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The Finest/Quarterback son Frizzantino placed second in the Louisdor Prize in Frankfurt with Borja Carrascosa. His current owners discovered the horse in the foal collection of the May Auction 2015. Photo: Lafrentz



A CHALLENGING YEAR

The familiar economic and socio-political boom of recent years has come to a halt. The closely dependent equine industry is reacting accordingly. Members and the society have been feeling the effects since 2023 at the latest. A stricter focus on quality is now helping as a strategy for horse breeders.

By Wilken Treu and Ulrich Hahne

Hannoveraner and Rhinelander horses earned plenty medals at the 2023 Bundeschampionat in Warendorf. Horses from the Hannoveraner Verband won 15 medals, including two complete sets of medals for five and six-year-old dressage horses, i. e. 41.67 percent of all medals. In the dressage arena even 57.14 percent. This special result becomes even more valuable when looking at all the final horses, the largest deposit of which also represented the colors of the Hannoveraner Verband. Despite the lack of medals, the many top placings in the show jumping arena are also encouraging. However, the jump into the absolute top class of the international championships has not yet been achieved again overall. The young, middle-aged horses naturally give us hope that more Hannoveraner horses will once again compete in all disciplines with precisely this goal and the associated promotional impact. At the same time, other breeders and breeding societies also cherish this desire and are faced with a single focus from riders and owners in this segment: absolute quality in sporting ability, rideability and health. Attributes that increase the attractiveness

in every market segment and every discipline. The issue of health is becoming increasingly important for breeders and buyers, and not only against the backdrop of rising costs. For a year and a half now, breeders have had the opportunity to document the health status of their breeding with the Vet+ premium. This title has now been awarded more than 150 times.

Quality and class always come from the masses - no matter what personal breeding goal a breeder, a group or an entire division is pursuing. Fittingly, the breeders in the Hannoveraner Verband continue to form a comparatively large community. Membership growth is continuing in line with previous years (beginning of 2024: 11,052, previous year 11,230). However, the community of all horse breeders is facing less harmonious conditions in the short and medium term and has begun to shrink noticeably. In Germany, for example, breeders are being affected by inflation in general. Added to this are cost increases in the agricultural sector, veterinary price increases under the new schedule of fees for veterinarians and safety mea-

sures due to the wolf population. In the meantime, the concerns and reservations expressed in the past breeding season can be substantiated by the breeding figures. After 8,500 to 9,000 coverings in recent years led us to expect a figure of 7,000 registered foals, this number of foals in 2024 from 7,500 coverings no longer seems feasible. The trend: continuing. As mass decreases, the importance of quality increases if we want to remain competitive as a society and thus as a breeding community in international competition in the future. The Hannoveraner private stallion owners addressed this topic in the panel discussion at their stallion show: "Are we setting the right priorities when making breeding decisions?" This was their question, which every breeder will have to answer anew this year. This answer begins with a critical examination of one's own mare and the associated dam line and the genetic possibilities that arise from this. For the future of one's own breeding and the Verband as a whole, it is crucial that the good (young) mares remain in the breeders' stables when breeding numbers are declining, even if they would naturally also have the



She opened the 2023 auction year: Erna Emilia by Emilio Sanchez achieved the top price at the Verden auction in January and cost 38,000 Euros | In Ermelo, the Dancier/Floquent son Danciero became World Champion of six-year-old dressage horses with Denmark's Anna Kasprzak | D'Accord FRH by Diarado/Aarking xx and Christoph Wahler were celebrated as German Vice Champion in eventing. Photos: Fellner, Caremans, Lafrentz

best chances on the market. Investing in increasing the quality of our own mare stock will have a positive effect in the medium and long term.

Special thanks go to the emotions, the effort and the hard work of the horse breeding clubs. They live the togetherness of horse people, they make the Verband visible in the area and, depending on possibility and necessity, they turn the regional breeding events into a special event. The latter is also partly based on the approach of keeping an event alive, in particular to maintain spatial service coverage. Regional breeding events at the level of horse breeding clubs and regional societies have returned to normal levels in terms of quantity. The long-term trend of reduced participant numbers gained particular momentum in 2023. While 1,248 mares took part in the 41 mare

shows in 2015, of which 548 were received a premium, in 2022 there were 922 participating mares with 410 premiums at 34 shows. Although 33 shows were held in 2023, the number of participants fell to 889, while the number of premiums increased (425). These showcases remain enormously important for the breeding society. Nevertheless, it remains clear that there are supporters of the show system in terms of content, and there are those who come to the show with their mare in particular to maintain the regional events and the community. For other breeders, the show system is no longer decisive or no longer feasible in organizational terms. The declining number of participants with the same absolute number of awards, in addition to the above developments, indicate that a stronger pre-selection is taking place in the breeder's stable or training farm. The

Hannoveraner Verband, together with the regional societies, had significantly expanded the possibilities for holding a mare show and committed to making the models more flexible and also more meaningful. The inspection of the limbs on hard ground, free-running and the expansion of combined dates (mare performance test with studbook inspection) are part of this and were perceived very differently from region to region. However, these new options were also assessed in advance as being differently suited to the respective local conditions and evaluation requirements. This differentiated perception continues after the end of the season and means that the districts, together with the Verband, must continue to maintain flexibility in the implementation of a show event. For mare performance tests as the second segment in which a breeding society gene-

MEMBERSHIP BASE, REGISTERED AND COVERED MARES

	1990	1995	2005	2010	2015	2019	2020	2022	2023	Percent
Total membership	13,449	15,180	15,464	14,936	13,332	12,392	11,503	11,230	11,065	- 1.5
Active members	8,871	10,708	10,257	9,812	8,608	8,019	7,348	7,332	7,209	- 1.7
Registered mares	15,820	19,715	19,469	18,962	16,778	15,658	14,490	14,540	14,233	- 2.1
Newly registered mares	2,385	2,675	2,493	2,450	2,350	2,141	2,001	2,299	2,173	- 5.4
Number of tested mares/tests	660/26	1,556/46	1,153/44	982/36	837/41	643/34	598/35	585/46	540/43*	- 7.6
Covered or inseminated mares	13,392	13,856	12,664	10,719	9,081	9,261	8,283	8,635	7,567	- 12.4
Registered foals	7,624	8,624	8,034	7,787	7,031	6,996	6,683	7,055	7,117	+ 0.9

* incl. Hannoveraner sport test (47 mares/10 dates)



Lady Gaga by Lord Pezi/Fly High was awarded Hannoveraner Mare of the Year. Her son Commissar Pezi by Commissario reached new heights with Suisse Martin Fuchs.

rates relevant data for the evaluation of horses and breeding value estimation, a similar long-term development applies in terms of quantity as for mare shows (2015: 41 tests, 837 mares; 2022: 46 tests (incl. sport test), 585 mares; 2023: 43 tests (incl. sport test), 540 mares). More striking than in previous years appears to the evaluation committees that the mares appear for the test with less and less riding experience on average. This makes it more difficult to award these lifetime marks and regularly leads to different quality assessments by the evaluation committee, third-party riders and exhibitors. The Hannoveraner sport test for the disciplines of dressage, show jumping and eventing is still in the process of being established as an alternative to the mare performance test. It is intended to pave the way to the Hannoveraner Premium for breeders who are initially embarking on a sporting career with their young mares and im-

prove the overall link to competition. The annual highlight of the mare show season is the Herwart von der Decken-Show. But even this prestigious event is not immune to the declines. Next year, for example, four-year-old mares will be presented for the first time since the introduction of the annual Verband mare show.

The free jumping competition of the Hannoveraner Jumper Breeding Program can be rated as a pleasing result in terms of quality and quantity. Around 100 three- and four-year-old youngsters with wide and predominantly sporty pedigrees made for a full day. For many years now, it has been clear that highly placed horses from the free jumping competition are later successful in 1.40 metre jumping competitions and higher with above-average frequency. In addition to quality, the management of the horse owner and the training company also

paves the way. And yet observations of the supposed preparation in the run-up to the free jumping competition have given rise to criticism, which has prompted the breeding committee to make an adjustment. From 2024, the four-year-olds will be judged under saddle in a short, inviting course and no longer in free jumping. This principle is also intended to appeal to owners and businesses that have recently turned their backs on free jumping competitions. At the same time, it is important that breeders/horse owners can take part in the classic event with their three-year-old show jumpers at a manageable cost. The current focus on the show jumper in terms of breeding and competition has already paid off in recent years in the licensing segment. For the 2023 show jumping stallion licensing, a conspicuously high quality density can be attested with an enormously high dam line quality and an increased deposit (2022:

STALLIONS WITH 30 AND MORE FOALS IN 2023

Stallion	Number of foals	Shu Fu	88	Esmeraldo	48	Conthargos	38	Grey Top	33
Secret	187	Escanto PS	82	Morricone	48	Ellis	38	Total Diamond PS	33
Von Und Zu	154	Valensky	76	V-Plus	47	Bloomingdale	36	Feliciano	32
Escaneno	138	Segantini	74	Vivaldos	44	For Romance	35	Friedrich der Große	32
Despacito	137	Va' Pensiero	63	Bonds	43	Nairobi de Muze	35	Perigueux	31
Fürst Belissaro	121	Rockdale	62	Jasper	43	Trussardi	35	Quentino	31
Diathletico	117	Damaschino	61	Eastwood	42	Chaccothage Blue PS	34	Asgard's Ibiza	30
Vitalis	109	Benicio	56	Escolar	42	Endorphin	34	Be my Dancer	30
St. Emilion	107	Santos	56	San to Alati	41	Fynch Hatton	34	Dream Royal	30
Diacontinus	104	Va Bene	53	So Perfect	41	Diablue PS	33	For Dance	30
Bonhoeffer	94	Fanegro	52	Franco Nero	40	Fürstenball	33	Scolari	30
Dynamic Dream	89	Vidar	52	Kjento	40				
		Macchiato	50	Vitalos	39				



Shakeela by Secret/Royal Blend and Lydia Jordan won the five-year-old dressage horse class at the Verden Championships. Photos: Schwöbel, Lafrentz, Fellner

34; 2023: 44) of approved stallions. The separation of the two licensing disciplines, which is still not viewed positively across the board, has created a specialist event, at least in the show jumping segment, in which the simultaneous offer of breeding and competition meets the expectations of the growing number of spectators. In the once again lively customer interest in the Stallion Sales (turnover 2022: 1.03 million Euros; turnover 2023: 1.38 million Euros), the Celle State Stud stood out in particular, auctioning off three premium stallions that give rise to great hopes in terms of breeding, not only because of their appearance at the licensing but above all because of their highly secured dam lines. Opening the licensing to other populations for the first time had a noticeable quantity effect (over 30 percent) on the pre-selection for the jumper stallion licensing. Some of them were on a par with the Hannoveraner stallions in terms of quality and provided a further boost to the perception of the event, also on the part of the exhibitors. The link with the competition, the procedures and the openness have positively developed the Hannoveraner Jumping Stallion Licensing. At the end of a difficult marketing year, this event did the Hannoveraner breeders and the team a lot of good.

This trend does not yet apply to the dressage stallion selection. The number of stallions in the pre-selection continues to decline. This trend is probably related to the more intensive debate regarding quality and price expectations. The foreign stallions have not yet been able to make their mark. At the same time, when looking at further licensing places, it became clear once again that the Hannoveraner Verband must make greater efforts to

ensure the participation of Hannoveraner stallions at its licensing. Several stallions would have done the Verden licensing venue good for the showcase licensing and the perceived vintage quality. It is possible that this perception is reinforced by the fact that fewer stallions were presented directly by stallion stations "just for licensing". The main reason given was the increased licensing fee. The Hannoveraner main licensing ultimately consisted of 60 stallions (2022: 63), and the Stallion Sales generated a turnover of 2.17 million Euros (2022: 3.00 million Euros). For spectators, however, the Hannoveraner dressage licensing added a highlight: the FRH Cup for seven to nine-year-old dressage horses was a high-quality and entertaining competition between the viewing of the two-year-old stallions on the triangle and the lunging. The FRH Cup demonstrated the aim of dressage sport horse breeding. Especially in the dressage area, it is important to achieve a stronger link to competition as well. Putting the Hannoveraner dressage stallion licensing on a similar path to the licensing of show jumping stallions will be an important task in the coming years.

In addition to the classic breeding area, newer services are becoming more important as they are a good tool for breeder loyalty and advertising. The mix of seminars and online webseminars was once again in great demand and thrives on the direct, unconventional exchange between breeders and the Verband. Almost 400 participants took up the offer at 20 events. In the service segment, the Hannoveraner Verband offered its first own-stock inseminator courses in response to the cost-related changes resulting from the schedule of fees for veterinarians. Additional courses have been

and will be offered throughout the year (2023: three courses, 60 participants) in order to help reduce costs on the farm and meet the communicated demand.

Online or face-to-face?

Just as for the breeders' seminars, the Verden auctions were held as a mix of face-to-face and online auctions. The Hannoveraner Verband met the demand for the Verden meeting point with four main face-to-face auctions. Even if the demand for more frequent face-to-face auctions is expressed, among other things, with the argument of more regular breeders' meetings, the major auctions (Elite Foal Auction, Elite Auction and Stallion Sales) appear to be sufficient. This is because there are regular events in Verden, particularly in spring, which already serve as a meeting point for breeders. This range should not be overstretched, but individual events should be able to exist in competition with other leisure and professional activities for members and customers. The necessary cost orientation in the Verband following the clearly negative annual result in 2022 was continuously adjusted in line with the price and turnover development of the 2023 auctions. This was the only way for the Hannoveraner Verband to achieve an economic annual result that can at least be described as satisfactory. Reduced earnings expectations on the part of auction exhibitors were largely realized in the difficult marketing year and led hand in hand with the Verband to acceptable results under these very conditions. However, the previous year's results could not be achieved in many areas, although a differentiated view is worthwhile. With reduced average prices at the foal



The price highlight of the 140th Elite Auction was the Secret/Belissimo M son Semenyo N, who found a new owner in Bavaria for 140,000 Euros. The Celle state stud stallion Edward by Embassy/Fabriano was celebrated as Hannoveraner Stallion of the Year. Photos: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn, Schwöbel

auctions (2022 total 9,722 Euros net, 2023 total 8,580 Euros net), it was possible to build on the previous year, particularly thanks to the good results of the large presence auction in August and the elite auction. In the preliminary planning for 2023, the Marketing Committee pursued the approach of also offering foal marketing opportunities to breeders who did not receive auction approval at first glance. The resulting online foal auction "Breeder's Offer" for around 100 foals provided a real sales opportunity in the lower price segment, while the foal market in the country declined across the board. Association foal marketing, including two competition foal auctions held

for the first time, achieved a turnover of 3.44 million Euros (2022: 2.95 million Euros). The riding horse auctions performed similarly in their entirety. The auction process can be described as routine, with pricing and more critical decision-making than in previous years resulting in a decline in turnover and volume. 266 riding horses auctioned in 2023 (turnover: 5.82 million Euros) compared to 283 in the previous year (turnover: 7.46 million Euros). The Elite Auction has always received special consideration. For the 140th time, the gates opened in Verden for this high-quality riding horse auction. Fittingly, the highest hammer price was 140,000 Euros for head number one. The market

year and horse acquisition are very much focused on this date. The auction weekend also has a special design. The classic gala evening on the evening before the auction was transformed in 2023 into a varied range of events focused solely on the Saturday of the auction. Trials, horse presentation, musical entertainment in the outdoor area, breeders' reception, show program, auction – the combination met the expectations of the organization team. Clearly focused on a single day, the exhibitors, customers and visitors experienced a well-filled Niedersachsenhalle with a positive auction atmosphere. The result encouraged the continuation of the concept.

With all its ups and downs, 2023 was a challenging and packed year for the Hannoveraner Verband's range of offers and services. It is part of the change process that has already begun and shows that members and the Verband are facing identical challenges. The aim is to continue to accompany and shape these together, with appropriate responses to the current environment. ☒

AUCTIONS 2023 – RIDING HORSES

	January	April	July	October	November	Total
Horses sold	63	54	50	62	37	266
Sales in Euros	1,280,000	1,119,500	878,000	1,977,000	561,500	5,816,000
Average price	20,317.46	20,731.48	17,560.00	31,887.09	15,175.67	
Highest price	50,000	82,000	65,000	140,000	42,000	

TOTAL SALES 2000 UNTIL 2023

	Number of horses					Turnover in Euros				
	2000	2010	2020	2022	2023	2000	2010	2020	2022	2023
Riding horse auctions	494	565	342	283	266	7,806,911	11,077,650	6,918,000	7,463,500	5,816,000
Foal- and broodmare auctions	207	354	254	303	448	1,354,207	2,500,000	2,391,500	2,945,730	3,483,000
Stallion sales and auction	92	84	66	75	81	2,630,390	3,501,500	4,077,000	4,044,000	3,561,000
Other sales	25	22	21	9	35	150,490	719,350	227,932	144,878	472,500
Total return	818	1,025	683	670	830	11,941,998	17,798,500	13,614,432	14,598,108	13,332,500

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

Franziskus FRH, Coby and fischerChipmunk FRH lead last year's win totals in dressage, jumping and eventing in the statistics of the German Equestrian Federation (FN). The best newcomer is Destacado FRH. The ten-year-old has made the leap to third place in the dressage horse rankings. Seven of the 15 top earners bear the name affix of the supporters' club of Hannoveraner sport horses.

By Britta Züngel

Three horses with the suffix FRH are Hannover's top earners in the dressage arena: Franziskus FRH, Duke of Britain FRH and Destacado FRH. Franziskus FRH by Fidertanz/Alabaster (breeder: Elisabeth Albers, Löningen) has been part of the German championship squad with Ingrid Klimke since the European Championships in Herning/DEN and is heading for the Olympic Games in Paris/FRA. Following his participation in the World Cup Final in Omaha/USA and the two bronze medals at the German Championships in Balve, the expressive privately owned stallion took a break. By then, he had earned 57,005 Euros for the year. The victory in the World Cup freestyle in Stuttgart alone brought 12,500 Euros, second place in Neu-münster was worth 10,000 Euros.

TSF Dalera BB and Jessica von Bredow-Werndl currently seem invincible. The Olympic, World and European champions boast an annual income of

343,210 Euros and have only been beaten in the warm-up test at the German Championships in Balve last year since Tokyo/JPN 2021.

One year older than Franziskus FRH is Duke of Britain FRH by Dimaggio/Rubinstein (breeder: Sarah and Tony Pidgley, Windsor/GBR). Although registered with the British Hanoverian Horse Society, the chestnut gelding, born in 2007, has matured to world class at Hof Kasselmann in Hagen am Teutoburger Wald. With Frederic Wandres, he was part of the victorious German Nations' Cup team in Aachen. Victories in Madrid and Munich as well as the bronze medal at the German Championships earned him 46,006 Euros for his wallet and a place in the squad for Paris. It is quite possible that Franziskus FRH and Duke of Britain FRH will make the trip to the Seine together with Destacado FRH. The Desperados/Londonderry son (breeder: Heinrich Gießelmann, Barver) and Matthias

Alexander Rath are the focus of national coach Monica Theodorescu. It would be the chestnut stallion's first championship outing for black-red-gold. Born in 2013, he is one of the youngest horses in the hit parade of annual earnings and is therefore "Rookie of the Year". He is ranked eleventh in Germany with an impressive €34,740 and third among Hannoveran horses. The double victory in Stuttgart (12,500 Euros) and the Grand Prix Special victory in Frankfurt's "Gudd Stubb" (9,000 Euros), a stone's throw from his home, Gestüt Schafhof, were the highest priced results. The form curve is pointing upwards: Destacado FRH recently celebrated five international victories in a row.

Hannover's top earner on the show jumping course is Coby, now 14 years old, as in the previous year. The Contagio/Escudo son (breeder: Jürgen Geffken, Lilienthal) collected 495,909 Euros



Hannover's best earner in the dressage arena is the Fidertanz/Alabaster son Franziskus FRH, who is part of the German Olympic squad with Ingrid Klimke.

Photo: Laffrentz

with Philipp Weishaupt in the show jumping arena. The bay already took the lion's share in November 2022, when he took home over 200,000 Euros for top placing at the Global Champions League Final in Prague/CZE. This was followed just two weeks later by victory in the Grand Prix of La Coruna/ESP, which came with prize money of 69,300 Euros. This makes Coby number five in Germany's Euro statistics, which is led by Marcus Ehning's Aachen winner Stargold (928,114 Euros). His sire Stakkato Gold is also the sire of the second-best Hannoveraner, Starissa (breeder: Albert Sprehe, Essen). The bay, bred from a Quidams Rubin daughter and out of the line of show jumping legend E.T. FRH, will also be able to adorn himself with the Hannoveraner Förderverein's name affix in the future. With Mario Stevens, the German Champion of the Year 2022 won the Hamburg Championships and delivered impressive rounds in the German Nations Cup team in Aachen. A total of 132,798 Euros was raised for the now eleven-year-old.

One of those who made a name for himself last year is the Commissario/Lord Pezi son Commissar Pezi (breeder: Johannes zur Lage, Bersenbrück). In Germany – and only these successes count for the German Equestrian Federation, as he is ridden by Martin Fuchs from Switzerland - his three starts in Stuttgart, Hamburg and Aachen were enough to earn him 93,836 Euros and third place in the Hannoveraner ranking. Not included are 16,100 Euros for fifth place in the World Cup jumping competition in Helsinki/FIN, 19,540 Euros for second place in the Grand Prix in Vejer de la Frontera/ESP, 34,000 Euros for a victory in Spruce Meadows/CAN as well as numerous other prize monies.

Title defender fischerChipmunk FRH

The Contendro/Heraldik xx son fischerChipmunk FRH (breeder: Dr. Hilmer Meyer-Kulenkampff, Behl-



Coby by Contaggio/Escudo and Philipp Weishaupt earned just under half a million Euros. Photo: Lafrentz

mer) and Michael Jung took home 38,025 Euros from four competitions. At the European Championships in Le Pin au Haras/FRA, they already had gold in sight, but a fall on the water shattered their dream of winning their first major individual title together. At the beginning of the season, they had won the four-star competitions in Marbach and Wiesbaden. And there was no way around them at the end of the season in Lignieres/FRA.

Their team colleagues at the European Championships, Carjatan S and Christoph Wahler, lead the German hit list with 49,001 Euros. The pair secured the lion's share with their victory in the highly endowed CCI4*-S Baborowko/POL, for which they received a handsome 22,230 Euros. The future hopes of the 30-year-old boss of Klosterhof Medingen lie with the 2012-born Diarado/Aarking xx-

son D'Accord FRH (breeder: Christa von Paepcke, Lehmkuhlen), with whom he was German runner-up in Luhmühlen after finishing sixth last year. With annual winnings of a comparatively modest €9,466, he is the second most successful Hannoveraner. Fairytale competed in Wiesbaden, Luhmühlen and Langenhagen. The Rhineland-registered chestnut mare by Fidertanz/Laurentianer (breeder: Gerd Neukäter, Voerde) has already won everything. In 2019, she carried Anna Lena Schaaf to individual and team gold at the European Junior Championships, followed a year later by individual silver and the second team gold in the Young Riders. In 2022/23, the pair earned the bronze medal at the German Championships and 3,480 Euros. The winnings in eventing are disproportionate to the performance and costs of the "crown of equitation". ☯

Dressage horses

Franziskus FRH by Fidertanz/Alabaster, born 2008
Breeder: Elisabeth Albers, Lönningen
Rider: Ingrid Klimke 57.005 Euros

Duke of Britain FRH by Dimaggio/Rubinstein
born 2007, Breeder: Sarah und Tony Pidgley, Windsor/
GBR, Rider: Frederic Wandres 46.006 Euros

Destacado FRH (VA) by Desperados/Londonderry
born 2013, Breeder: Heinrich Giebelmann, Baver
Rider: Matthias Alexander Rath 34.740 Euros

Gut Wettlkam's D'avie FRH (VA)
by Don Juan de Hus/Londonderry, born 2012
Breeder: Dorothee Heitmüller, Nienburg
Rider: Lisa Müller 16.995 Euros

Faustus (VA) by Falsterbo/Forrest xx, born 2008
Breeder: Heino Bruns, Gödenstorf
Rider: Dorothee Schneider 16.350 Euros

Show jumping horses

Coby by Contaggio/Escudo, born 2010
Breeder: Jürgen Geffken, Lilienthal
Rider: Philipp Weishaupt 495.909 Euros

Starissa FRH by Stakkato Gold/Quidams Rubin
born 2013, Breeder: Albert Sprehe, Essen
Rider: Mario Stevens 132.798 Euros

Commissar Pezi
by Commissario/Lord Pezi, born 2013
Breeder: Johannes zur Lage, Bersenbrück
Rider: Martin Fuchs (SUI) 93.836 Euros

Chao Lee (Rhld.) by Comme il faut/Chacco-Blue
born 2013, Breeder: Otmar Eckermann, Kranenburg
Rider: Katrin Eckermann 85.961 Euros

Looping Luna (VA) by Lord Fauntleroy/Calido
born 2014, Breeder: Andreas Middelkampf, Grönloh
Rider: Martin Fuchs (SUI) 40.012 Euros

Eventing horses

fischerChipmunk FRH
by Contendro/Heraldik x, born 2008
Breeder: Dr. Hilmer Meyer-Kulenkampff, Behlmer
Rider: Michael Jung 38.025 Euros

D'Accord FRH by Diarado/Aarking xx, born 2012
Breeder: Christa von Paepcke, Lehmkuhlen
Rider: Christoph Wahler 9.466 Euros

Fairytale (Rhld.) by Fidertanz/Laurentianer, born 2007
Breeder: Gerd Neukäter, Voerde
Rider: Anna Lena Schaaf 3.480 Euros

Dark Desire GS by Don Frederico/Carismo born 2009
Breeder: Bernd Gehrdau-Schröder, Stelle
Rider: Emma Brüssau 2.665 Euros

Finest Fellow (Rhld.) by Fidertanz/Sir Shostakovich xx
born 2009, Breeder: Friedrich Otto-Erley, Warendorf
Rider: Elena Otto-Erley 2.144 Euro



The Finest/Quaterback son Frizzantino placed second in the Louisdor Prize with Borja Carrascosa. Lord Europe by Lord Leatherdale/Boston also took the silver ribbon with Leonie Richter in the final of the Nürnberger Burg-Pokal before the stallion went on to win the winner's prize at the end. Photos: Lafrentz

TWO SILVER RIBBONS IN FRANKFURT

The first major highlights in the careers of so many successful dressage horses are the Nürnberger Burg-Pokal and Louisdor Prize. Frizzantino and Borja Carrascosa came second in the final of the eight to ten-year-old Grand Prix horses, while Lord Europe and Leonie Richter took the silver ribbon in the seven to nine-year-old class.

By Britta Züngel

It was super close in the final of the Louisdor Prize for young Grand Prix horses, with just 0.34 percentage points separating first place from third. And three of the five judges saw the runner-up in first place. That was the Finest/Quaterback son Frizzantino (breeder: Hermann Ulbrich, Peine), who was discovered by his owner Alexander Brenninkmeijer in 2015 in the foal collection of the May Auction, which celebrated its premiere at the time. Eight years later, the dark bay has reached Grand Prix maturity with Borja Carrascosa. He is a horse of the heart, his owner had said when Frizzantino won the last Louisdor stage in Guxhagen with the best score of the season. The dark bay from the Aralda line rode into the Frankfurt Festhalle with an impressive six wins in a row. Nuances were the deciding factor in the Main metropolis, and Frizzantino finished second (73.280 percent) in the final of the Louisdor Prize behind Fürstin Bea OLD and Beata Stremler (73.460 percent), as he had already done in the qualifier.

Fortunty S by Franziskus/Weltmeyer (breeder: Karin Storkamp, Ibbenbüren) and Nuno Palma E Santos completed the podium in third place (73.120 percent). "That was a surprise for me! I'm bursting with pride. The way he concentrated in that big stadium was super!" said the Portuguese rider from Wedel. Fortunty S is the fullbrother of Final Dream FRH, who became Bundeschampion of five-year-old dressage horses in 2022 with Kira

Goerens-Riphoff. He was one of three Franziskus sons of the ten finalists. Fittingly, the other two were presented by Ingrid Klimke, who is part of the Olympic squad for Paris with the "Father of Success".



Happy about third place: Fortunty S by Franziskus/Weltmeyer and Nuno Palma E Santos. Photo: Lafrentz

The day before, the Festhalle was dominated by the Nürnberger Burg-Pokal for seven to nine-year-olds. After finishing sixth in the warm-up test, the Lord Leatherdale/Boston son Lord Europe (breeder: ZG Pleines, Uedem) started a race to catch up and improved with each of his appearances in the festive setting. In the final, the Rhineland-registered premium stallion took second place with Leonie Richter before dancing to the freestyle music of Ben Zucker's "Was für eine geile Zeit" in the winner's prize. The Nürnberger Burg-Pokal was won by the favorites, the DWB mare Skovens Tzaria and Isabell Werth. At the beginning of the dark bay's pedigree is the foundation mare Subeta, who found her way to Denmark back in the 1960s via the Frevler/Fedor daughter Freilupe. Beata Stremler was awarded with her For Magic Equesta FRH by For Romance/A Jungle Prince (breeder: Friedhelm Kühnen, Krefeld) in fourth place. The liver chestnut has carried the name affix of the Hannoveraner Förderverein since winning the bronze medal at the 2021 World Championships for six-year-old dressage horses in Verden. Breeder and dressage rider Friedhelm Kühnen purchased dam Awiva (breeder: Regina Tiedemann, Lüdingworth) at the 2002 summer auction in the Niedersachsenhalle and rode her from victories in tests for young dressage horses to the golden ribbon in the Prix St. George. Since the birth of her first foal in 2011, she can proudly call herself a performance dressage mare. ☺



In Switzerland, Vitiki by Valentino/For Expo 2000 and Yuri Mansur celebrated their victory in the Basel Championship. Photo: Lafrentz

VITIKI WINS THE BASEL CHAMPIONSHIPS

From December to January, the competition calendar is quite clear. The competition series attract numerous riders and horses to Spain or Florida. But the indoor classics such as Frankfurt, Basel and Leipzig are also meeting points for top-class sport. Further up-to-date results can be found online in the Hannoveraner Blog.

By Britta Züngel

SHOWJUMPING

ARGENTINUS

Asagan M

The measure of all things in the Grand Prix of Jeddah/KSA was Asagan M by Argentinus/Drosselklang II/Sandro (breeder: Rudolf Meyer, Bühren) and Zaid Al-Nujaifi, who won the class in a thrilling jump-off.

AREZZO

Aircraft One

Arezzo VDL/Lord Pezi/Contendro daughter Aircraft One (line of Nonzaga, bred by ZG Kern,

Schellbronn) and Antonio Maurer from Mexico led the field in a two-phase jumping competition at the CSI4*-W Puebla/MEX. The dam of the ten-year-old is the fullsister of the private stallion Lord Fauntleroy.

CORNET'S BALOU

Crack Balou

Crack Balou by Cornet's Balou/Chacco-Blue/Carthago (line of Lunda, bred by Lewitz Stud, Mühlen) and Emanuele Gaudiano entered the list of winners at the CSI4* Doha, Al Shaqab/QAT. In week one of the Doha Tour, they took the golden ribbon in the 1.45 metre ranking list jumping competition on Friday. A week later, the pair won another ranking competition at the same venue.

CASCADELLO

Cydello

The Cascadelo/Forsyth/Espri son Cydello (line of Arma, breeder: Christof Schörnig, Dreieich) and Richard Vogel won the Grand Prix (1.55 m) at the Equestrian Center Wellington/USA at the end of January with a commanding lead of over a second.

CHACCO-BLUE

Mick Jagger

A victory at the end of the year: Mick Jagger by Chacco-Blue/Cento/Argentinus (line of Notkerine, bred by Lewitz Stud, Mühlen) and Sharn Worldley won the two-phase jumping competition at CSI3* Ocala/USA in mid-December.

CHECK IN

Caramba de Janeiro

After finishing second in the qualifier, Caramba de Janeiro by Check In/Stolzenberg/Glenfiddich (line of Lunda, bred by Christa Marklewitz, Plate) and Patrick Bölle won the Grand Prix of Kronenberg/NED on the last Sunday in January.

CORNADO

Cornado's Queen (Rhld.)

Cornado's Queen by Cornado/Arpeggio/Polydor (Willkür line, breeder: Josef Ruyter, Rees) and Franziska Müller were number one in the opening jumping competition of the Large Tour at the CSI2* Riesenbeck/GER.

CONTAGIO

Coby

The Contagio/Escudo/Pik König son Coby (line of Kurheim, breeder: Jürgen Geffken, Lilienthal) crowned his performance in the first week of the Mediterranean Equestrian Tour in Oliva/ESP with victory in the final of the Gold Tour. The 14-year-old was ridden by Philipp Weishaupt, who has also

co-owned Coby since the beginning of the year. The tour ended on the last Saturday in January and Coby took the victory in the Grand Prix (1.50 meters) in superior style.

COUNT GRANNUS

Count Me In

In the "Classics" on the final day of the CSI3* Thermal/USA, Count Me In by Count Grannus/Sherlock Holmes/Mahon (line of Maritim, breeder: Friedrich Lüßmann, Neustadt) and Connor Swail cantered out of the course as winners.

DIAMOND DE SEMILLY

Sooper Trooper

A real hit: Sooper Trooper by Diamant de Semilly/Stakkato/Akzent II (Jedraza line, breeder: La Magnifica, Fauglia/ITA), born in 2017, won the final for seven and eight-year-olds at the Azelhof in Lier/BEL in mid-January with the Brazilian rider Thiago Ribas da Costa. The next triumph was not waiting long. Just seven days later, the chestnut also won the Youngster Tour final in Kronenberg/NED. Sooper Trooper was born with talent, he is the half-brother of Perigueux.

FOR EDITION

Fidelius G

In the second qualifier of the Amateur Trophy - Large at the World Cup horse show in Leipzig/GER, Fidelius G by For Edition/Grand Royal/Argantan (line of Segelta, breeder: Johann Gerdes, Bargstedt) and Kathrin Adler flew to victory.

KANNAN

Kokomo B

In Riesenbeck/GER, the Kannan/Lord Quidam/Carry Gold son Kokomo B (line of Vilane, bred by Tomke Bruns, Holtland) appeared in the international results lists for the first time at the beginning of December. He won the opening class of the Youngster Tour with Eoin McMahon.

LORD FAUNTLEROY

Hann.Pr.St. Lizzy-Lou

Lizzy-Lou was one of the best eight-year-olds at the CSI2* Neustadt (Dosse)/GER. The Lord Fauntleroy/Cent/Kolibri daughter (breeder: Heinz-Dieter Poort, Sittensen) won the second test of the 2016 crop with Steffen Krehl.

ONE LAST TIME: "IT'S SHOWTIME!"

At the Frankfurt Festhalle horse show, Reitmeisterin Dorothee Schneider bid farewell to her long-time sport partner Showtime FRH. The Sandro Hit/Rotspon son, bred by Heinrich Wecke, Stadthagen, was supposed to start his career in Verden. He did not find a buyer at the 2006 foal auction under the name "Southern Comfort". Three years later, the dark bay collected successes in tests for young riding horses before Dorothee Schneider climbed into his saddle – Showtime FRH was five years old at the time. In 2011, the pair took sixth place at the World Championships for five-year-old dressage horses in Verden and finished eleventh at the Bundeschampionat in the same year. In 2012, they finished sixth in Warendorf. They won the warm-up test at the 2013 Nürnberger Burg-Pokal and came fifth in the final. This was followed by the meteoric rise of Showtime FRH, who his rider likes to describe as somewhat shy and reserved. The pair won team gold twice at the Olympic Games – in Rio de Janeiro/BRA in 2016 and in Tokyo/JPN in 2021.

At the European Championships in Rotterdam/NED 2019, Showtime FRH showed once again that he is made for the big stage. He secured Dorothee Schneider the Vice European Champion title in the Grand Prix Special and the Freestyle. They also won gold as a team. The pair became German champions a total of four times: in 2019, 2021 and 2022 in the Grand Prix Special and in



"The show must go on" – Showtime FRH by Sandro Hit/Rotspon was retired from the sport in Frankfurt. Photo: Lafrentz

2021 also in the Freestyle. "In my opinion, you only have a showtime like this once in a lifetime – if you're that lucky – and its place in my heart is huge," said Dorothee Schneider. It was therefore difficult to say goodbye to the competition stage

and a few tears were shed in Frankfurt. With his freestyle to "The show must go on", "Showi" danced past the packed spectator stands one last time. He was beaming and received a standing ovation as he said goodbye. ☺

MESSENGER

Match Point PS

In the eight-year-old final at the CSI2* Neustadt (Dosse)/GER, the Messenger/Sandro Boy/Baloubet du Rouet son Match Point PS (breeder: Lewitz Stud, Mühlen) really turned up the heat and took the win with Benjamin Wulschner.

MY LORD CARTHAGO

Myjorka

Myjorka by Mylord Carthago/Quidams Rubin/Raphael (line of Nachbarin I, breeder: Georg Kok, Bunderhee) and Rie Rose Lindegren Roed crowned their trip to the Mediterranean with victory in the final of the Bronze Tour.

QUAID

Quantico

Quantico by Quaid/Landor S/Argentinus (line of Carla, breeder: Gerd Sosath, Lemwerder) and Holger Wulschner won the Grand Prix of the State of Brandenburg in Neustadt (Dosse)/GER.

SATISFACTION

Stella Levista

The Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington/USA began on the second weekend in January. Stella Levista by Satisfaction/Levisto/Kolibri (breeder: Marten Frehe-Siermann, Mettingen) won the opening class with Caroline Mawhinney.

CARIBBEAN BLUES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

A highly successful year is now behind the Chaccoon Blue/Calido son Caribbean Blue. Swedish show jumper Niklas Arvidsson discovered the raw diamond at the Elite Auction in October 2020. The grey, bred by Sarah and Jan Glaubitt, Hanerau-Hademarschen, was part of the lot of two-and-a-half-year-old stallions that enriched the auction program for the first time.

It was a real lucky strike: Caribbean Blue won the Swedish Championships for five-year-old show jumpers in Grevagården at the end of August last year. "He felt great, he's a fantastic horse," said Niklas Arvidsson jubilantly. Four weeks later, Caribbean Blue was the only Hannoveraner to make it into the final of the five-year-old class at the FEI WBFSH Jumping World Breeding Championships for young horses in Lanaken/BEL. After two penalty-free qualifications, he only had one pole down at the first jump of a double combination in the challenging final. XX



Kokomo B by Kannan/Lord Quidam appeared in international horse shows with Eoin McMahon.

Photo: Lafrentz

STAKKATO'S HIGHLIGHT

Veyron

Veyron by Stakkato's Highlight/Anton/Rubinstar N (line of Nachnahme, breeder: ZG Lohrey, Büdingen) and Axel van Colen started the first week of the X-mas Tour in Lier/BEL with a victory in the first qualifier for the Grand Prix.



Caribbean Blue by Chaccoon Blue/Calido was the best five-year-old Hannoveraner at the World Championships in Lanaken with Swedish Niklas Arvidsson. Photo: Lafrentz

STOLZENBERG

Serendepety

A victory at the CSI3* Wellington (Equestrian Center)/USA went to the Stolzenberg/Escudo/Calypso II daughter Serendepety (line of Schutzsiegel, bred by Jennifer Lee, The Plains/USA). She won the main jumping competition on Friday with Darragh Kenny - it was only the second start for the chestnut mare, born in 2015, in a 1.45 metre class. 14 days later, she picked up the next golden ribbon: she won the two-phase special jumping competition of the CSI4* at the same venue.

VALENTINO

Vitiki

Vitiki by Valentino/For Expo 2000/Deputy Head xx (line of Nagillata, bred by ZG Stapel and Wahlers, Scheeßel) and Yuri Mansur won the championships in Basel/SUI (1.55 metres) with a lead of over four seconds.

DRESSAGE



DANCIER

Dünensee (VA)

On the second weekend of Advent, the 15-year-old Dancier/Davignon/Eisenherz-son Dünensee (line of Nobodere, breeder: Monika Fartmann, Westoverledingen) and Kevin Kohmann won the Grand Prix and freestyle of the CDI2*-W Ocala/USA. XX



Plenty of space: Herd of young stallions at Voigtskirch Farm in the Khomas Highlands. Photos: Dr. Christmann

INFLUENCED BY HANNOVER

It is a good tradition of the Namibian Warmblood Horse Society to invite a judge from Germany for its registration trip. In October last year, Dr. Christmann had the honor. His conclusion: Hannover has made a significant contribution to the development of sport horse breeding in this fascinating country.

By Dr. Ludwig Christmann

The breeding of sport horses has been firmly anchored in Namibia for several generations. A look at the pedigrees of the horses shows that breeding is based on the same genetics as in many other countries: The English Thoroughbred and the Trakehner were among the founding breeds of Namibian horse breeding from the very beginning. The Hannoveraner has played an important role for around 70 years. The Voigts, Garbade, Cordes and List families in particular worked closely with the Hannoveraner Verband, especially during the era of Breeding Manager and Managing Director Dr. Walter Hartwig. More recently, the Holsteiner was added, which found great support from Claus Kock, the founder of Locarno Stud, who died following a corona infection.

Pioneer family Voigts

Namibian horse breeding began during the German colonial period from 1884 to 1915, when

horses with a high proportion of Arabians were bred for the troops. The Voigts family played an important role with the Voigtskirch farms. Dr. Walter Hartwig wrote about the development of horse breeding in Namibia in the 03/1974 issue of HANNOVERSCHES PFERD: "Voigtskirch is perhaps one of the oldest horse breeding sites, as horses were already being bred here for the troops in German times. At times, up to 600 horses were stabled there." Horse breeding continues today at the Voigtskirch farm. Senior Reinhard Voigts reports that his grandfather Gustav from the Braunschweig region founded the trading company Wecke & Voigts together with Fritz Wecke in 1892. According to Wikipedia, this is the oldest trading company of its kind in Namibia, a family business that still exists. Gustav Voigts imported thoroughbred and Trakehner stallions for the breeding program of the troops. As the first Hannoveraner stallion to improve the frame and breed horses for equestrian sport, Ger-

hard Voigts, who was awarded the Hannoveraner Verband's Golden Badge of Honor in 1985, imported the 1955-born stallion Alba by Almfänger II/Klinger (breeder: Otto Springer, Basbeck) and later the 1969-born Abermals/Valentino xx son Admiral (breeder: Hermann Meyer, Bremen-Grambke).

At the Voigtskirch farm, Voigtskirch Kardinal, born in 2000, is one of the figureheads of the breeding program. With the South African Martyn Swane-poel, he won several CIC*** competitions in South Africa and competed internationally at major showgrounds such as Lexington/USA, Saumur/FRA and Bramham/GBR. He was a son of the thoroughbred stallion Seducer xx out of a dam by Menotti. Voigtskirch acquired this Matcho AA/Gardeatern son (breeder: Karl Golsch, Hechthausen) from the Celle State Stud. Graham Winn, another eventing rider in South Africa, also had great success with horses by Voigtskirch, e.g. Senator by Seducer xx, Zorba (participation in the World

Championships in Kentucky/USA 2010) and Maestro by Anschluss, with whom he won the national championships in South Africa seven times. Reinhard Voigts likes to think back to around 30 years ago, when international eventing competitions were held right on his farm.

Voigtskirch and Voigtland are situated in the Komas Highlands near the capital Windhoek, as are several other larger farms that have been breeding high-quality sport horses for decades. The owners are mostly of German descent, are animal breeders through and through and are often successful in breeding beef cattle. This is very useful, as some of the principles of animal breeding are the same across all species: thinking in generations, developing an eye for better quality, being self-critical with your own offspring and responding to the special needs of the species. Hospitality is a top priority almost everywhere. There are often generously equipped guest rooms on the farms that can be booked by tourists.

Farms of 10,000 hectares and more are not uncommon. The very different climate compared to Germany also results in a completely different way of keeping breeding horses. The horses are outside all year round and there is no supplementary feeding. One consequence of this is that they are considered hard horses and mature later than the young horses in Germany, which are fed more abundantly. Particular attention is paid to correct limbs as well as good temperament and rideability.

Onduno farm imports Radetzky brother

The Garbade family runs the farms Onduno and Haris in the Komas Highlands. Senior Thodo Garbade is a knowledgeable, very committed horse

breeder and chairperson of the Namibia Horse Breeding Societies. "My father, who came from the Bremen area, emigrated to Namibia in 1936," says Thodo Garbade. The Onduno farm was founded in 1942. Dr. Walter Hartwig describes the farm in his 1974 article as "the best warmblood breeding farm in Namibia". The first imported stallion was the Vornholzer Raban by Ramzes AA/Oxye, a full brother of the Westphalian line founder Radetzky. This was followed by Hannoveraner stallions such as the Anteil/Wacpan-son Wanderer (breeder: Walter Lühr, Alljarn), the Don Carlos/Axel-son Dolorit (breeder: Johannes Braack, Niederhüll) and the Matrose/Ernö-son Magnet (breeder: Marie-Luise Holten, Allwörden).

From Kirchlinteln to Namibia

Cord Hinrich Cordes emigrated from Kirchlinteln (district of Verden) to Namibia in 1970. He built up the Bodenhausen farm and maintained close links with the Hannoveraner Verband. He was a full member for several years and horses bred by him were registered by the Hannoveraner Verband. A number of stallions were introduced by him or the current owner, his son Cord, including Landdrost by Lugano/Wotan (breeder: K. H. Gieschen, Loxstedt), Graveur by Grande/Frustra II (breeder: Werner Haak, Esch) – Cord Cordes described him as a bull's eye – Grand Chasseur by Graf Grannus/Chasseur (breeder: Ulrich Heitmann, Hagenah) and Realist by Regazzoni/Warkant (breeder: Conrad Hogrefe, Eickeloh).

Traces of the German colonial era from 1884 to 2015 can still be seen and experienced everywhere in Namibia today. Buildings from that time, street names and, above all, the way of life of the ethnic German population almost give visitors the feeling of being in another German state – ten

hours away by plane. People converse in perfect High German and the German way of life is still passed down from generation to generation. This is in complete contrast to countries such as the USA, Canada or Australia, where the first generation of immigrants is assimilated by the respective national culture.

Licensing trip of the Namibian Warmblood Horse Society

It is a good tradition of the Namibian Warmblood Horse Society to invite a judge from Germany for the licensing trip, a registration trip for mares and stallions. The independent view from outside is highly appreciated by the Namibian breeders. A total of 68 mares and five stallions were presented on twelve dates in October last year. 14 mares were singled out as premium mares. The evaluation criteria for all mares include free jumping. According to the breeding program, horses are to be bred for the three Olympic disciplines of dressage, show jumping and eventing. However, the most widespread breeding is for show jumpers.

The Celle State Stud is a highly valued partner. Frozen semen is imported via the Namibian breeding society and the results of the journey show a recognizable breeding progress as a result. The highest rated mare of the trip was Zafira, a daughter of the Celle State Stud stallion Diacontinus out of a daughter of the Drosselklang II son Locarno Donatello. The mare was simply an all-round good horse – appealing type, correct limbs, three good basic gaits and well above average in jumping. Other premium mares came from the Celle State Stud stallions Edward, Grey Top, Quailo and Viscount. Zafira was bred by Marion Barth from the Frischgewaagd farm, which was founded in 2000. Frozen semen from Celle stalli-



Cord Cordes, Bodenhausen Farm, with an employee and the large-lined Bodenhausen Tamina by Realist/Grand Chasseur (photo left). Licensed for the warmblood breeding society in Namibia: the Seeis Anatolia son Seeis Ariann. Photos: Dr. Christmann

ons is used very successfully there. Frischgewaagd has presented ten of its own mares. A remarkable number, and an example of the fact that sport horse breeding is of serious economic importance for the farms and that larger herds can often be found there.

The registration trip began at Cord Cordes' beautifully laid out Bodenhausen farm just outside the capital Windhoek. Six mares were presented, of which the six-year-old Bodenhausen Tamina by Realist/Grand Chasseur was the highest rated. She is an important, typey mare with a very good walk. The mares often show a blood connection to the Hannoveraner stallion Grande. And this is no coincidence, because "my father was a big fan of Grande", says Cord Cordes. He continues: "Important goals in my sport horse breeding are temperament, character and good rideability." He is an international show course builder and travels a lot in neighboring African countries such as Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana. He has noticed that equestrian sport is developing positively there.

Eleven mares were presented at Claratal Farm. This was a central event at which mares from six farms were presented and which attracted a number of visitors. The best jumping mare of the tour for a long time took part there, the black mare Sissi by the Celle State Stud stallion Edward out of Sigrun by Locarno Shogun, who also had an outstanding jumping evaluation. Sissi comes from the breeding and ownership of Farm Onduno. The Claratal farm is run by Annette and Heiko Freyer. It was founded in 1896 by the merchant August Schmerenbeck, born in Barmen in 1853, and named after his wife Clara. A dedicated Trakehner breeding program is run there in accordance with the rules of the German Trakehner

Society and eventing is supported with great passion. On the way to the farm, we could already see the challenging cross-country course with the corresponding obstacles. It was not until the last appointment – at Seeis Stud – that two mares with a higher jumping score than Sissi's were seen. Both are daughters of the Holstein stallion Consuelo, a Corofino/Landgraf son born in 1997, who was used at Seeis Stud and, according to many Namibian breeders, has had a significant influence on show jumping breeding there in recent years. His daughter Seeis Silence, born at Seeis in 2018, was bred to Don Carlos on the dam's side. The dam's sire is Drosselklang I, who, like so many Don Carlos offspring, is considered to be a very hard jumper sire. The still relatively inexperienced mare impressed in free jumping with her outstanding hindquarters technique and therefore received the maximum score for her style. The second highly rated Consuela daughter was the ten-year-old grey mare Voigtskirch Equipa, who carried a lot of blood on her dam's side via Nile Game xx and the Hannoveraner Matcho AA son Menotti. As the name suggests, the mare was bred by Voigtskirch Farm.

About Seeis Stud

The person behind Seeis Stud is Dr. Wolfgang Späth, who has become a central figure in Namibian sport horse breeding. In 1995, the former show jumper and practicing veterinarian started Seeis Stud in the greater Windhoek area. He runs perhaps the most important stallion station at present. He started with the Don Carlos/Frustra II son Drosselklang I (breeder: Margarethe Hagenah, Himmelpforten). This was followed by other Hannoveraner stallions such as Wunderbar by Wachmann III/Drabant and the Contender/Airport son Conti (breeder: Heinrich Baalmann, Aurich).

One of the most important jumper sires in Namibia and South Africa is currently the Holstein stallion Corofino/Landgraf son Consuelo, who was placed on Seeis under the ownership of Sitta Voigts. Dr. Späth bred My Chacco Blues Son by Chacco-Blue himself. His dam is a homebred Conti daughter. In addition, Dr. Späth is constantly striving to line up stallions with highly topical international pedigrees or to offer frozen semen from Europe.

Further mare testing dates in the Windhoek area took place at the farms Ibenstein, Zonjati, Alpha WB Stud and Voigtskirch. Afterwards, we drove through an impressive desert landscape to the beautifully situated coastal town of Swakopmund, where an impressive colt by the Celle State Stud stallion Valensky was on display at a great riding facility. On the way there, there were further appointments at an equestrian facility in Okahandja and at the Bag Bag stud farm.

The stallion licensing took place at Kapp's Farm, a brand new, spacious equestrian facility just outside the capital Windhoek. Five stallions were presented and two were licensed. The winner was the typey, versatile eight-year-old Seeis Arian by Seeis Anatolia, bred by Dr. Späth and well presented by Svenja Späth. She had trained as a rider at the Celle State Stud and also presented a mare at the event in Okahandja, who, like the stallion, was well-bred and presented very well. The second licensed stallion was the imported eleven-year-old Chianti O.T. Lowlands Z by Clintissimo/Cassini, who was inbred to Capitol and who showed that there is a lot of thoroughbred blood in his back generations. The grey, who is particularly successful in South Africa up to 1.45 metres, impressed with his strong type, ground-covering canter and great ability. 



Reinhard Voigts – horseman and gentleman (photo left). The board of the Namibian Warmblood Horse Society (from left to right): Reinhard Voigts, Heidi Zimmer, Thodo Garbade (Chairman), Annette Freyer, Dr Wolfgang Späth and Johanna Sauber. Photos: Dr. Christmann, private

BREEDING SUCCESS WITH ACKERWELLE

Breeding Hannoveraner horses is a tradition on Jörg Sültemeier's farm. The historical dam line of Ackerwelle has its origins at the breeding farm in Trebel in Wendland and has been cultivated by the Sültemeier family since 1930.

By Jürgen Stroscher

For horse breeder Jörg Sültemeier (53), a business without horses is simply not imaginable. "We've actually always had horses. We have been breeding Hannoveraner on our farm for over five generations. Of course, my father still used horses to work our fields. But he also developed a passion for riding horses very early on. Even before the war, the remonts moved to Switzerland, but two or three mares were always used for breeding." The dam line from 1930 goes back to the main studbook mare with the fitting name Ackerwelle (english translation: field wave) from Karl-Heinz Sültemeier.

"This bloodline has been nurtured and developed by our family for generations. We were lucky to have such outstanding Hannoveraner stallions as Agram, Archimedes, Joachim and Domspatz at our breeding stations, first in Bösel and then in Sptietau. We are a little proud that the bloodline has remained on our farm. Because it is a special

feature that is not very common in horse breeding." The now 78-year-old father Karl-Heinz Sültemeier bred the first show jumpers with the Achselschwang daughter Ackerwelle, born in 1949. The 1968-born chestnut Argus by Archimedes and the bay mare Jennifer by Joachim from 1972 both diligently collected ribbons in show jumping courses up to elementary class with their new owners. However, the Agram daughter Ahrkind, born in 1959, is even more important for Jörg Sültemeier's dam line today, as her offspring Aljouscha by Archimedes (1970), Jo Jo by Joachim (1971) and Aglaia by Adrian (1976) also proved their excellent genes in competition, both in show jumping and dressage. The gray gelding Jo Jo proved his above-average potential with Gerd Sosath in jumping competitions up to medium (M) level.

The bay mare Aglaia and especially the chestnut gelding Aljouscha, on the other hand, caused quite a stir in the dressage arena with their exception-

nal gaits and great strength of movement. Aglaia was successful with Reidun Grimm up to medium (M) level and the chestnut gelding Aljouscha attracted even more attention when he and Elke Ebert even managed to leave the arena as winners in advanced dressage tests. The mare Ahrkind also passed on her breeding qualities to the Domspatz daughter Doritt, born in 1978. With her numerous offspring, black mare Doritt further refined the Ackerwelle bloodline.

"I am very happy that my father also relied on dressage sires for his mares with strong movements, which was not really desired in breeding at the time," says Jörg Sültemeier, who owes the breeding foundations in the pedigree of today's breedings to his father. Karl-Heinz Sültemeier was a little ahead of his time, because at that time there was still a strict distinction between jumping and dressage bloodlines. Today, his son Jörg benefits from his father's open-mindedness and willing-



Jörg and Merle Sültemeier from Trebel with broodmares Feline by Fighting Alpha/Ritual and Latina by Londonderry/Weltruhm. Photo: Stroscher

ness to experiment. Jörg Sültemeier has followed in his father's footsteps not only in horse breeding, but also in farming. Since 2000, he has slowly taken over responsibility for the farm in Wendland. As a trained farmer, he carefully restructured the family business. Livestock farming was discontinued, with 1,800 fattening pigs having to make way in the end, only the horses were allowed to remain. The farm is now only used for agriculture, pasture farming and horse breeding. In addition, mother Ursula (70) has turned the family guesthouse into a venue for family celebrations and gatherings and has built up a flourishing catering service from a spontaneous idea. "My mother is the clear boss, but I support her wherever I can," says the horse breeder, who is happy to still have a sprightly and committed mother at his side. He himself gets help with horse breeding from his 21-year-old daughter Merle, who is an active rider and is currently studying business administration. Both are therefore ideally placed to possibly take over from their father one day. His second daughter Clara (23) is currently training as a hotel manageress, which would certainly be a good fit for continuing to run the restaurant.

"They have to be in the right hands!"

Breeding an Olympic horse is not my first priority as a breeding goal. If the athletic quality, rideability, type, limbs and health of the breedings are right, it will probably come naturally." The farmer does not put himself under any pressure in horse breeding and remains down-to-earth. Especially as the many successful breedings speak for the breeding farm in Trebel. "How the horses develop also depends on whether they end up in suitable hands."

The horse breeder sees another criterion that should not be neglected and that he attaches great importance to when selling his horses. The best example of this is the Asti's Amsterdam son Astrello. The dark bay gelding was bred in 2009 out of the mare Petty by Prestige Pilot, a daughter of Doritt. "Astrello was actually intended as a leisure horse and came back to me from the trainer. It wasn't until Susanne Weiß bought him that her son Linus developed the gelding's skills and celebrated completely unexpected successes with him in eventing." Linus Weiß won the European Cup in Lausanne/SUI with the friendly gelding in 2022 with the team and was also victorious with him in the Young Rider Nations' Cup in Strzegom/POL in the same year. Then a field injury put a stop to the success story of horse and rider. Linus Weiß has grown so fond of Astrello that he will definitely be able to spend the rest of his life in the pasture with him in Möglingen, even if Astrello is no longer able to compete.

"Horse breeding is and remains exciting for me. You can always look forward to something new or unexpected, because you never know exactly

what will happen. Unfortunately, this also includes low blows such as injuries or illnesses. But the grace and super characters of the horses make up for a lot," says Jörg Sültemeier. As the original jumping bloodline of Ackerwelle developed more into a bloodline for Hannoveraner horses with a dressage disposition, the breeder started looking for another broodmare with a jumping pedigree in 2003. "Somehow my heart beats for show jumpers, and at the time I was totally impressed by the performance of the stallion Fighting Alpha

earned three stars in the Hannoveraner Jumper Breeding program. At the same time, Jörg Sültemeier refined the quality of the dressage genes with offspring from the Ackerwelle bloodline, such as Doritt by Domspatz (1978), Wicky by Wiesnerwald (1983), Wendy by Weltruhm (1998) or Donna Clara by Don Frederico.

Jörg Sültemeier was particularly successful with the offspring of the mare Latina S by Londonderry (2008). She was allowed to stay in Trebel and was



Intended as a leisure horse, won team gold with the German team at the European Cup in Lausanne/SUI: Astrello by Asti's Amsterdam/Prestige Pilot with Linus Weiß. Photo: Lafrentz

with Lars Nieberg." The ambitious horse breeder finally found what he was looking for at Zuchthof Sindram in Walsrode. He decided on the filly Feline by Fighting Alpha/Ritual. A very good choice, as it turned out later. With Feline, he was able to successfully establish a second bloodline for show jumpers in his breeding farm. The quality of the first offspring was already very promising.

Highlights include the bay gelding Schorse by Stakkato, who competes internationally with his rider Cynthia Wigger from Switzerland, and the grey gelding Colorado by Corlensky K. With show jumper Thilo Schulz from Bergen, the gelding, who was born in 2010, has no problem overcoming obstacles of 1.50 metres. Numerous victories in advanced show jumping competitions are part of his successful competition record. Added to this is the seven-year-old Diamant de Plaisir daughter Diva de Plaisir, who qualified for the Bundeschampionat for five-year-old show jumpers with Madeleine Kutscher and with this top result for her dam

successful with daughter Merle Sültemeier in dressage tests up to L level and is currently part of the home-bred dam line. Up to six mares are used per year. When marketing his breeding horses, Jörg Sültemeier has intensified foal sales and is also increasingly focusing on direct sales from the farm. Word quickly gets around in the region when a new quality year of the breeding farm is in the pasture. The Verden Auctions serve as another important sales market.

"We have maintained close contact with the Hannoveraner Verband for decades and have had good experiences with the Verden events, especially in recent years. Even as a youngster, I was a guest in Verden with my father or my aunt and have many positive memories of the auctions anyway." As the first chairperson of the Trebel riding club and second chairperson of the Lüchow horse breeding club, Jörg Sültemeier does not miss the opportunity to dedicate his precious free time to horse breeding and competition. XX

GENETICS IN FIGURES

Every year, the German Equestrian Federation breeding values and the Hannoveraner breeding values are eagerly awaited. But what do the breeding values mean for breeders?

By Juliana Küspert

The aim of the breeding values estimation is to estimate hereditary differences in performance as accurately as possible in order to provide the breeder with a basis for selection decisions. The breeding values are estimated using a statistical model. However, it is not only genetics that play a role in breeding value estimation. Environmental effects such as age or sex also influence performance. The breeding values are corrected for these influencing factors. Genetics remain. The population mean corresponds to a mean value of 100 points. A deviation above 100 points describes a positive effect, while a deviation below 100 points describes a negative effect. In this way, the inheritance of individual performance traits can be estimated using the breeding values. The German Equestrian Federation breeding values are published at the beginning of December each year. In addition, the Hannoveraner breeding values can be viewed online from mid-December with the update of the yearbook stallions. The two breeding values published by the German Equestrian Federation provide different information on hereditary performance. The breeding value young horse test includes the results of stallion performance tests, mare performance tests and advanced tests. This makes it possible to analyze a hereditary tendency for young sires at a very early stage.

The sires Secret and Bonds have always been at the top of the young horse dressage breeding value rankings in recent years. With a breeding value of 162 and an accuracy of 91 percent, the Oldenburg Bonds by Benicio/Sir Donnerhall takes first place. With a slightly higher accuracy (98 percent), the Sezuan/St. Moritz son Secret comes second with a breeding value of 161. The proven sires Don Juan de Hus (161, 98 percent), Ecolar (157/98 percent) and Benicio by Belissimo M/Vetten Third (breeder: Wilhelm Stadtlander, Lilienthal; 156/98 percent) take second, fifth and sixth place. In between, there are several newcomers in the top ten. Sezuan's Donnerhall also has Sezuan as his sire and is descended from Sir Donnerhall on his dam's side. The liver chestnut completed both his 14-day and 50-day tests with a dressage-oriented final score of over 9.0. He entered the top ten with a breeding value of 160 and an accuracy of 77 percent. The Oldenburg Finest Selection by Follow Me/Lauries Crusador xx, who goes back to the dam line of Aricia, also placed with these values. The Rhenish colors are held high in the ranking

by Escamillo. For the first time, the Ecolar/Rohdiamant son (breeder: Dr. Carolin Langhorst, Ratingen) is among the top ten. With a breeding value of 159 and an accuracy of 93 percent, he has worked his way up to fourth place in the ranking. The Vice World Champion of six-year-olds and bronze medal winner of seven-year-old dressage horses has now arrived at Prix St. George level and also qualified for the final of the Nürnberger Burg-Pokal. His offspring not only include a number of licensed stallions who are slowly finding their way into competition. Escamillo offspring are also placed at the front at mare shows, such as the 2022 Herwart von der Decken show winner, Hann. Pr.A. Exclusive (dam's sire Fidertanz, breeder: Johannes Westendarp, Wallenhorst). Also worth mentioning is the two-time Bundeschampioness of riding horses, the Westphalian mare Eivissa by Escamillo/Wolkentanz.

Entry into the top ten

The Dancier/Weltmeyer son Dancier Gold from the Justena line also made his debut in the top ten. The black stallion, born at Georg Strübig in Vienenburg, was the sire of two premium stallions last fall. Two other young Hannoveraner stallions, who are themselves well on their way to advanced level, are in the top places in the rankings for the first time. The Livaldon/Scolari son La Vie (breeder: Heinz Gerdes, Hude) competed with Therese Nils-Hagen in the final of the Nürnberger Burg-Pokal in December. His number of offspring is manageable, with Luton (dam's sire Bretton Woods) he already produced a licensed stallion, but he died too early. In breeding with De Kooning, La Vie produced La Memoria (breeder: Kathrin Wassmann, Badbergen), who placed third in the Verden Championships for four-year-old mares and geldings. With a breeding value of 152 and an accuracy of 82 percent, he took ninth place. The runner-up is Bon Courage by Bon Coeur/Vivaldi (breeder: Dr. Christine Feichtinger, Vaduz/LIE) with a breeding value of 151 and an accuracy of 77 percent. The premium stallion and Vice Bundeschampion of three-

year-old riding horses has made a name for himself on the German licensing circuit. With the Oldenburg champion stallion Bon Esprit, the Hannoveraner premium stallion Brillant (dam's sire Ehrenpreis, bred by ZG Lenzen, Heinsberg), another premium stallion (dam's sire Rotspon, bred by ZG Dittmer, Rhadereistedt), who was the top prize at last year's Stallion Sales, and the short test third Bon Amour (dam's sire Fürst Romancier, bred by Heike and Hermann Bonhorst, Quendorf), the liver chestnut has already put a small exclamation mark behind his heredity.

The German Equestrian Federation breeding values Highest Level Achieved (HEK) provides an indication of the highest level achieved by an off-



The Ecolar/Rohdiamant son Escamillo was awarded the Weltmeyer Prize, was Vice World Champion of six-year-old dressage horses and is among the top ten in the breeding value estimation for the first time.

Photo: Lafrentz

spring. Only the highest placing achieved is taken into account for each offspring. The breeding value estimation includes the show results from Germany as well as the results of German horses in international show sport. Due to the lack of results from horses from breeding societies outside Germany, one or two top sires are missing from the top of the ranking list. For example, the Rhinelander Lord Leatherdale by Lord Loxley/Ferragamo (breeder: ZG Pleines, Uedem) would probably be listed much higher up than 24th place if his most successful offspring, the European team champion Glamourdale and the current World Cup qualification winner Everdale, were included with all their successes. At the same time, the HEK breeding value must take into account the fact that many stallions with breeding experience abroad are at the top of the dressage field. The offspring of these stallions usually only come to Germany for major competitions, so only the offspring that are successful in higher classes are included in the German breeding value estimate. Offspring that do not make it into the higher classes or only compete nationally in one of the neighboring countries are not included in the calculation. The top list has been dominated for years by proven sires such as Jazz (234/93 percent), Don Schufro (202/95 percent), Johnson (196/93 percent) and

Gribaldi (188/94 percent). The Hannoveraner Stallion of the Year 2014, Breitling W by Bismarck/Maat (breeder: Hermann Niehus, Rahden), has been in second place for years. Although he is rarely used in breeding, his more than 30 successful S-level offspring speak for themselves. Among them are the European Championship participant Blind Date (dam's sire Donnerhall, breeder: Margarethe Klare, Massen) and the licensed Burlington FRH (dam's sire Rohdiamant, breeder: Hans-Heinrich Oltmann, Borstel).

Brand new in the top 1 percent of the ranking is the KWPN stallion Apache. With his most successful offspring Indian Rock and Jovian, both participants in the 2023 European Championships in Riesenbeck, and Aweih, a son of Weihegold, he achieves a breeding value of 187 (accuracy 83 percent) and ranks eighth. Bordeaux is also new to the ranking, with 73 S-successful offspring. Among the most successful of these are the 2023 European Championship runner-up, Bluetooth OLD, and the 2021 European Championships' precious metal winner, Bohemian. Bordeaux shares 14th place with another newcomer in the top 1 percent, Sezuan. His currently most successful offspring include Queenspark Wendy, whose results on German soil are the only ones included in the

breeding value estimation, and the Rhinelander So Unique (dam's sire Donnerhall, bred by Willem Klausius, Diepholz).

Important information

The Hannoveraner breeding values provide a similar picture. The breeding values for studbook inspection or mare performance test/auction are published with ten or more recorded offspring. Popular stallions usually reach the publication limit with their first crop. However, due to the decline in registrations for mare performance tests and auctions in recent years, it is noticeable that stallions only reach the publication limit at an older age and this important information is only available to breeders at a later date. Currently, only Bon Courage is listed with a Hannoveraner breeding value in the studbook inspection. With 18 registered mares, the premium stallion has reached the publication limit. Another stallion of the 2016 crop, Fusionist by Franklin/Ehrentanz (breeder: Gestüt Greim, Bärnau), reached the publication limit with 16 mares for studbook inspection. However, after being sold to the junior sport, the stallion is no longer at stud and therefore his breeding values are not published. The breeding values from the results of the mare performance test have not yet been published for these stallions. All other stallions of the 2016 crop did not make the leap into the Hannoveraner breeding value estimation with their first crop.

New with Hannoveraner breeding values is Escamillo, who is already in the top ten of the German Equestrian Federation breeding values for young horses. However, he does not stand out quite as positively here as in the German Equestrian Federation breeding values. Baron, For Dance, Le Vivaldi, Schwarzwild and Zoom join him as dressage sires. Baron by Benicio/Sir Donnerhall (breeder: Albrecht Middelkamp, Badbergen) has already produced the reserve winner of the 2022 Herwart von der Decken Show with Hann.Pr.A. Barcelona (breeder: Herbert Linz, Baindt) and has eight licensed stallions throughout Germany, while the Rhinelander For Dance was a premium stallion and has already won at Inter I level. The For Romance/Rubiloh son (breeder: ZG Butkus, Overath) is making a name for himself both with his own sporting performance and his successful offspring (breeding value young horse test 153/93 percent). Zoom entered the digital yearbook stallions with a top score in the young horse tests. The bay by Zack/Don Schufro (breeder: DMJ Horses, Lenzburg/SUI) also masters the balancing act between personal performance and heredity. Already victorious in Inter II tests himself, his offspring are successful in elementary class. Three stallions from his first licensing year were licensed for Hannoveraner.

In the show jumping arena, three stallions are attracting attention with their first appearance in





Diacontinus by Diarado/Contendro occupies a top position in the breeding value estimation of show jumper sires.

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the yearbook stallions. Balou Peggio is already competing in the 1.40 metre course and his offspring should make the leap there in the coming season. The Balou du Rouet/Arpeggio son comes from the Hannoveraner line of Nopilla. The Holstein Casalco by Casall/Contender already has two offspring with lifetime earnings of over 15,000 Euros and two sons registered in Stallion Book I. His son Cavoiro-H has already produced two licensed stallions in Verden. The third in the group is the Light On/Stakkato son Light My Fire (breeder: Heinz Schütte, Spelle). The Stakkato prize-winner, himself placed up to 1.40 metres, already has a number of M-successful offspring to his name.

In the German Equestrian Federation's breeding values for young horses in jumping competitions, Hannoveraner horses are in the lead. The front runner is the Diarado/Contendro son Diacontinus (breeder: Klaus Jürgens, Sehnde-Bolzum). Having been ousted from the top spot in the past two years by the Quaid/Salito son Qualito (breeder: Helmut Habermann, Hänigsen), Diacontinus (breeding value 152/accuracy 94 percent) continues to show his hereditary strength. The breeding value of Qualito (149/89 percent) is slightly lower than in the previous year. In second place with a breeding value of 151 (98 percent accuracy) is the 2007 Hannoveraner Stallion of the Year, Stakkato. The Spartan/Pygmalion son (breeder: August Meyer, Uenzen) is the top offspring with over 1,000 registered sport horses. The OS stallion Checkter

(150/84 percent) is a newcomer to the top ten young horse tests. Like Qualito, the Cellestial/Lord Pezi son comes from the important dam line of Norm. He completed both sport tests with scores above 9.0. Also new in the top 1 percent of the ranking are Carridam by Carrico/Quidam de Revel (breeder: Pferdezucht Dr. Jacobs GbR, Bierbergen), who also goes back to the foundation mare Norm, and the Rhineland Comme il faut/Contender son Comme le père (breeder: Bernhard Brückner), who himself has already been placed up to 1.50 metres. Apart from minimal changes to the breeding values, the ranking list has remained the same. It is dominated by the other Hannoveraners Stanley by Stakkato/Loredo (149/89, breeder: Wilfried Berg, Burdorf), Sampres by Stakkato/Libero (149/76 percent, breeder: Pferdezucht Dr. Jacobs GbR, Bierbergen), Diamant de Plaisir by Diamant de Semilly/For Pleasure (148/83, breeder: Gerd Sosath, Lemwerder), Perigueux by Perpignon/Stakkato (147/94 percent, breeder: Pferdezucht Dr. Jacobs GbR, Bierbergen), Grey Top by Graf Top/Singular Joter (147/93 percent, breeder: Emiliano Lonzi, Fauglia-Pisa/ITA) and Stakkato Gold by Stakkato/Werther (147/93 percent, breeder: Arend Kamphorst, Prieros).

The situation is different in the Highest Level Achieved breeding value in the show jumping category. As in dressage, the ranking list is dominated by stallions from neighboring European countries. As last year, the front runner is the Holstein stallion Cumano. The Cassini I/Landgraf son has

only a few offspring in total, but the majority of these reach the advanced level. The currently most successful offspring in German competition is Atomic Z, who has already won several Grand Prix with Angelique Rüsen. Cumano's breeding value is 194 with an accuracy of 85 percent. He is followed by Kashmir van het Schuttershof, another stallion who shares the dam line of the standard with Checkter, Carridam and Qualito, with 185 and an accuracy of 93 percent. In third place with a breeding value of 185 (accuracy 99 percent) is Chacco-Blue. The more than 1,300 competition horses sired by the Chambertin/Contender son have already won almost eight million Euros. Over 500 of the offspring have been placed in advanced show jumping competitions.

The best Hannoveraner is the Furioso II/Grannus son For Pleasure (155/99 percent, breeder: Robert Diestel, Adelheidsdorf). The Hannoveraner Stallion of the Year 2000 had already made a name for himself during his lifetime through his own successes. His most successful Hannoveraner offspring include Firth of Lorne (dam's sire Stakkato, breeder: Meinolf Rölleke, Bochum) and Fit for Fun (dam's sire Fabriano, breeder: Sigrid Crome-Sperling, Lutter a. Bbg.). There is no mention of the Hannoveraner Stallion of the Year 2023, Edward, in the ranking. His most successful son, King Edward, does not contribute to the breeding value estimation of the Embassy/Fabriano son (breeder: Hans-Heinrich Dittmer, Radbruch), as he is registered with the Belgian BWP. Nevertheless, the Highest Level Achieved breeding value is a valuable tool that needs to be continuously developed. If it is possible to include all international offspring, this international breeding value estimate should be an unbeatable set of figures.

A good tool

Both the German Equestrian Federation breeding values and the Hannoveraner breeding values are a good tool for making breeding decisions. However, they should not be viewed in isolation, but as one tool among many. In addition to the individual breeding values, which can be read in the Hannoveraner breeding value estimation, the stallion's linear profile can also be an additional source of information. Since the 2021 licensing, linear profiles have been taken of the stallions at main and special licensings and can be viewed online in the stallion directory and yearbook stallions. Finally, when making a breeding decision, you should always bear in mind that a breeding value of 160 is not better per se than a breeding value of 140 when it comes to your own mare. Both are positively outstanding values. It is always important that the stallion fits the mare. The breeder must know his mare, her advantages and disadvantages and use this as a basis to find the right stallion. Figures such as breeding value estimates cannot take this decision away from the breeder, but they can help him. 

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The highly talented show jumping mare Napoli-Tana by Nixon van het Meulenhof/Quidam de Revel found a new owner in Sweden for 50,500 Euros. Photos: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn

ON THE TRAIL OF SUCCESSFUL SIBLINGS

Twelve bidders placed 77 bids, making Napoli-Tana number one in the overall statistics of the Verden Auctions Online in January with a hammer price of 50,500 Euros. The average price of the first riding horse auction of the year was 15,912.28 Euros.

By Malte Kanz

The show jumping mare Napoli-Tana came in as number three in the virtual auction and topped the auction statistics in the final bidding. Customer advisor and trainer of the show jumpers, Thomas Schönig, is not surprised by this, as the five-year-old chestnut mare by Nixon van het Meulenhof/Quidam de Revel (breeder: ZG Wecke, Vlotho, exhibitor: Marco Bergmeyer, Hiddenhausen) was very popular with customers from Germany and abroad in the run-up to the auction. She has already confirmed her outstanding jumping talent with high placings in novice (A) level tests for young show jumpers.

Napoli-Tana's pedigree also leaves nothing to be desired and explains her willingness to perform and her exceptional jumping talent. Her half-brother is none other than the licensed stallion

Toys by Toulon, who is successful in international 1.60 metre jumping competitions with Tobias Meyer. Granddam La Belle is the dam of numerous successful show jumping sport horses, including the three licensed sons Quidam's Son by Quidam der Revel, Bon Balou by Balou du Rouet and Cour de Caramel. Twelve bidders submitted 77 bids and regular customers from Sweden had the longest breath. Napoli-Tana will be the box neighbor of the former Verden Auctions horse Decurio by Diarrado/Cornet Obolensky (breeder: Johann Djuren, Neuschoo), who was sold at the auction in 2016 and is currently successful in international advanced (S) level show jumping competitions with Linda Heed. The second most expensive show jumper was the Heartbeat/Catalido daughter Vet+ Heart of Life (breeder: ZG Curland, exhibitor: Bérénice Curland, Braunschweig), who came into Turkish

ownership for 34,500 euro. She has also already gained competition experience with Dornice Curland. Not only the top-priced horse comes from a successful dam line, but also the best-paid dressage horse Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Grand Galaxy Cordey. A dressage rider from Baden-Württemberg secured the four-year-old Grand Galaxy Win T/Fürstenball daughter for 39,500 Euros. She had already purchased her half-brother Best of Bond by Bordeaux at the Elite Auction six years ago. Both were bred by Zuchthof Neumann-Ullrich, Boischampré/FRA and come from the Sabafiza line, which is none other than the dam line of Isabell Werth's horse of the century Gigolo FRH. They were born in Normandy, where their breeders have been passionately breeding Hannoveraner for many years. With Best of Bond, the young dressage rider has arrived at Prix St. George level. The statistics show



Moves into a box next to her half-brother: Grand Galaxy Cordey by Grand Galaxy Win/Fürstenball was sold at 39,500 Euros.

an average price of 15,912 Euros for the 57 auction horses. 21 of them will leave Germany. There

were buyers from France (five), Sweden (four), Great Britain (three), the USA and Switzerland

Statistics	
Riding horses	
Number of horses	57 horses
Sold	57 horses
Net proceeds	907,000.00 Euros
Average price	15,912.28 Euros
Top price	50,500.00 Euros
Lowest price	8,000.00 Euros
Price range	
8,000 to 10,999 Euros	15 horses
11,000 to 14,999 Euros	17 horses
15,000 to 24,999 Euros	18 horses
25,000 Euros and more	7 horses
Sales by region	
Germany	36
France	5
Great Britain	3
Sweden	4
Switzerland	2
USA	2
Spain	1
Turkey	1
Austria	1
UAE	1

(two each) as well as Turkey, Italy, Spain, Austria and the United Arab Emirates. 

PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE TRAINING AND SALES CENTRE TEAM



Andreas Homuth joins the team of auction customer advisors

The successor to the dressage customer advisor in the Hannoveraner auction team has been appointed. As of February, Andreas Homuth will be part of the team of auction customer advisors and will cover all tasks relating to riding horse auctions. Andreas Homuth's main focus will be on dressage horses.

The team is therefore once again fully staffed for the selection of auction horses, customer care and the organization of riding horse auctions. The 52-year-old Andreas Homuth, who was most recently self-employed, brings with him a wealth of practical knowledge and skills relating to the auction process, horse training, training and horse assessment. He was part of the auction rider team until recently, and was also involved in the auction process and horse selection during his previous employment with the Hannoveraner Verband in the 2000s. "I am very happy to be part of the Hannoveraner Verband team again and actively shape the riding horse auctions together with my colleagues," says Andreas Homuth.

Andreas Homuth can be contacted by telephone at +49 1 71/7 23 68 36 and by email at ahomuth@hannoveraner.com. Together with Iris Borchers (Tel.: +49 1 71/5 53 50 50), he will cover the dressage segment of the auction and horse selection. Thomas Schönig (Tel.: +49 1 60/94 17 37 90) and Steffen Werner (Tel.: +49 1 71/4 48 96 92) will be responsible for advising

customers and selecting show jumpers. The position had to be filled because Anna Baden left the Hannoveraner Verband at the end of January.



Fabian Janda launches direct sales for the Hannoveraner Verband

The Hannoveraner Verband is expanding its sales activities and is now offering customers and members the opportunity to buy or sell horses outside of the auction. Fabian Janda from Burgdorf near Hannover has joined the Verden team. The 40-year-old will dedicate himself to this task full-time and will scout horses as well as look after customers and sales transactions. "Decentralized" is the keyword for this new service, which is primarily aimed at horses at any location. Feel free to contact Fabian Janda at +49 1 71/7 11 84 88 or fjanda@hannoveraner.com and arrange a personal appointment to view, advise and try out horses.

In addition to his own know-how from his previous work as a rider, trainer, instructor and societies, Fabian Janda also has the network of the Hannoveraner Verband at his disposal. This offer is intended to develop into a further mainstay of the societies and thus also meet the wish of the last member survey: to be able to offer horses all year round and also serve those exhibitors/buyers who do not wish to close the deal via the auction. 