for Hannover that day. The dam of the Hannoveraner-bred showjumping talent from the Flaute line, who is registered in Denmark, is the Chacco-Blue/Acord II daughter Cleopatra (breeder: Vera Fürst, Flensburg), whose career in advanced showjumping was international with Jennifer Pedersen. 8.38 and third place was the final result for a son of Nairobi de Muze/Stakkato,



In Münster-Handorf, Verbier by Von Und Zu/Dancier achieved the best result in the three day short performance test (left). The Bon Vivaldi/Royal-Blend son Benjamin Franklin, owned by the Celle State Stud, came in second.

## RESULTS

|  | Interieur | Character/<br>Temperament | Work ethic | Trot | Canter | Walk | Rideability/judges | Scope | Style | Overall impression | Rideability/<br>test riders | Weighted final<br>jumping score |
|--|-----------|---------------------------|------------|------|--------|------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>50-days performance test in Neustadt (Dosse) from Oktober 1 to November 19, 2024 – focus show jumping</b> |           |                           |            |      |        |      |                    |       |       |                    |                             |                                 |
| Average score (23 participants)  | 8.68      | 8.70                      | 8.67       | 6.72 | 7.70   | 7.00 | 7.63               | 7.76  | 7.43  | 7.70               | 7.87                        | 7.74                            |
| Bay by Nairobi de Muze/Stakkato<br>B: Nieders. Hengstaufzuchtgestüt Hunnesrück                               | 9.00      | 9.00                      | 9.00       | 7.50 | 8.50   | 8.00 | 8.50               | 8.50  | 8.00  | 8.50               | 8.25                        | 8.38                            |
| Take Care by Taloubet Z/Chacco-Blue<br>Breeder: Johannes zur Lage, Bersenbrück                               | 9.00      | 9.00                      | 9.00       | 6.00 | 7.50   | 7.50 | 8.00               | 8.00  | 8.00  | 8.50               | 8.25                        | 8.05                            |
| Cellmiro, DSP<br>by Cellman/Landreibell  | 9.00      | 9.00                      | 9.00       | 6.50 | 8.00   | 7.00 | 8.50               | 8.00  | 8.00  | 8.00               | 8.75                        | 8.18                            |
| El Patron, Westfale<br>by Eldorado van de Zeshoek/Montender  | 9.00      | 9.00                      | 9.00       | 6.00 | 8.00   | 6.50 | 7.50               | 7.50  | 8.00  | 8.00               | 8.00                        | 7.89                            |
| Conthargos Gold by Conthargos/Calido<br>Breeder: Heinrich Bremer, Nöpke                                      | 8.50      | 8.50                      | 8.50       | 7.00 | 8.00   | 7.00 | 7.50               | 7.50  | 7.50  | 7.50               | 8.00                        | 7.73                            |
| Argento Contero by Argento Vivo/Contendro<br>Breeder: Norbert Bramlage, Dinklage                             | 8.50      | 8.50                      | 8.50       | 7.00 | 7.50   | 6.50 | 7.50               | 7.50  | 7.00  | 7.50               | 7.50                        | 7.46                            |
| Chartango by Chartago Blue/Perigueux<br>Breeder: Christoph Eits, Spieka                                      | 8.25      | 8.00                      | 8.50       | 7.00 | 7.00   | 7.00 | 7.50               | 7.50  | 7.00  | 7.50               | 8.00                        | 7.45                            |
| Kool Blue, DWB<br>by Kannan/Chacco-Blue  | 8.75      | 8.50                      | 9.00       | 7.50 | 8.50   | 8.00 | 8.00               | 8.50  | 8.50  | 8.50               | 8.50                        | 8.46                            |
| Calver by Calox/Cassini II<br>Breeder: Staj Mustang, Lucina/CZE  | 9.00      | 9.00                      | 9.00       | 7.50 | 8.50   | 7.50 | 8.50               | 9.00  | 8.50  | 8.50               | 8.75                        | 8.64                            |
| Standis by Stanley/Gibraleon<br>Breeder: Karl-Henning Rollwage, Bockenem                                     | 9.00      | 9.00                      | 9.00       | 6.50 | 7.50   | 8.00 | 8.00               | 8.00  | 7.50  | 8.00               | 8.25                        | 7.93                            |
| <b>50-days performance test in Adelheidsdorf from Oktober 8 to November 26, 2024 – focus show jumping</b>    |           |                           |            |      |        |      |                    |       |       |                    |                             |                                 |
| Average score (31 participants)  | 8.73      | 8.77                      | 8.68       | 6.69 | 7.92   | 7.13 | 8.02               | 8.11  | 7.77  | 8.03               | 7.92                        | 7.98                            |
| Sinjar, OS<br>by Linton/Baldini II   | 9.50      | 9.50                      | 9.50       | 7.00 | 8.00   | 6.50 | 9.00               | 8.50  | 8.50  | 8.50               | 8.50                        | 8.46                            |
| Everett, OS<br>by Emerald van het Ruytershof/Toulon  | 8.75      | 9.00                      | 8.50       | 7.00 | 8.00   | 7.50 | 8.50               | 8.50  | 8.00  | 8.50               | 8.25                        | 8.25                            |
| Olesko, OS<br>by Ogano Sitte/Lord Pezi   | 8.75      | 8.50                      | 9.00       | 7.00 | 8.50   | 7.50 | 8.50               | 9.00  | 8.00  | 8.50               | 8.00                        | 8.39                            |
| Bay, DSP<br>by Asca/Little Rock  | 8.50      | 8.50                      | 8.50       | 7.00 | 7.50   | 6.50 | 8.50               | 8.00  | 7.50  | 8.00               | 8.00                        | 7.84                            |
| Pascadel, KWPN<br>by Pegasu van't Ruytershof/Cascadello  | 9.00      | 9.00                      | 9.00       | 6.50 | 8.50   | 6.50 | 8.50               | 8.50  | 8.00  | 8.50               | 8.25                        | 8.31                            |
| Uricon, DSP<br>by Uricas van de Kattevennen/Chaman   | 9.00      | 9.00                      | 9.00       | 6.50 | 8.00   | 7.50 | 8.50               | 7.50  | 8.00  | 7.50               | 9.00                        | 8.08                            |
| Dean Blue, Westphalia<br>by Durantos RR/Cornet Obolensky   | 8.50      | 8.50                      | 8.50       | 6.00 | 7.50   | 7.00 | 8.00               | 8.00  | 8.00  | 8.00               | 7.75                        | 7.86                            |
| Chestnut, OS<br>by Ogano Sitte/Last Man Standing   | 9.00      | 9.00                      | 9.00       | 7.00 | 8.00   | 7.00 | 8.00               | 8.50  | 8.00  | 8.50               | 8.25                        | 8.24                            |
| Chacco Grande, OS<br>by Chaco Blue/Casanova  | 9.25      | 9.00                      | 9.50       | 6.00 | 8.00   | 7.00 | 8.50               | 9.00  | 7.50  | 9.00               | 8.00                        | 8.28                            |
| Especial for Fun, Zangersheide<br>by Eldorado van de Zeshoek/For Pleasure                                    | 9.00      | 9.00                      | 9.00       | 6.00 | 8.00   | 7.50 | 8.00               | 8.50  | 8.00  | 8.50               | 8.25                        | 8.23                            |
| Elton by Emerald van het Ruytershof/Ludwig<br>von Bayern, breeder: Jens Löhden, Heeslingen                   | 8.75      | 9.00                      | 8.50       | 6.50 | 8.50   | 8.00 | 8.00               | 8.50  | 8.50  | 8.50               | 8.75                        | 8.48                            |
| Blockbuster II, Westphalia<br>by Balous Bellini/Cornet Obolensky   | 9.00      | 9.00                      | 9.00       | 6.00 | 8.00   | 7.00 | 8.00               | 8.50  | 8.50  | 8.50               | 8.75                        | 8.39                            |
| Bay, OS<br>by Chaco Blue/Conthargos  | 8.50      | 8.50                      | 8.50       | 6.50 | 7.50   | 7.00 | 8.00               | 8.50  | 8.00  | 8.00               | 8.25                        | 8.05                            |
| Casco Blue PS, OS<br>by Casallco/Chacco Blue   | 9.00      | 9.00                      | 9.00       | 7.50 | 8.00   | 6.00 | 7.50               | 9.00  | 8.00  | 8.50               | 7.50                        | 8.19                            |
| Dark bay, OS<br>by Chaco Blue/Casallco   | 9.50      | 9.50                      | 9.50       | 7.50 | 9.00   | 7.50 | 9.50               | 9.50  | 9.00  | 10                 | 9.25                        | 9.24                            |
| Contholar Blue PS, OS<br>by Conthargos/Firth of Lorne  | 9.00      | 9.00                      | 9.00       | 6.00 | 8.00   | 7.00 | 8.00               | 8.50  | 8.00  | 8.50               | 7.25                        | 8.06                            |

In these tables the results of all Hannoveraner and Rhineland stallions as well as the stallions from other breeding areas approved for Hannover and the Rhineland are published.



*Emerald by van het Ruytershof/Ludwig von Bayern-son Elton presented his talents as the second-best of the 50-day test in Adelheidsdorf. Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn*

|  | Canter | Scope | Style | Rideability | Overall impression | Weighted final jumping score |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|

#### **Sport performance test – jumping part I, Elmshorn, October 24 to 26**

| Average score/13 participants   | 8.25 | 8.19 | 8.06 | 8.05 | 8.06 | 8.13 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Elkato by Eldorado by d. Zeshoek/Stakka-to, b.: Dr. Stephan Böttcher, Petershagen | 7.80 | 8.00 | 7.40 | 7.20 | 7.50 | 7.60 |
| For Fly by Fly High/Spartacus<br>Breeder: Rainer Walter, Traisa                   | 7.80 | 8.00 | 7.70 | 8.40 | 7.80 | 7.95 |

#### **Sport performance test – jumping part II Elmshorn, October 24 to 26**

| Average score/7 participants   | 7.99 | 8.06 | 7.93 | 7.93 | 7.90 | 7.97 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Chaka by Cavoir-H/Lordanos<br>Breeder: Eitel Wehrs, Steinwedel               | 8.00 | 7.60 | 7.80 | 8.30 | 7.80 | 7.89 |
| Chembassy by Chaco Blue/Embassy<br>Breeder: Dr. Ingrid Ragnarsson, Kalix/SWE | 8.40 | 8.70 | 8.20 | 8.60 | 8.50 | 8.48 |
| Bay (Rhld.) by Alaba/Abke<br>B.: ZG Neuhaus-von Schöning, Mülheim            | 8.00 | 8.20 | 7.70 | 8.20 | 8.00 | 8.02 |

|  | Trot | Canter | Walk | Scope and style | Rideability | Work ethic | Weighted final score |
|--|------|--------|------|-----------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|
|--|------|--------|------|-----------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|

#### **3-day short performance test – jumping, Elmshorn, Oct. 24. to 26. 2024**

| Average score/11 participants  | 7.09 | 8.04 | 7.31 | 8.27 | 7.99 | 8.03 | 8.01 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Chestnut by Qualito/Stanley<br>Breeder: Rainer Heins, Nienhagen                      | 7.00 | 7.80 | 6.80 | 8.00 | 8.20 | 8.00 | 7.91 |
| Fascinator PJ by Forlee/Cassus<br>Breeder: Pferdezucht Dr. Jacobs<br>GbR, Bierbergen | 7.00 | 7.80 | 7.30 | 8.80 | 7.70 | 8.00 | 8.03 |
| Pelé, Zangersheide by Panenka de<br>Kalvarie/For Pleasure                            | 7.00 | 8.20 | 7.50 | 8.40 | 8.10 | 8.30 | 8.15 |

|  | Trot | Canter | Walk | Rideability | Work ethic | Weighted final score |
|--|------|--------|------|-------------|------------|----------------------|
| <b>3-days performance test – dressage, MS-Handorf, November 8 to 11, 2024</b>  |      |        |      |             |            |                      |
| <i>Average score/18 participants</i>   | 7.71 | 7.85   | 7.40 | 7.77        | 7.78       | 7.70                 |
| Benjamin Franklin by Bon Vivaldi/Royal Blend, breeder: Wilhelm Kamps, Cuxhaven | 7.80 | 8.00   | 8.40 | 8.30        | 8.20       | 8.15                 |
| Birmingball CT by Birmingham/Fürstenball Breeder: Dr. Jens Oetjen, Weyhe       | 7.40 | 7.50   | 6.40 | 7.40        | 7.20       | 7.20                 |
| Brillant (Rhld.) by Bon Courage/Ehrenpreis Breeder: ZG Lenzen, Heinsberg       | 7.60 | 7.70   | 7.50 | 7.60        | 7.60       | 7.60                 |
| Dark bay by Jovian/Sezuan Breeder: Peter Rieckmann, Winsen                     | 8.00 | 7.80   | 7.50 | 8.40        | 8.20       | 8.00                 |
| Verbier by Von Und Zu/Dancier B.: Monika Rösemeier-Harms, Großefehn            | 8.40 | 8.80   | 7.60 | 8.70        | 8.70       | 8.44                 |
| Fiorentino by For Romance/Vitalis B.: Welling GbR, Wietmarschen                | 7.50 | 7.50   | 6.40 | 7.20        | 7.30       | 7.17                 |

|   | Trot | Canter | Walk | Rideability | Work ethic | Weighted final score |
|---|------|--------|------|-------------|------------|----------------------|
| <b>Sport performance test – dressage part I, MS-Handorf, November 8 to 10</b>         |      |        |      |             |            |                      |
| <i>Average score/12 participants</i>  | 7.60 | 7.73   | 7.60 | 7.25        | 7.38       | 7.50                 |
| Bon Amour by Bon Courage/Fürst Romancier Breeder: Heike u. Hermann Bonhorst, Quendorf | 8.00 | 8.60   | 6.80 | 7.60        | 7.60       | 7.72                 |
| Der Löwe by Dressage Royal/Ritual Breeder: Martin Sprehe, Steinfeld                   | 6.50 | 7.00   | 7.50 | 6.30        | 6.30       | 6.72                 |
| El Guapo (Rhld.) by Escamillo/Lissabon Breeder: Iris Jansen-Jentgens, Viersen         | 7.70 | 8.50   | 8.00 | 8.00        | 8.00       | 8.04                 |
| Dark bay by Escamillo/Vivaldi Breeder: Gudrun and Dr. Udo Strecker, Elmlohe           | 7.60 | 8.00   | 8.20 | 7.80        | 7.80       | 7.88                 |
| Sir Gribaldi by Secret/All Inclusive Breeder: ZG Aronis und Janßen, Hamburg           | 8.80 | 9.00   | 8.70 | 8.80        | 9.00       | 8.84                 |
| Succession by Secret/Dancier Breeder: Wolfgang Reich, Heidenheim                      | 8.50 | 8.00   | 8.20 | 8.50        | 8.50       | 8.34                 |
| Val d'Aran by Vivaldos/Weltmeyer Breeder: Dieter and Jens Röbken, Ipwege              | 8.60 | 7.80   | 8.20 | 8.00        | 8.20       | 8.14                 |

who had been sent from the Lower Saxony stallion rearing farm Hunndesrück to Brandenburg. The talented bay from the highly successful line of Nachbarin I scored particularly well for inner values (9.0), and he achieved the best score of the 23 test subjects with 8.0 for his walk. He also received 8.5 for canter, scope, rideability and overall impression.

31 stallions competed in Adelheidsdorf for the 50-day test. A Chaco Blue/Casallco son (breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Mühlen) won with a dream score of 10 for overall impression. The four-year-old OS stallion received top scores, with six scores of 9.5, and a final score of 9.24. Like his father, he goes back to the foundation mare Sedalia. His fifth dam, Akelei Z, can be found in Chaco Blue's fourth generation. After the test, he was licensed for Hannover. The weighted final score of 8.48 meant second place for Elton by Emerald van het Ruytershof/Ludwig von Bayern (breeder: Jens Löhden, Heeslingen). Breeder Jens Löhden had sold the bay to Ignaz Berger as a foal. Meanwhile, David Will is the owner of the promising youngster, who was entered for the test by the

## RESULTS

|   | Interior | Character/<br>temperament | Work ethic | Trot | Canter | Walk | Rideability<br>judges | Ability over fences | Overall impression | Rideability<br>test riders | Weighted final<br>dressage score |
|---|----------|---------------------------|------------|------|--------|------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>50-days performance test in Adelheidsdorf from October 3 to November 21, 2024 – focus dressage</b> |          |                           |            |      |        |      |                       |                     |                    |                            |                                  |
| Average score   | 8.57     | 8.68                      | 8.47       | 7.35 | 7.84   | 7.74 | 7.76                  | 7.05                | 7.66               | 8.09                       | 7.78                             |
| Be my Passion by Benicio/Likoto xx<br>Breeder: Dr. Malte E. Klar, Bad Homburg                         | 8.50     | 8.50                      | 8.50       | 7.50 | 7.50   | 6.50 | 7.50                  | 7.00                | 7.50               | 7.75                       | 7.43                             |
| Delight PS, Oldenburger<br>Breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Mühlen   | 8.50     | 8.50                      | 8.50       | 7.50 | 8.00   | 7.50 | 8.00                  | 7.50                | 7.50               | 8.50                       | 7.87                             |
| Donaldson, DSP<br>by Damaschino/Londonderry   | 8.75     | 9.00                      | 8.50       | 8.00 | 8.00   | 7.50 | 9.00                  | 8.00                | 8.00               | 8.50                       | 8.11                             |
| Flidor by S., Oldenburg<br>by Fidertanz/Fürst Heinrich  | 8.50     | 8.50                      | 8.50       | 7.50 | 8.00   | 7.50 | 8.00                  | 7.50                | 8.00               | 8.25                       | 7.88                             |
| First Magic, Oldenburg<br>by For Romance/Desperado  | 8.50     | 8.50                      | 8.50       | 6.50 | 7.50   | 7.00 | 7.50                  | 7.00                | 7.00               | 7.25                       | 7.21                             |
| Fürstenstolz by Fürsten-Look/Insterpark<br>Breeder: Jost von Reden, Neundorf                          | 8.00     | 8.00                      | 8.00       | 7.50 | 7.00   | 8.00 | 7.00                  | 6.00                | 7.50               | 7.00                       | 7.36                             |
| Global Dancer, Oldenburg<br>by Global Player/Clintino   | 8.75     | 9.00                      | 8.50       | 7.50 | 8.50   | 8.00 | 8.00                  | 8.00                | 8.00               | 8.50                       | 8.15                             |
| Litus (Rhld.) by Licosto/Rockwell<br>Breeder: ZG Klein u. Mömesheim, Hennef                           | 8.50     | 8.50                      | 8.50       | 8.00 | 8.00   | 9.00 | 8.00                  | 6.00                | 8.00               | 8.00                       | 8.11                             |
| Lord Charmeur, KWPN<br>by Lord Europe/Charmeur  | 9.75     | 9.50                      | 10         | 8.50 | 9.50   | 8.50 | 9.00                  | 8.00                | 9.00               | 9.50                       | 9.00                             |
| Maddox by Millennium/Donnerhall<br>Breeder: ZG Rösch u. Küster, Oferdingen                            | 8.25     | 8.50                      | 8.00       | 7.00 | 7.50   | 7.50 | 7.50                  | 6.00                | 7.50               | 7.50                       | 7.40                             |
| Liver chestnut by Von Und Zu/Santino<br>Breeder: Heiko Feldhus, Grethem                               | 7.75     | 8.00                      | 7.50       | 7.00 | 8.00   | 7.50 | 7.50                  | 7.50                | 7.50               | 7.50                       | 7.53                             |
| Rising Star, Westphalia<br>by Raven/Belstaff  | 8.50     | 8.50                      | 8.50       | 7.50 | 8.00   | 7.50 | 7.50                  | 6.50                | 7.50               | 7.50                       | 7.63                             |
| Seacrest by Secret/Christ<br>Breeder: Dirk Hoffmann, Wolfsburg  | 9.00     | 9.00                      | 9.00       | 8.00 | 8.00   | 7.00 | 8.50                  | 6.50                | 8.00               | 9.00                       | 8.01                             |
| Security, KWPN<br>by Secret/Ampere  | 9.50     | 9.50                      | 9.50       | 8.50 | 10     | 9.00 | 8.50                  | 8.50                | 9.00               | 8.50                       | 9.01                             |
| Sir Jack, Westphalia<br>by So Perfect/Lodontime   | 8.50     | 8.50                      | 8.50       | 7.00 | 7.50   | 8.00 | 7.50                  | 7.50                | 7.50               | 7.50                       | 7.60                             |
| Solomeo by So Unique/Totilas<br>Breeder: Willem Klausing GbR, Diepholz                                | 8.50     | 8.50                      | 8.50       | 7.00 | 7.00   | 8.50 | 7.50                  | 7.50                | 7.50               | 7.75                       | 7.64                             |
| True Hope PS, Oldenburg<br>by Total Hope/Fürstenball  | 9.50     | 9.50                      | 9.50       | 8.00 | 8.00   | 8.50 | 8.00                  | 7.50                | 8.00               | 10                         | 8.51                             |
| Vivat Lauri by Viva Gold/Lauries Crusador xx<br>Breeder: Jochen Meyer, Allwörden                      | 9.00     | 9.00                      | 9.00       | 7.50 | 8.50   | 8.00 | 8.00                  | 8.00                | 8.00               | 8.75                       | 8.21                             |

Marbach State Stud. "He comes from a good dam line, from which we have already bred many successful horses," said Jens Löhdien, pleased with the success. It is the line that goes back to a Shagya-Arabian mare and has already produced a number of show jumpers at the highest level for Hannover, such as the former private stallion and Hannoveraner show jumping champion Semper Fi by Stakkato/Grannus (breeder: Wilhelm Ovelhey, Isernhagen).

Among the 31 dressage stallions, the privately owned stallion Secret once again managed to provide the top of the class. This time it was the KWPN stallion Security by Secret/Ampere, who achieved the best result with a final score of 9.01.

His canter was worth the ideal score of 10 to the judges. With an overall very good impression, the brown, who was entered for the stallion performance test by Mathieu Beckmann from Wettringen, also received the positive licensing decision for Hannover. The best Hannoveraner in the test lot was Vivat Lauri by Viva Gold/Lauries Crusador xx (breeder: Jochen Meyer, Allwörden). He inherited his talent for the arena from his father's side of the family. Half-sister Herzensangelegenheit by Herzensdieb has achieved success at S\* level, while Clara Korn by Carabas has already reached Grand Prix level. With a score of 9.0 for character, temperament and willingness to perform, he achieved a final score of 8.21.

Britta Züngel



In the sport test dressage part I in Münster-Handorf Sir Gribaldi by Secret/All Inclusive set the standards.  
Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn

## CONTENDRO: NUMBER ONE OF THE SIRES' RANKINGS

At the age of 27, the Contender/Reichsgraf son Contendro passed away. The Holstein stallion was very popular with Hannoveraner show jumpers. His performances at the private stallion shows in Verden are unforgettable. The dark bay stallion began his career at the Oederquart breeding station of the Celle State Stud in 2002, before moving to Gestüt Famos in Syke-Wachendorf. In 2013, Contendro moved into a box at the Groupe France Elevage facility in Normandy, where he spent his last years.

After his successful career start, Contendro had a significant influence on Hannoveraner show jumper breeding. A large number of his offspring dominated the Verden Free Jumping Competition in the early years of the Hannoveraner Jumper Breeding Program. Later on, his sons and daughters celebrated countless successes, including at the Olympic Games. His son Codex One, with Christian Ahmann, was one of the best show jumpers of his time, winning the Grand Prix of Aachen and competing at the London Olympics. The sire's greatest triumph came just four months ago: fischerChipmunk FRH and Michael Jung became Olympic eventing champions in Paris. And in the show jumping, Contendros II and the Mexican rider Andres Azcarraga qualified for the Olympic final with a clear round.



Contendro by Contender/Reichsgraf. Photo: GFE

The Groupe France Elevage wrote in a press release: "Contendro is the only stallion to have been among the top 100 sires of show jumping, eventing and dressage winners in the same year. He was the world's top eventing sire for five consecutive years. Contendro came to France twelve years

ago and has left behind a large and high-quality offspring, which has enabled him to be consistently among the best sires of young horses and to regularly appear in the international lists of winners." In the Hannoveraner breeding evaluation, his jumping breeding value is 154. ☈

## LIVALDON: FROM THE BEGINNING GREAT APPROVAL

The Celle State Stud stallion Livaldon died at the age of 14 years as a result of colic. The son of Vivaldi/Donnerhall was born at Hans-Heinrich Schnadt's in Rinteln. Wolfgang Trute of Cremlingen sent him to the licensing in 2012. Named a premium stallion, he was purchased by the Celle State Stud and Hörem Stud at the Stallion Sales. From the very beginning, Livaldon was a very special stallion who received great approval from many breeders. He passed his stallion performance tests with outstanding scores, particularly for his rideability. Livaldon attracted attention in competition at an early age. At the age of seven, he celebrated success at the advanced level with 1st principal saddle master Wolfhard Witte.

Livaldon recently made headlines thanks to his exceptional son Life Time FRH (dam's sire: Fürstenball, breeder: Johannes Hesselink, Emlichheim), who, with Charlott-Maria Schürmann, became world champion of seven-year-old dressage horses in Ermelo and recently won the FRH Cup at the dressage stallion licensing. But not only Life Time FRH, but also numerous other successful offspring such as La Vie (dam's sire: Scolari, breeder: Heinz Gerdes, Hude), who shines in the dressage arena



Livaldon by Vivaldi/Donnerhall. Photo: Lovely Moments

with Therese Nilshagen, speak for Livaldon's siring qualities. "We at the Celle State Stud will sorely miss Livaldon, but he will continue to leave his

mark in breeding and in competition through his offspring. We will miss you very much," the Celle State Stud wrote on its homepage. ☈

# FROM POLAND TO CANADA

*By the end of fall, the breeding dates abroad are traditionally largely completed. These differ from the dates in Germany in the way they are carried out.*

*By Maren Schlender*

The organization of international Hannoveraner breeding events differs in some aspects compared to the dates in Germany. There are no separate mare shows or mare performance tests, because all dates are offered as "combined dates" and are usually also combined with foal shows and registrations. Outside of Germany and the core breeding area, there are significantly fewer breeders, and they often have to travel long distances for a combined date.

Six combined dates consisting of a mare performance test and a mare show and/or awarding have taken place in Denmark, Poland, Austria and Canada. This basically reflects the number of members and foal registrations in the respective countries. The four countries mentioned are among those in which the Hannoveraner Verband has the most active members. An exception is France, where a studbook inspection and foal registration tour will be conducted in July. However, France is one of the top five countries in terms of the number of members. Since the breeding year is not yet fully completed, the complete statistics

for the current breeding year are not yet available. So far, 28 mares have taken part in a mare performance test abroad – an increase of eight mares compared to the previous year. 53.5 percent of them received a Hannoveraner Premium candidacy. Only once was a candidacy awarded without a mare performance test result. The focus of the stud book registration is not on mare performance tests or shows, but on registration during the foal registration. In 2023, a total of 247 newly registered mares were in the ownership of foreign owners, which is at a very good level compared to the German Regional Societies. For the first time, the Hannoveraner News blog was used for reporting on breeding events, so that detailed reports are still available online.

In the above-mentioned countries, foals were presented at the official dates, with the majority – over 60 foals – shown in Canada. Canada is the country with the most foals within the scope of the Hannoveraner Verband, except for the countries with daughter societies in the USA, Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand. This develop-

ment is encouraging because the board of the Canadian Hanoverian Society, the umbrella organization of the two horse breeding clubs in Canada, had feared a further development towards pure farm events after the difficult Corona years. Following the tour, the Canadian Hanoverian Society presents the "Albert Kley Award" to the ten best-rated foals. In addition, the best dressage-oriented and the best show jumping-oriented foal are honored.

The foal show on the occasion of the Hannoveraner Day in Kunowo, Poland, was well attended, with 25 foals and a large audience. In Denmark, on the other hand, the mares were the focus of attention at the two breeding dates at the beginning of June. For many breeders, it is too early in the season, so that the majority of foals will not be registered until August during the so-called "chip tour". The foal show at Fontebeti Stud in Arezzo, Italy, is particularly noteworthy. Due to the large number of 30 foals, a separate foal show was held there. ☺



Winning mares at Old Orchard Farm in Canada: Reserve Champion Red Label by Rock Springs/San Remo (left) and Champion Dolly Parton by De Niro/Ehrentusch. Photo: Schlender



## WINNING MARES AND IA-MARES OF THE SHOW SEASON 2024 INTERNATIONAL

### Denmark

#### Stutteri G

Champion Mare: Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Desirée by Danone/Fidertanz  
(breeder: Annie Eysturoy, Färöer Islands, owner: Stutteri Just, Gelsted)  
Two years of age: Indiana Dream by Ibiza/Fürstenball (breeder and owner: Mikala Bagge, Lyngé)

#### Stutteri EVO

Champion Mare: Hann.Pr.A. Fairly's Fairy Dancer by Fynch Hatton Zardin Firfod  
(breeder and owner: Heidi Halberg, Blommenslyst)  
Two years of age: Fürstin Sensation by Fürstenball/Sensation  
(breeder and owner: Sara Jensen, Vejen)

### Poland

#### Kunowo

Champion Mare dressage: Hann.Pr.A. Melody Gold by De Niro Gold/Millenium  
(breeder: Henryk Podkowka, Roztoka, owner: Agnieszka Wasylk, Jaroszow)  
Champion Mare jumping: Hann.Pr.A. C'est La Vie by Cornet Obolensky/Clinton II  
(breeder: Dr. Roman Roszkiewicz, Kunowo, owner: Marcin Kucner, Laskowo)  
Three years of age: Hann.Pr.A. Felicita by Fusionist/Fürst Belissaro (breeder: ZG Meier, Ahlerstedt, owner: Agnieszka Gronowska, Warschau), Hann.Pr.A. Carpe Diem by Comme il faut/Cento (Z. u. owner: Marta Roszkiewicz-Heizer, Kunowo), Hann.Pr.A. Etna by Emerald van het Rytershof/Quintender (breeder and owner: Dr. Roman Roszkiewicz, Kunowo)  
Four years of age: Hann.Pr.A. Red Kiss CH by Fürst Toto/Rotspon (breeder: Izabela Chodorowska, Kolobrzeg, owner: Milena Hatlas, Szczecinek)

### Austria

#### Gerasdorf / Vienna

Champion Mare: Hann.Pr.A. Bambina by Bon Courage/Londonderry  
(breeder and owner: Mag.Dr. Susanna Kleindienst, Vienna)

Four years of age: Hann.Pr.A. Flying Duchess by Finest/Diamond Hit (breeder: ZG Künneke, Behringen, owner: Mag.Dr. Susanna Kleindienst, Wien), Hann.Pr.A. Ninja HR by Fusionist/Fürstenball (breeder: Romana Heinz-Lichtenegger, Kasten, owner: Natalie Debeerst, Altengbach)

### Canada

#### Edmonton

Champion Mare: Hann.Pr.A. Dance Forever by De Niro Gold/For Romance  
(breeder and owner: Kyla McKinney, Edmonton)

#### Calgary

Champion Mare: Hann.Pr.A. Flirtation by Fabregas/Rotspon  
(breeder and owner: Helen Page, Headingley)

#### Old Orchard Farm

Siegerstute: Hann.Pr.A. Dolly Parton by De Niro/Ehrentusch  
(Breeder: Bernhard von Boehn, Burgdorf, owner: Allie Schmidt, Campbellville)

Four years of age: Hann.Pr.A. Belissima WSH by Belissimo M/Wellesley  
(breeder and owner: Naomi Williams, Lisle)

Five years of age: Hann.Pr. Red Label by Rock Springs/San Remo  
(breeder: Kai Ehlers, Freiburg, owner: Ferdinand Haupt, Hagersville)

## THE GOLD-FOALS

### International

Colt by Baron/Emilio Sanchez

Breeder and owner: Tom Henriksen, Hals/DEN

Colt by Baron/For Romance

Breeder and owner: Stutteri Just, Gelsted/DEN

Colt by Belissimo M/Florencio

Breeder and owner: Andrew Kielly Virginia Cooke, Belfast/CAN

Colt by Bon Courage/Diamond Hit

Breeder and owner: Shannon Brooks, Oxford/CAN

Filly by Bugatti Hilltop/Sir Gregory

Breeder and owner: Marc Dupuis, Melbourne/CAN

Filly by Bon Joker/Danone II

Breeder and owner: Familie Nissen, Aabenraa/DEN

Filly by Bretton Woods/Fürstenball

Breeder and owner: Agata Fornalska, Mierzyn/POL

Filly by Charthago Blue/Salut Bonheur

Breeder and owner: Grunder Pferdemanagement AG, Rüegsau/Chachen/SUI

Colt by Checkter/Karajan

Breeder and owner: Ilona Turowska, Sosnowica/POL

Filly by Coros/Quaid

Breeder and owner: Pavel Zahor, Horsovsky Tyn/POL

Colt by Cortydar/Quaid

Breeder and owner: Staj Mustang s.r.o., Lucina/CZE

Filly by Dadi-Cellis/Vagabond de la Pomme

Breeder and owner: Martin Horak,

Ostrava-Radvanice a Bartovice/CZE

Filly by Dadi-Cellis/Drosselklang II

Breeder and owner: Martina Zilinska, Dolni /POL

Colt by Dadi-Cellis/Statis Conti

Breeder and owner: Staj Mustang s.r.o., Lucina/CZE

Colt by Dadi-Cellis/Ludwig von Bayern

Breeder and owner: Martina Zilinska, Dolni Domaslavice/POL

Filly by Dadi-Cellis/Contendro

Breeder and owner: Martina Zilinska, Dolni Domaslavice/POL

Colt by Damaschino/Floriscount

Breeder and owner: Kyla McKinney, Edmonton/CAN

Colt by DiMaggio Black/Ampere

Breeder and owner: Anne Besserve, Châdes-Beaufort/FRA

Colt by Donkey Boy/Asgard's Ibiza

Breeder and owner: Nedergaard Dressage, Soendersoe/DEN

Colt by Donkey Boss/Don Olymbrio L

Breeder and owner: Stutteri G, Lyngé/DEN

Filly by Dynamic Dream/Destano

Breeder and owner: Monika Sikora, Kujakowice Górné/POL

Colt by Edward/Dancier

Breeder and owner: Inge u. Niels Ole Fredborg Nielsen, Frederikshavn/DEN

Colt by Elastic/Grand Galaxy Win T

Breeder and owner: Fonteabetti Soc. Agricola S.R.L., Mercatello sul Metauro/ITA

Colt by Elastic/Vivaldi

Breeder and owner: Christa Marie Morck, Padborg/DEN

Colt by Element of Crime/Bohemian

Breeder and owner: Agata Fornalska, Mierzyn/POL

Colt by Escorial/Negro

Breeder and owner: Helen Burgess, Boulogne sur Gesse/FRA

Colt by Esmeraldo/Kannan

Breeder and owner: Mateusz Kowalczyk, Lubowo/POL

Filly by Faszination de Malleret/De Niro

Breeder and owner: Haras de Malleret SAS, Le Pian /FRA

Colt by Feliciano/Londonderry

Breeder and owner: Kyla McKinney, Edmonton/CAN

Colt by For Quality/Sir Sandro

Breeder and owner: E.A.R.L. Lipizzan Philip, La Roque D'Antheron/FRA

Filly by For Quality/Neapolitano Serena

Breeder and owner: E.A.R.L. Lipizzan Philip, La Roque D'Antheron/FRA

Colt by Fynch Hatton/Charmeur

Breeder and owner: Carlo Nardi, Acqualagna/ITA

Colt by Glamourdale/Floris Prince

Breeder and owner: Eric Patanchon, Gujan-Mestras/FRA

Filly by Glamourdale/Franklin

Breeder and owner: Les Ecuries Elegance S.E.N.C., Laval/FRA

Colt by Glamourdale/Fürst Nymphenburg

Breeder and owner: Fonteabetti Soc. Agricola S.R.L., Mercatello sul Metauro/ITA

Colt by Glamourdale/Valverde

Breeder and owner: Fonteabetti Soc. Agricola S.R.L., Mercatello sul Metauro/ITA

Filly by Glamourdale/Hochadel, breeder and owner: Fonteabetti Soc. Agricola, Mercatello sul Metauro/ITA

Colt by Glamourdale/Secret, breeder and owner: Fontebeti Soc. Agricola S.R.L, Mercatello sul Metauro/ITA  
 Colt by Glamourdale/Don Calypso, breeder and owner: Grunder Pferdemanagement AG, Rüegsausachchen/SUI  
 Filly by Glamourdale/Dante Weltino, breeder and owner: Dressage Maeva Hoang, Mouchin/FRA  
 Filly by Global Hope/Vivaldi, breeder and owner: Zuchthof Neumann-Ullrich, Boischampé/FRA  
 Colt by Jovian/Negro, breeder and owner: Helen Burgess, Boulogne sur Gesse/FRA  
 Filly by Jovian/Olivi, breeder and owner: Sabaya Thielens, Les Eglisottes et Chalaures/FRA  
 Colt by Kingston JZ/Vivaldi, breeder and owner: Nedergaard Dressage, Soendersoe/DEN  
 Filly by Kjento/Scolari, Breeder and owner: Emma Clares, La Motte du Caire/FRA  
 Colt by Le Formidable/Secret  
 Breeder and owner: Fontebeti Soc. Agricola S.R.L, Mercatello sul Metauro/ITA  
 Colt by Le Formidable/Sir Donnerhall  
 Breeder and owner: Fontebeti Soc. Agricola S.R.L, Mercatello sul Metauro/ITA  
 Colt by Light My Fire/Cabardino  
 Breeder and owner: Tara Stanislaw F, Duntroun/CAN  
 Filly by Omar Sharif/Destano  
 Breeder and owner: Anne Merete Qvistorf, Viby/DEN  
 Colt by Quadis II/Lordanos  
 Breeder and owner: Staj Mustang s.r.o, Lucina/CZE  
 Colt by Quadis II/Stakkato  
 Breeder and owner: Staj Mustang s.r.o, Lucina/CZE  
 Colt by Quadis II/Ludwig von Bayern  
 Breeder and owner: Staj Mustang s.r.o, Lucina/CZE  
 Colt by Quadis II/Corrado II  
 Breeder and owner: Václav Svrkoš, Hnojnik/CZE  
 Filly by Quantensprung/Sandro Hit  
 Breeder and owner: Paula Horton, Puslinch/CAN  
 Colt by Quaterback/Diamond Hit  
 Breeder and owner: Agata Fornalska, Mierzyn/POL  
 Filly by Quaterback/Sandro Hit  
 Breeder and owner: Paula Horton, Puslinch/CAN  
 Filly by Rockdale/Don Nobless, breeder: Christian Weiß, Lauenburg, exhibitor: Ausst.: RCMP, Pakenham/CAN  
 Filly by Rockefeller/Belissimo M, breeder and owner: Ruth Anne Hanselpacker, Belfast/CAN



„Overall Champion“-Foal in Poland became Venus by Va Bene/Don Frederico. Photo: Walas

Colt by Rockefeller/Dauphin, breeder and owner: Ruth Anne Hanselpacker, Belfast/CAN  
 Filly by San to Alati/Londontime, breeder and owner: Grunder Pferdemanagement AG, Rüegsausachchen/SUI  
 Filly by Shu Fu/Quantensprung  
 Breeder and owner: Shannon Brooks, Oxford/CAN  
 Filly by Skyline to B/Bojengel, breeder and owner: Anne Besserve, Chapdes-Beaufort/FRA  
 Filly by So Unique/Harvard  
 Breeder and owner: Diane Creech, Caistor Centre/CAN  
 Colt by St. Emilion/Ampere, breeder and owner: Zuchthof Neumann-Ullrich, Boischampé/FRA  
 Filly by Stay Cool/Fidertanz  
 Breeder and owner: Gabriele Zanasi, San Clemente/ITA  
 Colt by Stakkato Gold/Diamant De Semilly, breeder and owner: Marta Roszkiewicz-Heizer, Duszniki/POL  
 Sandor v. Stolzenberg/Diacontinus  
 Breeder and owner: Alfred Urlewicz, Wronki/POL  
 Colt by Total Hope/Fiorano  
 Breeder and owner: Az. Agric. Villanova, Rosate/ITA

Colt by Uricas van de Kattevennen/Quintender, Breeder and owner: Kristen Hillier, Grand Valley/CAN  
 Filly by Ut Majeur de Brecy/Graf Top  
 Breeder and owner: Marjorie Haus, Paisley/CAN  
 Filly by Va Bene/Don Frederico, breeder and owner: Marta Roszkiewicz-Heizer, Duszniki/POL  
 Colt by Va Bene/Don Frederico, breeder and owner: Marta Roszkiewicz-Heizer, Duszniki/POL  
 Filly by Va Bene/Fürstenball, breeder and owner: Romana Heinz-Lichtenegger, Kasten/AUT  
 Colt by Valverde/Furst Rock de la Gesse, breeder and owner: Helen Burgess, Boulogne sur Gesse/FRA  
 Hengst v. Valverdos /Rohdiamant  
 Breeder and owner: Fontebeti Soc. Agricola S.R.  
 Colt by Valverdos/Rohdiamant, breeder and owner: Fontebeti Soc. Agricola S.R.L, Mercatello sul Metauro/ITA  
 Stutfohlen v. Viscount/El Bundy, breeder and owner: Chris u. Tara Lambie, Rockyview County/CAN  
 Colt by Zonik/Negro  
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# FIRST GALA EVENING

*The first Gala Evening of the British Hanoverian Horse Society was a great event in August and featured an extensive program.*

*By Dr. Ludwig Christmann*

The major two-day show of the British Hanoverian Horse Society (BHHS) on August 28 and 29 at Moreton Morell College near Birmingham featured an extensive program: Foal show, mare show, mare performance test as well as riding tests for horses of all ages. A major highlight was the gala evening on the first day, which was very well received. "It was already sold out two months ago," said Chairwoman Katy Holder-Vale. With this, the BHHS remembered the recently deceased former chairman Ted Green, who also had the idea for a gala evening. In this respect, it was absolutely understandable that the evening was dedicated entirely to him. His son Andrew Green had traveled more than seven hours by car from

Scotland especially for the evening and gave an entertaining talk about his father, who was always good for interesting stories. The British Hanoverian Association had invited Dr. Ludwig Christmann to judge the show. At the gala evening, he paid tribute to Ted Green's achievements: "After Ted Green was elected chairman of the BHHS in 1998, he succeeded in uniting the Hanoverian breeders in England. He had an irresistible British sense of humor and a clear idea of what needed to be done. He was a good speaker, but also a hard and convincing worker. He received great recognition from the German Hanoverian Verband for his achievements. At the 2011 Delegates'

Meeting, he received the Verband's Golden Badge of Honor for his services."

The Hanoverian highlight of the evening was the foal finale. During the day, the five best colts and fillies were selected. These were absolute top foals that would have deserved this distinction in Germany as well. Grand Champion was Lord of the Dance, a long-lined, typey son of Lord Europe out of a dam by Sir Heinrich bred and owned by Stena Hoerner. He always lived up to his demanding name and really impressed in all three basic gaits. The best filly was a very feminine, light-footed daughter of Fürst Zonik PS/Weltmeyer, who showed no weaknesses in any of the four evalua-



*The Hoerner family presented the winning foal GSH Lord of the Dance by Lord Europe I at the British Hanoverian Horse Society show. Photos: Sparrow*

tion criteria: type, foundation, trot and walk. She was bred and is owned by Roslyn Palmer, who, together with her husband, was a BHHS breeder from the very beginning and will now stop breeding for reasons of age. All the better if she says goodbye with such a highlight.

One of the attractions of the gala evening was the presentation of four approved dressage stallions under the rider. These included the Dancier/Salvano son Don Dante, born in England in 2007 and offered by Stratton Stud, sire of the highest scoring mare in the mare performance test at this show. Don Dante was successful up to Inter I level.

Other stallions presented were Timolin, born in 2011, by Totilas/Sion, successful in dressage up to Grand Prix and in eventing, exhibited by Catherston Stud, the stud of Jennie Loriston-Clarke, a grand dame of sport horse breeding and equestrian sport on the island, who had represented the British colors at four Olympic Games. Sezuan's Donnerhall, born in 2015 by Sezuan/Sir Donnerhall, who is now offered by the influential British stallion breeding company Elite Stallions after his time at the Schlockemöhle station. Just like Galaxico, a Hannoveraner stallion by Grand Galaxy Win/Samarant born in 2010 from the successful mare line of Claudine and bred by Willem Klausing.

Seven dressage mares were presented in the mare performance test, most of which were presented by experienced dressage riders and did not have to show themselves in free jumping. Nevertheless, there were differences in the quality of the presentation, particularly with regard to correct contact. Correct riding was certainly rewarded by the judges. A good example of this was the test winner Donna Danita by Don Dante/Fürstenreich, who impressed above all with her excellent rideability and attitude. She was presented at the gala evening together with the five-year-old, long-legged and strong-moving KF Serafina by Sir Donnerhall/Dimaggio, bred and owned by Hilary Macdonald, who had also previously impressed in the mare performance test.

In the mare show on Thursday, 26 mares aged between one and 22 (!) years and two mare families were shown. Vitalis also proved his sire qualities in UK. After his success at the Herwart-von-der-Decken show in Verden, he also sired the champion mare in England - the five-year-old Vitalia T out of a dam by Dankeschön/Flamur, who appropriately had the catalog number 1. Visionary! The chestnut mare is big framed with substance and three excellent gaits, which she had also demonstrated the day before in the mare performance test. She thus confirmed her success from the previous year, when she also won the show. A great success for the Hoerner family, who had also bred the colt that was victorious in the foal championships.



*Ted Green was chairman of the British Hanoverian Society and a recipient of the Golden Badge of Honour of the German Hannoveraner Verband. He passed away in November 2023. Photo: Sparrow*

The reserve champion of the mare show was the twelve-year-old dark bay Safari by the Sandro Hit son Santana out of a Dutch jumping mare by Concorde. A dash of jumping blood never hurts when breeding dressage horses. The owner of Safari, who won the class for ten-year-old and older mares, is Nick Lawson. The winning mare family was the family of the Zack/Londonderry daughter Zsa Zsu (breeder Sara Lucas, owner Rachel Crook) with her class-winning yearling daughter Fernanda by Franz Ferdinand (breeder Carsten Sandrock, owner Sean White) and the four-year-old Wavavoom daughter Beaumont Valentina, bred and owned by Rachel Crook.

Other class winners:

Two-year-old: Newton Dancing Sands by Damaschino/First Choice, bred and owned by Elite Dressage.

Three-year-old premium candidate, the only one in her class, Fabiola by Feinrich/Quattro, breeder Pauline Jaggs, owner Jamie Reynolds

Four-year-old premium candidate Who's that Girl by Wild Child/Supertramp, breeder Lynne Crownen, owner Zoe Leigh-Finch

Six to nine-year-olds: Hann.Pr. Fenella by Flamengold/Buddenbrock breeder Katy Holder-Vale, owner Peter Vousden

Interesting: in a show class for stallion yearlings, Denise Mitchell, loyal and very successful customer of Verden Foal Auctions, landed a double success with purchases from Germany: Venice by Vivaldos/Danone bred by Felicia Wehrenpfennig won ahead of Bonaggio by Bonhoeffer/Dimaggio bred by Heike Indenbirken. ☯

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**April, 24**  
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