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NEXT GENERATION BREEDERS – THE FUTURE OF HORSE BREEDING

Making it easier for young people to get into breeding and giving them the opportunity to build a network for life – that is the idea behind the Next-Gen-Breeder concept.

By Antonia Heise



Getting into horse breeding is no longer an obvious step for young people. This development can also be seen in agriculture. According to Germany's Federal Statistical Office, around 63 percent of farm managers over 55 years of age have an unresolved succession issue. While on the one hand the tense economic situation is discouraging many successors from continuing, on the other hand it is extremely difficult for newcomers to catch up on the experience and build a network

to exchange experience and knowledge. However, these developments have not come about suddenly; they have been a concern for agriculture and also for horse breeding for quite some time. In the breeder structure, the change from agriculturally oriented businesses to riders with competitive ambitions who breed with their competition mares has been noticeable for some time. The rising costs and demands are further intensifying the situation.

When the Hannoveraner Verband established the Hannoveraner young breeders in 1987, it was already aware that promoting young people in horse breeding is essential to preserve the knowledge and experience gained over generations. At that time, the Verband played a pioneering role in its goal of passing on its expertise and fascination for horse breeding to young people. Today, the Hannoveraner young breeders have 325 members and are networked worldwide.

As a former young breeder, breeding manager Ulrich Hahne also knows how important it is for young breeders to exchange experiences. Many former young breeders now hold leading positions in horse breeding clubs and have become role models for new generations of young breeders themselves. However, not every young person interested in breeding also finds their way to the young breeders. Currently, around 5.7 percent of the active members of the Hannoveraner Verband are under 30 years old. Some of these young breeders are already involved with the young breeders, but the rest are not networked with each other.

The Hannoveraner Verband has recognized this potential and would like to give young breeders who have not yet found access to the young breeders the opportunity to learn from and with each other. The Hannoveraner Verband would like to offer these young breeders and those interested in breeding

- opportunities to acquire, experience and apply expertise,
- to connect the fascination of horses in various areas with breeding and to make the passion for breeding tangible, and
- to enable them to exchange ideas with each other and to make contacts within their own structures and beyond through joint activities.

With this in mind, the Hannoveraner Verband launched the Next-Gen breeders to give the next generation the tools for decades of successful horse breeding. All young people interested in breeding are welcome, whether or not they are already members of the Verband. The exchange between young breeders and Next-Gen Breeders also takes place and is very valuable.

At the kick-off event during the 2024 Elite Auction, Stefan Kallaß gave a lecture on the topic of genomic selection, a breeding tool that will eventually become a reality for young breeders. The Next-Gen breeders took this controversial topic as an opportunity for a lively discussion, during which it became clear how high the level of expertise is and how successful the exchange among each other was. After this successful start, the participants stayed in touch and set up a WhatsApp group where they exchange information about joint visits to stallion shows and also about breeding decisions for their broodmares – in line with the idea of creating a network for life. This group now has over 50 members and is growing steadily.

On March 21, the second event on the practical topic of breeding decisions took place as part of the stallion presentation of the Celle State Stud. Divided into the disciplines of dressage and show jumping, the successful breeders Jan-Dirk Gießelmann and Frank Johannsen each presented a mare and her offspring with a lot of additional information such as videos and linear data or conformation scores. They gave the Next-Gen breeders deep insights into their past breeding decisions. The Next-Gen breeders were then able to gather suggestions for breeding in 2025 in small groups, using the knowledge they had gained about the mares and with the help of the stallion directory, which also contains a lot of information, such as linear data and breeding value estimates for the individual stallions. These were then discussed with Jan-Dirk Gießelmann and Frank Johannsen, who were enthusiastic about the event and very pleased with the interesting suggestions and the subsequent exchange.

The event was also very well received by the Next-Gen breeders. It became clear how important it is for the young breeders to exchange ideas with experienced breeders and at the same time to show the experienced breeders new perspectives with innovative ideas. Finally, two special prizes were raffled off: the winners of the dressage, Wenka Bußmann, and show jumping, Fabienne Stein, were able to look over the shoulders of the breeding judges at a mare show and actively experience how mares are evaluated and what is taken into account. This is a great opportunity for the two young breeders to gain valuable insights and experience that they can then apply to their mares.

The feedback from the Next-Gen breeders on the two previous events was consistently positive. The project is designed for the long term, and further events are already being planned. The Hannoveraner Verband is particularly pleased that this project is once again serving as a model for other German riding horse breeding societies, which are now also turning their attention to the breeders of the future. ☯

FOLLOW-UP QUESTION: "BREEDING IS A GREAT TOPIC!"

Antonia Heise asked participants in the Next Gen Breeders project a few questions. How did they get into breeding, what do they expect from the project, and what advice would they give to other young breeders?



Wenka Bußmann: "I came to horse breeding through my family. I would like to use the

knowledge of previous generations and continue and expand the 'family heritage' of horse breeding in the long term. Next-Gen-Züchter has been a great help to me. Through the event, you get to know many young people interested in breeding. It's a great way to network. Before, I missed the connection to younger like-minded people. At the Next-Gen breeders, there was a nice exchange on site. I think that this network will grow and grow over time. I hope for networking, joint excursions, discussions about breeding and shared joy about the new foal crops. We are facing major challenges due to increased costs and the resulting decline in demand. In addition, there are questions about the durability of horses in general and whether you breed for the market or follow your own breeding goal of breeding horses that will last in the long term. You need stamina and grit. Currently, my role models are in my family. However, I want to gain as much knowledge as possible. To do that, it's great to have different mentors who accompany you and are there to help and advise you. I can say to young breeders: 'You are not alone, there are many other people who are enthusiastic about breeding. Don't lose focus of what's important: our partner, the horse!'"



Fabienne Stein: "I have been interested in horse breeding for a long time, but unfortunately I don't come

from a 'horse family', which is why I have only now been able to fulfill my dream of having my first broodmare. My motivation is to breed sustainably healthy show jumpers that are mentally sound and can also find their way into competi-

on under amateur riders. The events organized by the Next-Gen breeders definitely help to make connections, because it's especially difficult for newcomers to get in touch with other (young) breeders, and the local horse breeding clubs often seem like a closed society. In any case, a stable network has already been formed from which we can all benefit, as exchanging experiences is always useful. I hope to learn from the group of other, more experienced breeders and to exchange ideas, as I otherwise have few like-minded people in my immediate environment. In particular in today's world of rising costs, it is difficult in many areas to build a good breeding operation in the long term when marketing is becoming increasingly difficult due to these factors and you don't have the long-standing customer base that more experienced breeders have, for example. In addition, knowledge is only available to a very limited extent and you have to acquire it over the years through the experience you gain. The breeding family of my mare is available to help with tips and advice. Otherwise, a mentor in the horse breeding club would be desirable. I would advise newcomers to breeding to choose their first broodmare wisely and not just go by price. In my opinion, it makes more sense to spend a few euros more but to have a healthy mare from a good line and, ideally, already successful offspring than to take an inexpensive, 'sick' mare as a basis for breeding. It also makes sense to do a lot of research in advance: what do you want to breed, what requirements should the mare fulfill, and whether you can afford this hobby (if you are a hobby breeder) even if foals cannot be sold."



Jan Walter: "Since I was born, we have kept horses as leisure/ amateur riders. It was only through the rather coincidental purchase of a broodmare that I became more intensively involved with the topic of breeding and my interest was piqued. My motivation is to achieve such a great end result that a future rider is completely fulfilled and enthusiastic. Through these events of the Next-Gen breeders, I was able to get first impressions of other breeders as a newcomer and exchange ideas with like-minded people. A very helpful network is currently being created. I believe that with this network, everyone can benefit from the knowledge and existing contacts of others and improve their breeding success. It should improve knowledge about

horse breeding and simplify rearing and marketing. Overall, it is difficult to make contacts and build a network that really helps you get ahead. I don't have any role models or mentors. It would certainly be useful at the beginning to have a direct and short line to someone who is at your side. When you start breeding horses, you shouldn't let anyone dissuade you, even if people around you smile or even ridicule you. You should also use the opportunities offered by social networks to get information and make contacts."



Hannah Schuld: I learned to ride at a lively stable that bred warmbloods and bought my first mare there as a riding horse. She had already passed performance testing. Towards the end of my studies, I bred my first foal from this mare and found joy in breeding. Meanwhile, the sixth foal from a daughter of this first mare is on the way. I find the exchange with the Next-Gen breeders very valuable. In everyday life, you meet fewer young people with an interest in breeding. I am quite new to the group, but I already feel that a good network is emerging. The other breeders are very open-minded and interested in exchanging ideas. You have the opportunity to get information outside of your own breeding club and from other breeding areas. In my opinion, there are some rigid structures in German warmblood breeding. A breath of fresh air and new ideas from younger people would certainly not harm the societies and associations. It is just usually difficult to get a hearing from older, long-established breeders. Some things stay the way they are because 'that's just how it's always been'. I have learned a lot from my riding instructors and stable managers, who are experienced breeders. During my agricultural studies, I also dealt intensively with breeding evaluation. I am involved in the societies in Hannover and Mecklenburg and I find that good advice is also available there. I would recommend that new breeders look into the subject of breeding intensively and, for example, not just make emotional decisions when choosing a stallion. Also, in my opinion, not every mare should be used for breeding. Unrideable or tendon damage? Off to stud? I think that's the wrong approach to achieving breeding progress. The stallion with the best marketing doesn't necessarily have to produce the best foals. Even as a newcomer, you should question things."



Lisa Gronholz: "I came to breeding from a family background. I

want to continue the family tradition and breed healthy sport partners with a great deal of personal passion. To do this, I will always question myself and act responsibly with my own horses, using the latest knowledge. The Next-Gen events have helped me a lot to get connected and get information. Before, I was almost without a community in my age group. In particular, there are many dressage breeders locally, and I am really happy to be able to connect with so many show jumpers/breeders. The regular exchange about our foals and breeding in our new group is incredibly valuable. Supplemented by the expert lectures at the Next Gen days, it's an absolute added value! Everyone will benefit from the 'second' group of active NextGen members. In addition to the many activities we undertake together, the above-mentioned exchange in the group is unbeatable. I also hope to gain a deeper technical understanding of the subject and thus to underpin my constructive breeding even more firmly. As a full-time employee in another industry, the time factor is always crucial. With a growing stock – especially if you are a one-woman show – it takes a lot of work to train the horses yourself from covering to foaling

and then to the first competition start. It literally takes passion. Having someone to support you in getting started in horse breeding would be a great idea! I could well imagine discussing my breeding plans with a neutral person on an even more individual basis. I would highly recommend that new breeders join the Next Gen group and take advantage of the Hannoveraner Verband's educational programs. What we are now being offered is simply great!"



Michelle Böckem-Dillmann: "The topic of breeding has always

fascinated me somehow. When I took my mare out of competition, I started looking at her papers and the general topic of parentage, etc. I was so fascinated by the topic and the diversity that I just jumped in at the deep end and am now expecting a foal from this mare. Next Generation Breeder is a whole community that is passionate about this topic. You can exchange ideas and get so many new impressions and opportunities. For the future, I would like to see more contacts, an open exchange and joint visits to stud farms or stallion shows. The path to breeding is not easy, and there is a lot that you have to teach yourself. There is little support, also with regard to the search for a

stallion, etc. – I think that also discourages many interested people. Besides, not every mare is suitable for breeding. We must not lose sight of the fact that healthy horses are the be-all and end-all. Through my search for a new sport partner, I was able to get to know many breeders. I was able to get advice from them and thus received a lot of support. Of course, I still get that support. That's what makes horse breeding so appealing to me: learning from experienced hands and exchanging ideas with the new generation. I would say to new breeders: 'Have faith in yourself! Read up and write to other people who are already breeding. Get the help you need and don't be afraid! Breeding is a great thing!'"



Carolina Weiß: "My father introduced me to breeding. Through him and the offspring of the mare I learned to ride on, I saw that you can breed exactly the horse you want. In any case, I was able to benefit from the next-gen breeders. I received a lot of support in my stallion selection alone. I hope to continue to gain new perspectives, connections and fun. A major challenge for young new breeders is that they are often not taken seriously." XX



The Next-Gen breeders met in Verden for the second time and had the opportunity to talk to breeding experts Jan-Dirk Gießelmann and Frank Johannsen. Photo: Küspert

MEXICO CITY TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

To the jubilation of the crowd, Chacco's star girl and Italian Emanuele Camilli sensationally won the Longines Global Championstour Grand Prix of Mexico, worth 720,000 euros.

By Britta Züngel

SHOWJUMPING



ACUERO

In week seven of the Andalucía Sunshine Tour, Acuero by Acorado/Catoki/Graf Grannus (dam line of Steingilde, breeder: Gundi Engfer, Rosengarten) and Amke Bekhuis rode to victory in a two-phase special jumping competition at the CSI4* Vejer de la Frontera/ESP.

ASAGAN M

At the end of the CSI2* Jeddah/KSA, Asagan M by Argentinus/Drosselklang II/Sandro (breeder: Rudolf Meyer, Bühren) and Abdulrahman Alghamdi won a two-phase show jumping competition.

BARNY BLUE (VA)

The son of Balou du Rouet/Chacco-Blue/Landadel, Barny Blue (breeder: ZG Bogen, Nessmersiel), led

Chacco's Girlstar and Emanuele Camilli won the Grand Prix of Mexico City. Photo: GCT

the field in an international competition for the first time. The bay won the Grand Prix qualifier in week three of the Spring Tour in Lier/BEL with Dutch rider Lars Kersten.

CACOTA

In February, the Andalucía Sunshine Tour in Vejer de la Frontera/ESP opened its doors and offered seven weeks of show jumping from Tuesday to Sunday around the clock. In the opening class, the Chaco Blue/Copyright/Centaur Z daughter Cacota (dam line of Schurma, breeder: Agnes Scheibe, Hünstetten) and Mohammed Azoum took the victory in the two-phase special jumping class for seven-year-olds.

CASH ROYAL

In Emilia-Romagna, Cash Royal by Carrico/Uccello/Contendro (dam line of Blenna, breeder: Karl Döring, Schlitz-Queck) and Francesca Ciresi had every reason to celebrate. He won the Grand Prix (1.50 metres) of the CSI3* San Giovanni in Marignano/ITA. His granddam is Sandra Auffarth's Bundeschampion St.Pr.St. Corona.

CASPER DE LUXE (VA)

Casper de Luxe by Cassus/Conteur/Werther (Naliza line, breeder: ZG Zwingmann and Richwien GbR, Dingelstädt) set foot on the Verden auction stage twice before being sold to a Spanish owner: in November 2017 and November 2018. Now he has found the perfect rider in Álvaro González de Zarate Fernandez. At the CSI4* Vejer de la Frontera/ESP, he took his first victory in the 1.50 metre class.

COLLIERS CARLOTTA

Angélique Rüsen rode her Codex One/Cornet Obolensky/Graf Top daughter Colliers Carlotta (dam line of Jabita, breeder: Hof Brüning, Ochtmannen) to victory in the second qualifier of the Large Tour at the CSI2* Riesenbeck/GER.

CARAMBA DE JANEIRO

The Check In/Stolzenberg/Glenfiddich daughter Caramba de Janeiro (dam line of Lunda, breeder: Christa Marklewitz, Lüchow) is on the road with a new rider. Natalie Dean was in the saddle for the





Night Wish by Naldo/Catano and Ashlee Bond were the first starters in the jumping class with winning round in Wellington and took the victory in the 1.55 metre class. Foto: Wellington International/Sportfoto

first time on the 14-year-old, who has collected victories and placings up to 1.55 metres with Patrick Bölle in recent years. Caramba de Janeiro celebrated a victory with the young US-Amazonian on her debut at the CSI4* Wellington (Equestrian Center)/USA.

MERLLYN'S CHACCO B

At the CSI4* Vejer de la Frontera/ESP, Merllyn's Chacco B by Chacco-Blue/Contendro/Espri (dam line of Weissa, breeder: Bernhard Wendelen, Brundorf) and Iwan Carpenter led the field in a test on faults and time. The next two victories followed on the following weekends of the Andalucía Sunshine Tour.

CHACCO'S GIRLSTAR

The Chacco-Blue/Sandro Boy/Quick Star daughter Chacco's Girlstar (dam line of Anela, breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Mühlen) and Emanuele Camilli sensationaly won the Grand Prix (1.60 metres) in Mexico City/MEX and collected 237,600 euros in prize money. The pair had already proved that they were in outstanding form two days earlier by winning the second qualifier (1.60 metres) of the Global Champions League.

CHARLOTTE W

Two of the top three in a competition on faults and time at the CSI2* Arezzo/ITA had the Hanno-

veraner foal brand. At the top of the podium was Charlotte W by Cornet's Prinz/Accord II/Calypso II (dam line of Streife, breeder: Eitel Wehrs, Steinwedel). The bay was ridden by Federico Ciriési.

HANN.PR.A. CHICOLINA

Hann.Pr.A. Chicolina by Canstakko/Chasseur/Argentan (dam line of Klaseta, breeder: Frank Johannsen, Buxtehude) and Kim Vukadin jumped to victory in a class on faults and time at CSI3* Bedizzole/ITA.

CLITSCHKO

In week five of the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington (Equestrian Center)/USA, Clitschko by Christian/Check In/Quo Vadis (dam line of Majorin, breeder: Bernd Hickert, Marsberg) added his name to the list of CSI4* winners. He won a 1.40 metre class with Vanessa Hood.

CUBI CUBELLS

Things got off to a good start for Cubi Cubells and Richard Vogel. At their first competition start together in 's-Hertogenbosch/NED, the Comme il faut NRW/Julio Mariner xx/Wanderer daughter (dam line of Alferate, breeder: Uta Rosemann, Münster) won the opening jumping competition of the five-star CSI with her new rider. So far, the ten-year-old has been successfully ridden through the course by Greta Reinacher.

COMMISSAR PEZI

A Hannoveraner won the very first jumping competition at the CSI5* Paris/FRA: The Commissario/Lord Pezi/Fly High son Commissar Pezi (dam line of Ambella, breeder: Johannes zur Lage, Bersenbrück) and Martin Fuchs won the two-phase special jumping competition.

COOLMAN GT

When it came down to it, he was the best: Coolman GT by Chacco Chacco/Conteur/Warkant (dam line of Schironde, breeder: Gestüt Tannenhof, Watzelhain) won the final of the Youngster Tour with Elisabeth Meyer in San Giovanni in Marignano/ITA at the beginning of February.

CORNETTO

Two Hannoveraner took a victory at the CSI2* Bedizzole/ITA. Alongside Quirinius, the Cormint/Argentinus/Grand Amour son Cornetto (dam line of Samoza, breeder: Meinhard Altmann, Wettrup) with Francesco Turturiello was at the top of the winners' podium in a speed class.

CORNETS IBERIO

At the show-jumping World Cup in Bordeaux/FRA, Cornets Iberio by Cornet Obolensky/Iberio/Acordado (breeder: Heinrich Ramsbrock, Bottorf) and Denis Lynch were pleased with their victory in a competition on faults and time.

COUNT ME IN

Count Me In by Count Grannus/Sherlock Holmes/Mahon (dam line of Maritim, breeder: Friedrich Lüßmann, Neustadt) and Conor Swail/IRL left nothing to be desired in the CSI4* Thermal/USA and crossed the finish line in the best time in the "Speed Stakes".

CROSSOVER

In week ten of the HITS Ocala Winter Circuit in Ocala/USA, the results lists of a two-phase show jumping competition at CSI4* report the victory of the Cascadelo/Chacco-Blue/C-Indoctro son Crossover (breeder: Harm Wiebusch, Wedel) and the US Amazonian Chloe Reid.

DIACCO BLUE

Giovanni Bonagura rode his Diacco Blue by Diamant de Semilly/Chacco-Blue/Granulit (dam line



The spectators didn't want to let them out of the arena: EIC Schabernack by Cornet Obolensky/Quidam de Revel and Josch Löhden won the Grand Prix of Neumünster. Photo: Lafrentz

of Gaeta, breeder: ZG Dannenbring, Hoya) to victory in a competition for six-year-olds in Arezzo/ITA.

EIC SCHABERNACK

The Holstenhalle in Neumünster/GER was on fire when EIC Schabernack by Cornet Obolensky/Quidam de Revel/Grannus (breeder: Frank Plock, Borken-Trockenerfurth) and Josch Löhden sensationally won the Grand Prix (1.55 metres) by more than five seconds. The collaboration with Max Kühner, who competes for Austria, brought the powerful grey to Heeslingen only last October. Shortly thereafter, the two won the qualifier for the Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters in Verden.

DIASHOW

At the CSI3* Sharjah/UAE, Diashow by Diacontinus/For Edition/Calypso II (dam line of Jagodina, breeder: Heinrich von Allwörden, Drochtersen) and David Will led the field in a 1.45 metre competition. Just three weeks later, they pulled off a major coup in Lier/BEL, where the two took victory in the Grand Prix.

HANN.PR.A. DIAMOND (VA)

In the California sun, Hann.Pr.A. Diamond by Diacontinus/Grand Cru/Argentan (dam line of Lorsteide, breeder: ZG Augustin und Froese, Benz) sparkled with victory in the CSI2* Thermal/USA

Grand Prix qualifier. Ali Ramsay was in the saddle of the former Verden auction foal.

DILLINGER NE (BHHS)

The winners of a Big Tour show jumping competition at the CSI2* Gassin-St. Tropez/FRA were Dillinger NE by Diarado/Carismo/Grafenstein (dam line of Jabita, breeder: Roslyn Palmer, Littleton-Upon-Severn/GBR) and Mark Edwards.

HERO FLICKA

Brianne Beerbaum collected top placings at the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington/USA. With the Perigueux/Embassy/Singular Joter daughter Hero Flicka (dam line of Amsara, breeder: Heiko Rieckmann, Wittorf), the 14-year-old even celebrated a victory at the two-star CSI at the beginning of February.

FOR FRIENDSHIP VDL (VA)

The victory in a two-phase jumping class at the CSI3* Oliva/ESP went to the For Pleasure/Stakkato Gold/Zeus son For Friendship VDL (dam line of Fliegerin, breeder: Günter Soltau, Hamburg) and Marlon Modolo Zanotelli.

NIGHT WISH (RHLD.)

When it mattered, they were the best. At the CSI4* Wellington (Equestrian Center)/USA, Night

Wish by Naldo/Catano/Lavall II (breeder: Familie Greve, Cuxhaven) and Ashlee Bond won the show jumping with winning round (1.55 metres). And that after they had just "slipped" into the winning round with the fastest four-fault round in the first round and had to be the first starters in the jump-off.

QUAIT FOX

Quait Fox by Quarismo/Stakkato/Werther (dam line of Nachbarin I, breeder: Dr. Sabine Plaß, Burgdorf) jumped to victory with Michael Viehweg at the CSI2* Arezzo/ITA in the first week of the Toscana Tour in the Grand Prix qualifier.

QUIRINIUS (VA)

At the CSI2* Bedizzole/ITA, Quirinius by Quality Time/Balou du Rouet/Crazy Cocktail (dam line of Schwalbe II, breeder: Marcell Müller, Hustedt) entered his name in the winners' list. He won the jumping class with winning round with Emanuele Gaudiano. They then went on to the CSI4* in Arezzo/ITA, where he won a two-phase jumping class.

SOLIDAT

Solidat's schedule is very tight. Just 14 days after the Semper Fi/Chacco-Blue/Grannus son (breeder: Wilhelm Ovelhey, Isernhagen) achieved top results with Rodrigo Giesteira Almeida in Hong Kong/HKG, he triumphed at the CSI3* Valencia/ESP, winning the Grand Prix (1.50 metres) in a thrilling jump-off.

SPECIAL FIGHTING

In the second qualifier for seven-year-olds in week two of the Spring Mediterranean Tour II in Oliva/ESP, Special Fighting by I'm Special de Muze/Fighting Alpha/Grannus (dam line of Anklage, breeder: Carsten Müller-Rulfs, Ritterhude) and Martin Dinesen Neergaard took the gold ribbon.

TAKE ON ME

The Taloubet Z/Sir Shutterfly/Graf Top daughter Take on me (dam line of Jugendzelt, breeder: Peter Bertling, Meckenheim) has won four consecutive victories in Vejer de la Frontera/ESP. With Lina Renström, the bay won all five-year-old jumping competitions on two consecutive weekends.

TOYS (VA)

The Toulon/Quidam de Revel/Argentinus son Toys (breeder: Heinrich Wecke, Stadthagen) celebrated

two victories in the past few weeks. After winning the competition with Jörne Sprehe at the CSI05* Abu Dhabi/UAE with a winning round (1.50 metres), three weeks later he led the starting field in a two-phase competition (1.50 metres) at the CSI3* Gorla Minore/ITA.

Tuscon (BHHS)

The Toulon/Valentino/Colway Bold xx son Tuscon (Nordspitze line, breeder: Edel Fitzpatrick, Essex/GBR) was among the winners of the Youngster Tour in Oliva/ESP. He won the two-phase special show jumping competition with Taisie de Gruchy.

JOKER BLUE

At the CSI2* Lier/BEL, Joker Blue by Zirocco Blue/Quidam de Revel/Loredo (dam line of Nopata, breeder: Udo Grochowski, Radenbeck) and Alain Jufer led the 50-strong starting field in a jumping competition on faults and time.

DRESSAGE



DANCING DARKNESS

Two offspring of Dancier were highly successful at the World Cup event in Wellington (Stadium), USA. Dancing Darkness by Dancier/Sandro Hit/Donnerhall (dam line of Schalotte, breeder: Jürgen Devermann, Badbergen) and Evelyn Eger danced their way to victory in the Grand Prix Special at their first international start.

DESTACADO FRH (VA)

Destacado FRH by Desperados/Londonderry/Falkland (dam line of Sadea, breeder: Heinrich Giebelmann, Barver) and Matthias Alexander Rath achieved a double victory in the Grand Prix and freestyle in Ornago/ITA.

DUENENSEE (VA)

Two starts – two victories: On the last weekend of February, Duenensee by Dancier/Davignon/Eisenherz (dam line of Nokadere, breeder: Monika Fartmann, Westoverledingen) and Kevin Kohmann won the Grand Prix and the World Cup Freestyle in Wellington (Stadium), USA. This meant that the dressage rider secured his ticket to the World Cup final for the second time with a personal best performance.

HANN.PR.A. FEINGEFÜHL FRH

Freshly awarded the name affix of the Supporter's Club for Hannoveraner Sport Horses, Hann.Pr.A.

Feingefühl FRH by Fürstenball/Farewell II/Mettnerich (breeder: Gaby Heye-Hammerlage, Belm) celebrated victory in the individual test with Alix von Borries at the CDIY Lier/BEL.

PERFORMANCE MARE DRESSAGE MOUNT ST JOHN FREESTYLE (VA)

Mount St John Freestyle has broken the 90 percent barrier in freestyle: The Fidermark/Donnerhall/Atatürk daughter (dam line of Liebeslust, breeder: Stephan Kurz, Zöbingen) and Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour won the World Cup freestyle in Gothenburg/SWE by a landslide with an incredible 91.14 percentage points. They outdistanced their competitors by almost ten points. The two had already won the Grand Prix by a long way.

QUICKLY DES PALUDS

Among the best junior pairs in Ornago/ITA were Quickly des Paluds by Quaterback/Don Frederico/Ferro (dam line of Jucking, breeder: Pablo Bouillot, Maussane des Alpilles/FRA) and Paola Callet. They achieved the highest score in the FEI team test.

SCALA

At the end of February in Wellington (Stadium), USA, the American Kevin Kohmann was wearing the proverbial golden boots. With Duenensee he won the Grand Prix and the World Cup freestyle,

with Scala by St. Schufro/Belissimo M/Donnerhall (dam line of Sudette, breeder: Georg Kok, Bunderhee) the 36-year-old took victory in the Inter I.

GLOCK'S TOTO JR. (VA)

While this year's Grande Prize winner Destacado FRH was unbeatable in Lombardy in mid-March, last year's Grande Prize winner, Glock's Toto Jr. by Totilas/Desperados/Rotspon (dam line of Badda, breeder: ZG Schmidt, Naumburg), shone around 1,000 kilometres to the north. In 's-Hertogenbosch/NED, the privately owned stallion won the Grand Prix and the freestyle with Hans Peter Minderhoud.

ST.PR.ST. UNITEDS MÄRCHEN

The winners of the Grand Prix Special at the CDI3* Le Mans/FRA were St.Pr.St. Uniteds Märchen by United/Heraldik xx/Weltmeyer (dam line of Allwissend, breeder: Arend Kamphorst, Prieros) and Kathleen Kröncke.

ZONIC PLUS (RHLD.)

The Zonik/Hohenstein/Donnerhall son Zonic Plus (dam line of Annemarie, breeder: Dressage Plus, Amadora/POR) celebrated a double victory at the CDI4* Lier/BEL. The black beauty won Grand Prix and Freestyle with Justin Verboomen. 



In Wellington, Duenensee by Dancier/Davignon and Kevin Kohmann won the Grand Prix and the World Cup Freestyle and thus qualified for the World Cup Final (photo), as they did last year. Photo: Lafrentz

THE NAME SAYS IT ALL

The name says it all: horse riding is the main focus at the Reitsportzentrum Bremervörde (equestrian centre Bremervörde). Tanja and Matthias Schäffers gave their show jumping horse breeding this name four years ago and have continuously developed it ever since. The successes are already considerable: a premium stallion and two young talents that have found their way into top international stables are the centre's flagship.

By Britta Züngel

Anja and Matthias Schäffer will not forget this highly emotional moment anytime soon. It was just under four years ago: in December 2021, their Diacontinus/Stolzenberg son was celebrated as a premium stallion in Verden and was among the most expensive at the stallion sales. "It was an incredible feeling, it was just amazing," Anja Schäffer says with sparkling eyes. A small tear rolls down Matthias Schäffer's cheek, quickly wiped away. The bay was a small, quick horse that jumped sensationaly.

But Matthias Schäffer is not easily fooled – and he knows what he is talking about. The breeder is a successful show jumper up to advanced level and also focuses on sport mares for breeding. There is hardly a mare that has not proven her talent in the show jumping course. The 43-year-old has been head of the Reitsportzentrum Bremervörde for around 15 years. The name was chosen deliberately and says it all: the focus here is on competition, especially showjumping. He is assisted by his wife Tanja (40). They didn't have any big plans or goals when they took over the farm. "We wanted to pursue our passion for horses. We were somehow

caught up in it and we both enjoyed it," says Tanja Schäffer, recalling the early days. Originally, she came for an internship, but the trained retail saleswoman has remained to this day. In 2007, their son Till was born, followed seven years later by his brother Luis. Tanja Schäffer has also infected her parents with her boundless passion. Although they had never had anything to do with horses before, they supported their daughter and son-in-law's plans from the very beginning – both practically in the house and yard and with the seemingly never-ending office work. While her husband and son are riding, Tanja Schäffer takes care of the next generation of riders. She has also taken on another tradition: children on holidays spend another two weeks at the facility during the summer.

The business includes around 50 hectares of pasture land. There are several indoor riding arenas, as well as a dressage and a show jumping outdoor arena. The business's own competition horses and the horses of the numerous livery customers are accommodated in 65 boxes. From time to time, riding horses are added. However, most of the talented horses come from the business's own breeding. There is a separate, slightly out-of-the-way

hall for young horses, where they are kept in groups. The same applies to the broodmares, which only come back to the farm to foal. While his parents and brother focus on the horses, 11-year-old Luis is passionate about driving the tractor. "He's our little farmer," says Tanja Schäffer, laughing.

Matthias Schäffer admits that his career in the saddle got off to a somewhat bumpy start: "I didn't start riding until I was 14. I didn't feel like riding my mother's ponies, so I started out with the big horses." His mother was already giving riding lessons in Bremervörde at the time, with children on holidays populating the yard. In the late 1990s, Matthias Schäffer won his first ribbons in novice (A) level show jumping with the Westphalian Grandeur. He had already achieved success at S level and was an excellent teacher for the young boy with the great talent. During this time, he also had the Maat/Wedekind daughter Marnie

*They are behind the Bremervörde Equestrian Centre: Luis, Till, Anja and Matthias Schäffer (from left to right).
Photo: Züngel*



and the Grandferdinand/Tarim xx son Galileo (breeder: Hermann Willenbrock, Breddorf) in his stable, which he trained up to M level. Matthias Schäffer got the tools he needed from Susanne Pecksen in Elmlohe, where he completed his training as a 'Bereiter'. His first successful horse was Erasmus-S. Matthias Schäffer rode his first advanced level show jumping competition with the Espri/Vollkorn xx son (breeder: Hinrich Wahls-Seedorf, Sandstedt) and came in tenth right away – exactly 25 years ago. As regional young rider champions, the two of them took part in the 2002 German Championships in Kreuth. Their career together came to a tragic end when the chestnut had to be put down shortly after a car accident.

Horse of the heart Ronja

The following year, Matthias Schmidt took the Sandro/Wanderer-daughter Sanja (breeder: Michael Weihe, Bremervörde) to the German Championships again, this time in Aachen. The dark bay from the dam line of Schligrune had been ridden by him as a six-year-old – she already had a foal by Ramiro's Bube. He also rode Ronja from A- to S-level before taking her into breeding in 2014 at the age of 16. She became one of the foundation mares in Bremervörde as a "performance mare show jumping" and one of his favorite horses. "She whinnied as soon as she heard Matthias' voice," says Anja Schäffer. The privately owned stallion Cador was the stallion of choice at the time. Her daughter Cadorja, who had great scope, brought Schäffer her first major breeding success, the Stolzenberg son Sammy Boy van't Langeriethof, who was licensed in Belgium. He was sold to Belgium at the auction of unlicensed stallions in 2020. Champion rider Olivier Philippaerts now sits in his saddle and is successful in the international youngster tours. The chestnut stallion also enriches Belgian show jumper breeding via the Roshoeve station in Geel/BEL.

The following year, the next licensing candidate was the Diacontinus/Stolzenberg son, who was not only licensed but also awarded the title of premium stallion. Markus Klindworth prepared him for the licensing, a regular customer from the USA bought him and four other representatives of the 2019 crop at auction. The brown gelding has since been named Flight-Risk. He came to be trained at the stable of Andy Witzemann, who had also discovered Hansi Dreher's unforgettable Perigueux/Escudo son Prinz (breeder: Volker Ebeling, Ingeln), in the Niedersachsenhalle at the time. Flight-Risk's journey continued to Belgium at the end of last year. He has already had a taste of international air with Lali Gatellier at Sentower Park in Opglabbeek/BEL.

Flight-Risk's dam Stalutika by Stolzenberg/Canstakko (breeder: Wilfried Viebrock, Minstedt) came to the stable as a two-year-old in 2017. The Schäffers were impressed by the dark bay's pedigree,



The Diacontinus son Flight-Risk out of the Stolzenberg/Canstakko daughter Stalutika was awarded a premium at the 2021 stallion licensing. Photo: LL-Photo

which traces back to the dam line of Sporthaus, which earned an Olympic bronze medal in eventing through Mark Todd's NZB Campino by Contendro/Pinkus (breeder: Hans-Jürgen Abel, Bremervörde). She was a little difficult to ride in, but outstanding over the jump. So Stalutika was bred to a stallion first. The result was premium stallion Flight-Risk and so the mare remained in breeding. Her next foal, Krümel S by Khedira, also made his way to Verden last year – this time for the licensing of the Pony Association in Hannover. Howe-

ver, he was denied a positive licensing decision. A promising future also lies ahead of the third stallion in a row at the Hannoveraner licensing. In 2022, a son of Stolzenberg/Uccello was not licensed, but René Tebbel secured the raw diamond at the auction. He showed good judgment: at the end of January this year, Sir Löwenherz celebrated his first victory in a show jumping competition for young horses with Paula Audi.



Victories and placings up to 1.45 metres were achieved by Airplay by Adlantus As/Falkner (breeder: Matthias Meyer, Gnarrenburg) and Matthias Schäffer. Photo: Lafrentz

What began 15 years ago is now beginning to bear fruit. More and more broodmares have been brought to the farm little by little. It all started in 2008 with Zebra, a daughter of Zacharias/Wanderer (breeder: Dr. Rainer Dubbels, Fredenbeck). "Of course, breeding is more and more fun! Now the horses we bred are successful. It's been a long journey," says Tanja Schäffer. She is particularly proud of her son Till, who produced two five-year-olds, Qualita S by Qualito/Ludwig von Bayern and Quilee S by Qualito/Uccello, who is a half-sister of Sir Löwenherz, and brought them into competition last year. At the end of the season, the 17-year-old was placed with both in medium (M) level show jumping tests for young horses. "It's great to see your own son ride the horses you bred," says Tanja Schäffer. "And to see that our horses are suitable horses for young riders."

With the successes of her husband and son, Tanja Schäffer's own equestrian ambitions have taken a back seat. "I only ride for leisure now," says Tanja Schäffer modestly. "But with successes in medium (M) show jumping," her husband adds. Incidentally, she achieved these with the Uccello/Contendro daughter Undine (breeder: Stephan Baumgart, Drochtersen), the dam of Sir Löwenherz. Even the riding school leaves little time. Over 80 children



Sammy Boy van't Langeriethof by Stolzenberg/Cador enjoyed his first successes with Belgian rider Dries Goosens (photo left). At the beginning of the year, Olivier Philippaerts took over the reins. Sir Löwenherz by Stolzenberg/Uccello found his way into René Tebbel's stable via the auction for unlicensed stallions. Photos: Beelitz, Caremans

come every week to learn how to enjoy working with horses. During the winter months, the children ride in a group together, while during the summer months, they ride individually in the outdoor arena. It is important to Tanja Schäffer that the children acquire expertise in handling horses, and she regularly offers courses for horse handling license and riding badges of the German Equestrian Federation. One or two keen riders and helpers are then allowed to go to horse shows themselves. Occasionally, one of the broodmares has to go along to a lesson. The children are delighted when they are allowed to ride a horse that has won advanced (S) level show jumping with Ursula, a Ustianov/For Pleasure daughter (breeder: Johann Bents, Axstedt). "We have a good mix here. There are many leisure riders, but also ambitious children and young people," says Tanja Schäffer, who holds coaching licenses C and B. Then there is the successful show jumper Jamie Reiβ, who has leased ten boxes.

Character and dam line are important to Anja and Matthias Schäffer when selecting a broodmare. It helps if she has competition success or if her offspring have already competed successfully in show jumping. The competition starts give the family a close insight into the sport, and the internet is an inexhaustible source of information. The stallions are selected together. "We look at the competition successes and actually we almost always agree," says Anja Schäffer. "But we also pay a little attention to the level of stud fee and try to work with young stallions as well. Otherwise it's not possible," adds Matthias Schäffer. That's how

it has to be, last year 14 mares were bred. "Show-jumpers have become more athletic in recent years, rideability has improved greatly," says the breeder. And judging is also becoming more and more oriented towards competition. The competition from Belgium and the Netherlands is fierce. One advantage of the horses abroad is that the young horse classes are also judged on faults and time and not on scores. "After all, that's what the horses are supposed to do later," Schäffers are sure. Trips to Verden for auctions or other events are the exception, the equestrian centre and horse shows take up a lot of time.

Focusing on performance

"We want to focus more and more on performance," says Tanja Schäffer, describing their future plans. The aim is to use stallions with international pedigrees that have already proven their ability in competition. The next goal: to have a stallion for the stallion sales again. Seven colts were either born or purchased in 2023. And Till Schäffer also acquired a promising foal two years ago. "But I always forget the pedigree," he says with a laugh. In addition, performance mare Ursula is registered in his name with her Cador foal. After all, it was he who celebrated the last two victories with the dark bay at the end of her competition career. Within just one year, Matthias Schäffer had trained her to S level, she won her first advanced level show jumping competition at the age of seven and was intended to be the school master for Till. It was not clear from the outset that Till Schäffer would follow in his parents'

footsteps. "I used to play football, but then my mother more or less 'forced' me to ride," says the 17-year-old. He became more and more interested in equestrian sports from year to year. "Now I really want to ride!" The fact that his cousin and his best friend liked to ride and spent many hours together on horseback also helped. The first successes in elementary (E) and advanced (A) show jumping for the then twelve-year-old with the El Bundy/Pinkus daughter El Bonita (breeder: Ulrich-Friedrich Wilkens, Frankenbostel) did the rest. The boy became more courageous, ambitious and soon it was clear: after graduating from school in July, he would start his training as a rider at Hergen Forkert's stables. "Then I would love to take over the running of our yard," says Till Schäffer, much to the delight of his parents. As recently as November last year, father and son competed together at the Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters in Verden, finishing with exactly the same score in the five-year-old qualification. Matthias Schäffer then had a time penalty point in the final with Qualita S, which still rankles with him today, while his son Till had to accept two pole downs with Quilee S.

The Schäffers have a clear goal: to breed an internationally successful show jumper. "If one of our horses were to compete in a Grand Prix and the announcer said, 'The breeder is the Reitsportzentrum Bremervörde' – that would be an amazing feeling! That's what motivates us," says Tanja Schäffer. And of course, having a great horse for Till would be a dream come true. ☘



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DESTACADO FRH – THE MODEL STUDENT

The likeable chestnut stallion, bred and reared by Heinrich Gießelmann from Barver, has not done too much wrong in his life. The Grande Prize is an award that underlines the fact that he deserves greater recognition from breeders.

By Ulrich Hahne



The Grande Prize winner in 2025: Destacado FRH Photo: Lafrentz

His career began when Jan-Dirk Gießelmann presented him in the triangle at the Verden licensing. The licensing commission, spectators and buyers were thrilled by the young stallion's movement potential and flawless conformation and limbs. He changed ownership for 100,000 euros and found his breeding home at Gestüt Schafhof in Kronberg. "Destacado FRH was a typey and powerfully moving foal from the very beginning, and he was always striking, even in the rearing phase, so we always saw a potential stallion in him," recalls Jan-Dirk Gießelmann. "Even in the preparation phase for the licensing, he inspired us with his attitude. However, many things were also easy for him because of his talent. He was incredibly balanced very early on and always moved powerfully in all three basic gaits." Not even a year later, Destacado FRH was back in the spotlight in Verden. Under the saddle of Pascal Kandziora, he became Vice Champion of three-year-old stallions in the Hannoveraner Riding Horse Cham-

pionships. Four weeks later in Warendorf, the two remained unbeaten and secured the title. Dr. Ludwig Christmann described his performance on the Burandtwiese: "His self-carriage was outstanding, the way he developed his movements from an active hindquarters over a swinging back, always uphill." The test riders were equally enthusiastic and gave him a 10 in each case. Pascal Kandziora says in retrospect: "Destacado FRH was not just a stallion for me, but a horse with an intelligence and quality that I had never seen before. He's not arrogant, he just knows exactly how good he is."

In the summer of 2017, when Destacado FRH was four years of age, Matthias Alexander Rath took over the reins and has not let go since. That same year, the pair won a dressage horse test. The transition from one rider to the next was successful. At the age of five, Matthias Alexander Rath and Destacado FRH represented the Hannoveraner colors at the World Championships for Young Dressage

Desperados	De Niro	Donnerhall
	Alicante	
	St.Pr.St. Wie Musik	Wolkenstein II
		St.Pr.St. Maskottchen
St.Pr.St. Libella	Londonderry	Lauries Crusador xx
		Windsor Queen
	St.Pr.St. Felizitas	Falkland
		Isola Musica

Horses in Ermelo, easily reached the final and took the silver medal. The judge Maria Colliander described the final round as "poetry in motion". A year later, the path led to the same place again in the final, where they finished in an inglorious, but nonetheless excellent, fourth place. Five years of age, Destacado FRH also completed his stallion performance test, consisting of a predisposition test and two sport tests. Needless to say, he achieved top scores, particularly for rideability and for his excellent walk, which was positively assessed in every phase of training. Consequentially, he was awarded the Weltmeyer Prize in 2019. Seven years of age, the son of Olympic champion Desperados FRH was one of the youngest horses to reach the final of the Nürnberger Burgpokal, which he won at home at the Schafhof in Kronberg."

Destacado FRH is truly a model student who takes the next step every year. It's so much fun riding



Highlights of his career: Destacado FRH at the licensing with Jan-Dirk Giebelmann and at the Bundeschampionat with Pascal Kandziora. Photos: Beelitz

this horse and I'm very grateful to be able to ride him," said Matthias Alexander Rath, pleased. Just one year later, the well-coordinated team celebrated their first international Grand Prix placings. Destacado FRH was only eight years old at the time. Since then, he has been placed in international competitions year after year. Since last year, the pair belongs to the German Olympic squad.

Any lengthy injury-related breaks? None. Destacado FRH's successes indicate a stable construction, good health and an unwavering willingness to perform. In terms of sport, he reached the highest level at a young age. These are characteristics that make him particularly valuable as a sire. His bloodline is classically Hannoveraner. His sire, Desperados FRH, was an Olympic champion, a Grande

Prize winner and Hannoveraner Stallion of the Year. The dam's sire Londonderry, also named Hannoveraner Stallion of the Year, adds noble blood through his sire Lauries Crusador xx, which is combined with the Anglo-Arabian Matcho AA in the best possible way in Destacado FRH. The sire of the third dam, Falkland, stands for strength and willingness to perform. Together with Desperados, he offers a bloodline to Hannover's former performance sire Plik König. The pedigree, conformation, health and performance of this Hannoveraner chestnut stallion speak for themselves. Nevertheless, he has not been the focus of much breeding attention so far. Almost half of his just over 100 registered foals to date are Hannoveraner. These include, among others, Hann.Pr.A. Destacada (dam's sire: Fidertanz, breeder: Michael Weygand,

Meerbusch), who won a 1b prize at the Herwart von der Decken Show. In competition, his offspring are successful in young horse classes, as you would expect for their age, giving their sire German Equestrian Federation breeding values of 153 (85 percent) for young horse classes. Destacado FRH is (W)FFS positive. However, this should not deter sport-oriented and enlightened breeders from using him, because this genetic variation is completely harmless when using (W)FFS-negative mares.

The Grande prize is awarded in the hope that the prizewinner will have a lasting positive influence on Hannoveraner breeding. In the case of Destacado FRH, there is also the hope that he will get the necessary number of mares required for this. ☯

GOODBYE SUPER NOVA UND ANDRETTI H



Super Nova II and Spencer Wilton

Two Hannoveraner, who belonged to the world's best with their British riders, are no longer alive. At the age of 22, Super Nova II by De Niro/Wenzel (breeder: Eva Maria Kirby, Cardiff/GBR) had to be put to sleep. Spencer Wilton won team silver at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro/BRA and team bronze at the 2018 World Equestrian Games in Tryon/USA with the bay gelding, who is registered with the British Hanoverian Horse Society. Super Nova II retired from competition in 2021. Shortly after his 30th birthday, Laura Tomlinson had to say goodbye to her Aarking xx/Cavalier son Andretti H (breeder: G. Hinrichs-Heinemann, Lengenbostel). He competed with Anna Paprocka Campanella at the World Equestrian Games in Aachen/GER and the European Championships in La Mandria/ITA. In 2008, he came to Great Britain and was ridden by Laura Tomlinson at the time. The pair celebrated successes up to World Cup level. Andretti's last rider was Lara Buttler. Since 2015, he has enjoyed retirement in a field. ☯



Andretti H and Laura Tomlinson Photos: Lafrentz

STRESS TEST IN THE STALLION STABLE

The training of horses is increasingly being viewed critically. A current research project is analyzing the stress response of two-year-old warmblood stallions in group or individual boxes in preparation for the licensing.

By Christine Aurich, Graf Lehndorff Institute for Equine Science, Neustadt (Dosse) and Vienna

There is controversy about the age at which the training of young horses can and should begin, which ultimately leads to a career in riding or racing. The focus here is primarily on the start of training for canter and trotting racehorses, which usually begin training at around 18 months and are already running their first races at the age of two. In Germany, the guidelines for animal welfare in equestrian sports issued by the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture have prohibited the start of training for horses before the age of 30 months since 2020, but there are currently exceptions for thoroughbred racehorses and trotters. In contrast, the training of warmblood sport horses usually does not begin until they are around three years old. However, this does not apply to warmblood

stallions, the majority of which are already being prepared for their licensing as two-year-olds so that their use for breeding is not delayed too long. However, the guidelines no longer allow training to begin at an age of less than 30 months in order to avoid possible physical and psychological overload for these young stallions. This has led many warmblood breeding societies to move the date of their main licensing from fall to winter or early spring.

Contrary to popular belief, physiological, clinical and epidemiological studies in racehorses show that stimulating the musculoskeletal system of horses at a young age does not harm their physical health and longevity, but actually supports it. Early exercise in horses promotes bone remodeling with positive effects on bone strength and joint cartilage. Racehorses that are trained as two-

year-olds therefore have a lower overall risk of musculoskeletal injuries. However, until now there has been little scientific research into the mental development of young horses. Horses' behavior patterns are influenced by positive interaction with humans, and horses that have had human interaction at a young age learn better when they are broken in than those that have not had contact with humans. Horses that are kept in groups are also easier to handle than horses kept alone.

Young horses usually grow up in groups and are housed in individual boxes when their training begins. This form of stabling must allow visual and olfactory contact between neighboring boxes, i.e. the animals should not be completely isolated. Nevertheless, a change from group to box husbandry leads to a temporary stress reaction. The guidelines for animal welfare in equestrian sports therefore also prohibit the individual stabling of horses under the age of 30 months. However, this requirement leads to major concerns, especially for the keeping of stallions after puberty. For centuries, it has been preferred to keep stallions individually, in particular to avoid injuries caused by ranking fights.

The Horsewatch project

In order to be able to answer the above questions better than before, the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) has commissioned a five-year research project (Project Horsewatch), the main parts of which are being carried out at the Graf Lehndorff Institute and at the Brandenburg State Stud in Neustadt (Dosse). In the investigations so far, the reaction of young warmblood stallions to a controlled pre-training in preparation for licensing has been examined.

All stallions in the study had been at the Brandenburg State Stud in Neustadt (Dosse) either since birth or since weaning and were grazing in groups before the study began. They were either enrolled in a 12-week pre-training program in June, i.e. at the age of 24 months, and housed in a group stable ($n = 9$) or in individual boxes ($n = 10$), or they were enrolled in pre-training in October at the age of about 30 months and housed in individual boxes ($n = 10$). All stallions had access to outdoor paddocks for two to three hours per day – either



individually with visual contact to neighboring boxes or as a group. The stress response of the stallions was determined repeatedly over a period of twelve weeks based on the concentration of the stress hormone cortisol in saliva, heart rate and heart rate variability (HRV).

The pre-training included free movement in a riding arena, showing in hand, moving in an automatic horse walker, lunging and free jumping. The diurnal saliva cortisol and heart rate profiles were determined when the horses were moved from pasture to the stable and then once a week. In addition, salivary cortisol concentrations, heart rate and HRV were determined at twelve different time points during the preparation for the selection event. Body weight, skin injuries and the evaluation by the training manager were also recorded once a week. Furthermore, video observations were made in the stables and analyzed for specific behavioral patterns for one day per week.

Research results

The body weight of the horses decreased temporarily after stabling. Superficial injuries were more common in the group of stallions stabled together than in the group stabled individually. However, these skin injuries were mainly superficial abrasions that did not require any interruption to the training. The scores given by the trainer for the stress of the stallions in training did not differ between the age and husbandry groups, but improved over time.

The behavioral analyses showed that stallions in individual boxes lay down more often than stallions in group housing. Playing was observed mainly in the morning in the group stallions. However, the stallions in the group did not move more often than the stallions in individual stalls. Aggressive behavior was significantly more common among stallions in group housing than among stallions in individual stalls, but it was also occasionally observed between stallions in adjacent stalls. Scratching was observed almost exclusively in individual stalls, and mainly in the mornings before feeding.

The concentration of cortisol in the saliva increased immediately after stabling in all horses. This increase was most pronounced in group-housed stallions. A normal diurnal cortisol rhythm was re-established by two to three days, but occasional irregular increases in diurnal salivary cortisol concentrations occurred throughout the pretraining period in group-housed stallions. Heart rate increased for about three hours after stabling, and this increase was also most pronounced in the 24-month-old stallions kept in groups.

During the individual training events, the cortisol concentration increased in the stallions of all groups. This increase was most pronounced after



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free movement in weeks one and two and decreased significantly with the repetition of the individual training steps. When the horses were in the horse walker for the first time, the cortisol concentration was significantly higher in stallions kept in groups than in stallions kept in individual stalls. As expected, the heart rate also increased during the individual training events. This increase decreased with repetition of the training steps.

Horses are usually kept in individual stalls for training, but this is increasingly being seen as problematic for their well-being. The comparative analysis of stress parameters, body development, skin lesions and selected behaviors in young warmblood stallions kept in individual stalls with contact to neighboring stalls or in a group stable during the training program for the licensing process challenges this assumption. The results show that two-year-old stallions that already know each other can be kept in groups during pre-training without any problems. However, the studies did not show any clear advantages of group housing. Each housing system had advantages and disadvantages, with the horses being more relaxed in individual boxes and more attentive and alert in group stables. These conclusions apply to the conditions of the study, i.e. for young stallions, a limited period of twelve weeks, a stable with straw bedding, sufficient contact between neighboring boxes through the dividing grilles between the boxes, and regular exercise in the paddock for all horses.

The pre-training of young stallions for the licensing itself is both physically and mentally demanding for the animals. At the beginning of the pre-training, a stress reaction could be observed, but with regular repetition of the training sessions, all stallions quickly adapted to the requirements, regardless of their housing system. Since the stress hormone cortisol increases energy mobilization and influences the behavior of animals during short-term stress, the initially increased cortisol secretion supports the adaptation of horses to the demands of licensing preparation. The results so far do not indicate that moderate, systematic pre-training of two-year-old warmblood stallions is relevant to animal welfare. 



Saliva samples were taken to measure cortisol concentrations.

In addition to the actual research results, the study also shows that the Graf Lehndorff Institute, as a joint institution of the Brandenburg State Stud and Veterinary University of Vienna, is undoubtedly a unique location for animal welfare-oriented research on horses in Germany. Many thanks to the stud farm management for providing the young stallions, to the team at the main stud farm for their expert support, and to the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture for its financial support for the Horsewatch project.

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YOUNG OR TOO YOUNG?

The right age at which to start working with horses is not only discussed among horse people, but is now also politically prescribed. In warmblood breeding, this particularly affects two-year-old stallions being prepared for the main licensing.

By Dr. Katharina Wiegand



Prof. Dr. Uta König von Borstel from the University of Gießen has addressed the question of the influence of early use on the lifespan and health of horses in a large-scale meta-study, among other things. The aim is to create as complete an overview as possible of the available scientific research results on the subject. Prof. Dr. Uta König von Borstel has held the professorship for Animal Husbandry and Husbandry Biology at the JLU Gießen since 2017. Prior to that, she held professorships and was a postdoc in livestock/equine science and animal breeding at the universities of Guelph (Canada), Kassel and Göttingen, where she coordinated the equine science programs in Guelph and Göttingen, among other things. As a student, she completed an internship at the Hannoveraner Verband, still breeds occasionally with the three family-owned Hannoveraner mares and breaks in the offspring herself.

DER HANNOVERANER: Your research deals with the question of the right time to start training young horses – how are the boundaries drawn here?

Prof. Dr. Uta König von Borstel: "The problem here is, of course, that in the meta-analysis I could only take as a basis what has been used in the literature, and that is closely oriented to what happens in practice anyway, or in the majority of cases it only represents a comparison of the variation and data available in practice. This means, for example, that for dressage and show jumping, horses are compared that had their first start as early as possible, i.e. at 3 years of age, with those that had their first start at 4 years of age or even later. In racing, the comparison is between 2-year-old horses and 3-year-old horses that started for the first time. In my own experimental research, we can only accompany horses in the context of their regular use, i.e. it is about comparing thoroughbreds that are being prepared for their first race as 2-year-olds with those that are only taken into training later. According to the currently valid BMEL guidelines for animal welfare in equestrian sports, young horses are defined as horses up to 30 months of age. Except for racehorses, no "targeted training for the purpose of use" may take

place before this age. However, this is a rather arbitrarily drawn line and the majority of studies to date that specifically compare horses that started earlier rather than later cannot make any precise statements about the start and intensity of training."

DER HANNOVERANER: What are the most important results of your study?

Prof. Dr. Uta König von Borstel: "There are two very important results: Contrary to popular belief, starting intensive use earlier rather than later seems to have beneficial effects on health and lifespan. Horses that had their first competition start at three years of age remain in competition longer than those that had their first start at four years of age – the above-mentioned effects were shown for all examined populations of dressage, show jumping, trotting and gallop racing sport horses from different countries. The only exception is our own study of Icelandic horses. Here, horses that had their first competition start later rather than earlier remained in competition longer. Possibly, the different rider-to-horse weight ratio or the different type of use plays a role. So you should be careful not to lump all horses and types of use together. Furthermore, the results must be interpreted with caution, because the studies mentioned here are so-called observational studies and not systematic series of experiments – i.e. no accurate statement can be made about the cause and effect of the effect of an early competition start. Of course, a pre-selection also takes place, i.e. the horses that are three years old when they first start are on average the healthier and more capable ones from the outset. Nevertheless, the data show that all the supposed negative effects of starting training early are not so negative that they could outweigh these effects of pre-selection. In addition, the few experimental studies that have been conducted so far point to beneficial effects of an early start to training, provided that the husbandry conditions are right, i.e. group housing with plenty of access to pasture. This is because the type of husbandry is much more important than the age at which training begins. The same intensive training can have a health-promoting effect on horses kept in pastures, while it has a harmful effect on horses kept in boxes. Even though there are few concrete comparisons with reliable data and I therefore cannot declare it as a result of the meta-analysis: the type of training is



Much more important than the start of training is the type of horse keeping and training. Photo: Fellner

likely to be much more decisive than the age at which training begins. A gentle training program started early is definitely more accurate for animal welfare and health than a training program started late, in which training success is (should be) quickly achieved through pressure and coercion and in which training is carried out in stressful postures or the horses are suddenly exposed to high intensities or heavy loads (lunging at high speed, riding by heavy riders). Future research should, above all, focus on the general conditions of training and keeping. The question of how the transition from young horse keeping to training stables can be made as gentle as possible is also important. It would also be important to work out solutions that enable horses to be kept in groups and to have access to outdoor exercise areas in training stables, and to find out how reasonable exercise areas that encourage movement (unstructured mud paddocks do not do this) can be realized, for example during the winter months."

DER HANNOVERANER: In warmblood breeding, the topic of a horse's age at the start of work is particularly relevant for young licensing aspirants. How can this current approach be evaluated in the light of scientific findings?

Prof. Dr. Uta König von Borstel: "In view of the results that an earlier start can even have a beneficial effect on health, this raising of the limit should be viewed critically. On the other hand, one must also be realistic and see that warmblood stallions that are being prepared for the licensing are hardly able to benefit from favorable husbandry conditions with lots of grazing, but rather spend a large part of their time in individual boxes. Since group housing of young horses is prescribed and also makes sense from a scientific point of view for a physically and mentally healthy development, the later limit at least allows them to be kept in a group for a slightly longer period of time in some cases."

DER HANNOVERANER: Did the studies also highlight other aspects besides age that have or may have an influence on how horses cope with the stress of (beginning) training?

Prof. Dr. Uta König von Borstel: "See above – the type of keeping (lots of turnout, particularly in pastures!) and the type of training are crucial. If there was more understanding for the learning behavior of the horse in training, many things could be done in a more relaxed way. In equestrian sports, we need to focus more on lightness again, instead of on spectacular gaits with forced straightening, especially of young horses. To do that, we would have to change the ideal that is already firmly anchored in our minds back to a relaxed, supple horse. It would certainly also be helpful if the training for breaking in could be spread out over a much longer period of time." XX

NEW CONCEPT WELL RECEIVED

For the first time, dressage horses were auctioned in Verden that were ready for immediate competition. The collection of the Verden Auctions High Level in March included 20 horses, most of which had already achieved success in the arena. The top price was Vision, which was sold for 123,000 euros.

Von Britta Züngel

"This is a format that customers want and that has been well received," said auctioneer Bernd Hickert. After the two-week trial phase, the five- to twelve-year-old dressage horses came to Verden with their trainers exclusively for the auction final. However, the fact that the trials took place at the training facilities was not the only change compared to the usual Verden riding horse auctions. In addition to the fact that the horses were cared for by their permanent riders during the auction period, different starting bids were accessed right at the beginning, depending on the level of training and quality.

The horses and their permanent riders came to Verden for the High Level Auction final, where interested parties were given the opportunity to try them out for the last time. The auction itself took place on Saturday evening in a small, appropriate circle. The number one lot attracted the greatest interest. Vision, a nine-year-old son of Vitalis/Werther (breeder: Ludger Emke, Cloppenburg, exhibitor: Rhenania Pferde GmbH, Essen) came seventh in the 2022 Bundeschampionat. Last year, the impressive chestnut, standing 1.77 metres tall, achieved his first victory at S level with Ann-Christin Wienkamp. A regular customer from Hamburg accepted the bid of 123,000 euros to make her vision come true and now owns the chestnut. The second-place finisher in the statistics will also be



The high-level auction format was well received by customers.. Photo: Fellner

moving into a box in the Hamburg area. Born in 2018, Fincenzo by For Dance/Destano (breeder: Kurt Bolte, Syke-Okel, exhibitor: Hendrik Bolte-Oestmann, Syke-Okel) cost 115,000 euros. Julia Bolte has successfully presented the sleek black stallion in dressage horse tests up to medium (M) level over the past two years. Fincenzos' pedigree includes the legendary DLG Champion mare St. Pr.St. Goldlady, with whom Julia Bolte's grandfather Heinrich celebrated countless show successes.

The net turnover for the 20 horses at the Verden Auctions High Level exceeded the one million euro mark and amounted to 1,132,000 euros. Six horses will leave Germany.

Based on the experience and customer interest, the show horse auction concept will be continued. This is planned in both Verden and Wickrath (Rhineland), and the format will also be launched for show jumpers. XX

FIRST TIME IN SERVICE

At the beginning of the breeding season, breeders have numerous high-class young stallions available to them for the first time, in addition to stallions that have proven themselves in sport. Modern media provide a wealth of information that cannot be provided in printed form to the same extent. The online stallion directory at www.hannoveraner.com contains a wealth of exciting details about the stallions, including breeding values, test results, and their own and their offspring's performance. Information on the pedigree and dam line is also available with just one click. The stallion directory and digital yearbook stallions provide breeders with a comprehensive basis for their decisions.

BANKSY COEUR ♂ DARK BAY, BORN 16.04.2019



Photo: Equitaris

Bon Coeur	Benetton Dream	Brentano II
	.....	Rotkäppchen
	St.Pr.St. Sonnenschein	Sandro Hit
	.....	Carla
	Londonderry	Lauries Crusador xx
Londons Lizzy	.....	Windsor Queen
	St.Pr.St. Belana	Brentano II
	.....	Calinka

Breeder: ZG Kutzer and Röhrßen, Bremen
 Station: Hengsthaltung Determann, Vechta
 Ph. +1 72/431 09 48
 Sport test dressage part I MS-Handorf 2023: 8.46
 Sport test dressage part II Verden 2024: 8.70
 Qualifiziert for Bundeschampionat of five year old
 dressage horses (Iris Hannöver)
Dam line of Eckernförde II, Clasen, Verden
 LB Argentan by Absatz, PB Lancet by Wenzel 4th
 place Olympic Games Hongkong 2008,
 participant WEG Aachen/GER 2006 (Emma
 Hindle/GBR)

BARBAROSSA ♂ CHESTNUT, BORN 01.04.2020



Photo: Fellner

Bonds	Benicio	Belissimo M
	.....	St.Pr.St. Valencia
	Rioja	Sir Donnerhall
	.....	Rhea Silva
	For Romance	Fürst Romancier
Hann.Pr.St. Farida	.....	Gesina
	St.Pr.St. Drogida	De Niro
	.....	St.Pr.St. Egida

Breeder: Friederike Pelzer, Lüsche
 Station: Landgestüt Celle, Station Adelheidsdorf
 Ph. +51 41/885 61 84
 Sport test dressage part I Verden 2024: 8.44
 Sport test dressage part II MS-Handorf 2025:
 8.21
Premium stallion
Dam line of Alpeneta, Hilck, Asselermoor:
 PB Dreammaster by Dimaggio, Donares (VA) by
 Don Frederico successful up to Grand Prix (Anne
 Sofie Aaen/DEN)

BON AMOUR ♂ DARK BAY, BORN 21.04.2020



Photo: Beelitz

Bon Courage	Bon Coeur	Benetton Dream
	.....	St.Pr.St. Sonnenschein
	Anada	Vivaldi
	.....	Agnetha SG
	Hann.Pr.St. Fleur d' Amour	Fürst Heinrich
	.....	Ronja
	St.Pr.St. Walonya	Weltmeyer
	.....	St.Pr.St. La Rosa

Breeder: Heike and Hermann Bonhorst, Quendorf
 Station: Gestüt Sprehe, Benstrup
 Ph. +54 32/803 880
 Sporttest dressage part I MS-Handorf 2024: 7.72
 Sporttest dressage part II MS-Handorf 2025: 8.14
Dam line of Noprara, Meyer, Riede
 PB Erste Sahne by Escamillo, PB Riccione by
 Regazzoni, LB Wonderful by Weltmeyer,
 LB Bogenschütze by Bolero

BON BOLERO, OLDENBURG, BAY, BORN 20.05.2020



Bon Vivaldi	Benicio	Belissimo M
NRW	.....	St.Pr.St. Valencia
	Livaldi	Vivaldi
	.....	Ravienne
Finele	Fürst Heinrich	Fürst Heinrich
	.....	Fürst Romancier
	Rubinele	Ronja
	.....	Rubin-Royal
		Emanuelle

Breeder: Matthias Alexander Krug, Butzbach
 Station: Hengststation Ahlers, Hatten
 Ph. +1 78/7 12 18 99
 3-day-test Vechta 2023: 9.05
 Sport test dressage part I MS-Handorf 2024: 8.90
 4th Bundeschampionat 2023,
 4th Bundeschampionat 2024 (Eike Bewerungen)
Dam line: Royal Rubin by Rubin-Royal successful up to Inter II (Frank Mohr/GER), Diva Exquisite by Diamon Hit successfull up to Inter I (Tammy Thoss/GER)

CASANOVA DE BEAUFOUR DXB, SELLE FRANÇAIS, BAY, BORN 26.04.2009 

Kashmir van het Schuttershof	Nabab de Reve	Quidam de Revel
	.....	Melodie En Fa
	Fines van Kameren	Tenor Mancialis
	.....	Gotha
Ramona de Beaufour	Diamant De Semilly	Le Tot de Semilly
	.....	Venise Des Cresles
	Biba	Toulon
	.....	Quinta van het Kempeshof

Breeder: Eric Levallois, France
 Station: Hengststation Ferienhof Stücker, Weeze
 Ph. +28 37/23 24
 Successful up to 1.45 metres (Annika Wilbers-Kuhn/GER, Shk. Rashid Bin Ahmed Al Maktoum/UAE)

Dam Ramona de Beaufour: Brooklyn de Beaufour by President up to 1.45 metres (Julio Arias Cueva/ESP), Georges de Beaufour by Cornet Obolensky up to 1.45 metres (Alexis Borrin/FRA)

CHACCODELLO, OS, DARK BAY, BORN 04.01.2009 

Chacco-Blue	Chambertin	Cambridge
	.....	Desiree VII
	Contara	Contender
	.....	Godahra II
Quinta	Quattro B	Qredo de Paulstra
	.....	Une Americane
	Chanel	Cor de la Bryere
	.....	Talenta

Breeder: Alwin Schrand, Lastrup
 Station: Stall Fromberger, Bovenau
 Ph. +43 34/13 33
 30-day-test Adelheidsdorf 2012: 7.63
 Successfull up to 1,45 metres (Jan-Pierre Fromberger/GER)
Dam Quinta: Eleanor by Eldorado v. d. Zeshoek up to 1.40 metres (Marc Striewe/GER), Idefix by C-Indoctro up to 1.40 metres (Marc Striewe/GER), Cappuccina by Christian up to 1.50 metres (Johanna Zander-Keil/GER)

CHACORD GB, OS, CHESTNUT, BORN 26.02.2018 

Chacoon Blue	Chacco-Blue	Chambertin
	.....	Contara
	Cindina	Cartoon
	.....	Widina
Grace H	Acord II	Ahorn Z
	.....	St.Pr.St. Ribecka
	Grandess	Grannus
	.....	Golden Girl

Breeder: Claudia Prior, Diemelstadt
 Station: Paul Schockemöhle, Mühlen
 Ph. +49 92/96 01 00
 3-day-test show jumping Vechta 2022: 8.0
 Finalist Bundeschampionat six-year-old show jumpers 2024 (Alexa Stais)

Dam line: Candino by Contender up to 1,55 metres (Leonie Büttel/GER), Castiglione L by Contender participant WEG Lexington/USA 2010 (Mubarak Yousuf Al Rumaihi/QAT)

COEUR ROUGE, OS, LIVER CHESTNUT, BORN 04.06.2019



Photo: Klatte

Conthargos	Converter	Contender
	.....	Fontirell
	Cajandra Z	Carthago
		Jalanda
		Caretino
Classic Time	Casall	Kira XVII
	.....	Cassini
	W-Classic Lin	Orchidee IV

Breeder: Hans-Jürgen Heitmann, Dinklage
 Station: Zuchthof Klatte, Klein Roscharden
 Ph. +44 72/94 75 10
 3-day-test Vechta 2023: 9.05
 Sport test jumping part I MS-Handorf 2023: 7.99
 Sport test jumping part II MS-Handorf 2024: 8.31

Holsteiner dam line 4025

PB United Touch S by Untouched S up to 1.60 metres (Richard Vogel/GER), Classic Touch by Caletto Olympic Champion Barcelona/ESP 1992 (Ludger Beerbaum/GER)

COMANCHERO, OS, BLACK, BORN 02.06.2018



Photo: Logemann

Comme Prévu	Comme il faut NRW	Cornet Obolensky
	.....	Rating Z
	Quintessa	Quinta Real
		Baronesse
Lady Heida II	Landor S	Landadel
	.....	Fureida 2
	Formosa	Contender
		Fureida

Breeder: Gerd Sosath, Lemwerder
 Station: Hendrik Sosath, Lemwerder
 Ph. +421/67 58 63
 Qualifikation BuCha 2024 (Hendrik Sosath)

Dam: PB Cador by Catoki up to 1.55 metres (Hendrik Sosath); **dam line:** Casper by Concetto up to 1.60 metres (Karina Johannpeter), PB Diamant de Plaisir by Diamant de Semilly up to 1.55 metres (Holger Wulschner), Lady Lordana OLD by Lordanos up to 1.55 metres (H. Sosath)

COQUETTO, HOLSTEIN, DARK BAY, BORN 28.03.2016



Photo: Equitaris

Cornet Obolensky	Clinton	Corrado
	.....	Urte I
	Rabanna van Custersveld	Heartbreaker
		Holivea van Custersveld
Ellen III	Casquette	Casall
	.....	Nienburg III
	Jill III	Landgraf
		Chita

Breeder: Pferdezucht Witt GbR, Wellinghusen
 Station: Dirk Ahlmann, Reher
 Ph. +48 76/90 02 78
 Successful up to 1.45 metres (Hannes Ahlmann)

Holsteiner dam line 2067

PB Canturano by Canturo, PB Landstreicher by Landgraf up to World Cup (Toni Haßmann/GER), HH Conrad by Con Air individual Silver EC Aachen/GER 2015 (Gregory Wathelet/BEL) Coolio by Casalito up to World Cup (Marcus Ehning/GER), Aventador S by Armitage up to World Cup (Marco Kutscher/GER)

EMILIANO, WESTPHALIA, LIVER CHESTNUT, BORN 07.06.2020



Photo: Equitaris

Escamillo	Escolar	Estobar NRW
	.....	Farah Dina L
	Cassila	Rohdiamant
		Chantal
V-Power BB	Vitalis	Vivaldi
	.....	Tolivia
	Lucy	Likoto xx
		Wendy

Breeder: Bernd Börger, Lennestadt
 Station: Hengststation Rüscher-Konermann, Greven, ph. +25 71/22 84
 50-day-test dressage Adelheidsdorf 2023: 8.45

Dam V-Power BB: PB Entertainer Number One by Escamillo

Dam line of Carla, Ohmstedt, Schwanewede

Senussi by Senator LB Dillenburg, PB Amoroso Assai by Akzent

FOR DIOR, KWPN, BROWN, BORN 15.04.2020



Fürst Dior	Fürstenball	Fürst Heinrich

	Silvia	Maradonna

Lola Montez Domino	Johnson	Sir Donnerhall

	Galilas Domino	Sina

		Jazz
	
		Roxane
	
		Totilas
	
		Tiene

Breeder: Domino Horses NL, Kronenberg/NED
 Station: Hengststation Tebbel, Emsbüren
 Ph. +59 03/9 35 93 72
 50-day-test dressage Adelheidsdorf 2023: 7.89

Dam line: Bernardo by Uptown successful up to Grand Prix Special (Sharon Lübkemann/NED, Stephanie Beek-Peters/NED)

GEOFFREY FRH, RHEINLÄNDER, BROWN, BORN 10.04.2019 

George Z	Kannan	Voltaire

	Usha van't Roosakker	Cemeta

Cindora	Cornado	Chin Chin
	.....	Rosanne van de Withoeve
	St.Pr.St. Fiona	Cornet Obolensky

		Acobata
	
		For Joy
	
		Grundfee

Breeder: Heinrich Burmester, Brüninghorstedt
 Station: Stall Fromberger, Bovenau
 Ph. +43 34/13 33
 2nd place Show Jumping Masters 2023, 3rd place Bundeschampionat five-year-old show jumping horses 2024 (Birgit Gärtner-Döller)
Stakkato Prize 2025

Dam line of Freiheit, Kronting, Hedderbruch;
 La Chapelle by Lord Fauntleroy up to 1.45 metres (Frederick Troschke/GER), Celine Burme by Cornado up to 1.45 metres (Mariano Maggi/SWE)

GLAMDALE I WP, WESTPHALIA, BLACK, BORN 24.05.2019



Glamourdale	Lord Leatherdale	Lord Loxley

	Thuja	Fairless P

Martinadale P	Millennium	Negro
	.....	Jasmijn
	St.Pr.St. Lorime P	Easy Game

		Merle
		Lord Loxley
	
		Lana P

Breeder: ZG Pleines, Uedem
 Station: Hengststation Rüscher-Konermann, Greven, Ph. +25 71/22 84
 50-day-test dressage Adelheidsdorf 2022: 8.62
 3rd place Bundeschampionat three-year-old stallions 2022, Vice-World Champion five-year-old dressage horses 2024 (Stefanie Ahlert/GER)
Holsteiner dam line 3558
 PB Maracaná by Millennium, Cassionato by Cassini participant Olympic Games Rio de Janeiro/BRA 2016 (Michael Whitaker/GBR)

LATINUM  BLACK, BORN 25.03.2020

Le Formidable	Bordeaux	United

	Vienna	Venna

Hann.Pr.St. Destano's Wolke JM	Destano	Ferro

	St.Pr.St. Wolke JM	Annabel

		Desperados
	
		Bella Navonna
	
		Wolkentanz
	
		St.Pr.St. Wally

Breeder: Johann Martens, Uplengen
 Station: Gestüt Sprehe, Benstrup
 Ph. +54 32/803 8 80
 Sport test dressage part I M-Riem 2024: 8.01
 Sport test dressage part II MS-Handorf 2025: 7.95 – *Premium stallion*

Dam line of Kronetta, Höfers, Osterende
 Premium stallion PB Dante's Junior by Dante Weltino, Diego Diaz by Dr. Doolittel successful up to Inter I (Nele Lillian Terstegge/GER)

LORD CHARMEUR, KWPN, BROWN, BORN 04.04.2021 + CORRECTION +



Lord Europe	Lord Leatherdale	Lord Loxley

	Basjen P	Boston
	
		Lasjen P
Jowy V.O.D.	Charmeur	Florencio

		Trendy
	
		Fürst Heinrich
	Bowy O	Kilucienne

Breeder: Netherlands
Station: Annette Rüscher-Konermann, Greven
Ph. +25 71/2284
50-day-test dressage Adelheidsdorf 2024: 9.00

Dam line: UB 40 by Olivi PB KWPN, Luchy by Emilion successful up to 1.50 metres (Aleksandra Krainer/SLO), El Greco by Diarado Successful up 1.50 metres (Dennis van den Brink/NED)

MY BLUE HORS SANTIANO, DWB, BAY, BORN 05.05.2017



Sezuan	Zack	Rousseau

	Don Romina	Orona

		Don Schufro
		Boegegårdens
		Laina
Romanik	Romanov	Rohdiamant
	Blue Hors	.....
	.....	Rumirell
	
	Dunja	Don Schufro
	
		Luret

Breeder: Straight Horse, Denmark
Station: Gestüt Blue Hors, Randbol/DEN
Ph. +75 88 39 11
21-day-test Ermelo/NED 2020: 8.75
13th place WC young dressage horses Ermelo/NED 2024 (Nanna Skodborg Merrald/DEN)

Dam Romanik: PB Glock's Zonik N.O.P. by Zack participant WEG Tryon/USA 2018 and Team Silver EC Rotterdam/NED 2019 (Edward Gal/NED), Zackonik up to Inter I (Christopher Hickey/USA)

MINDSET ES, KWPN, BAY, BORN 01.04.2017



Aganix du Seigneur Z	Ogano Sitte	Darco

	Cadix du Seigneur Z	Ialta Sitte

		Chellano Z
		Atlanta Sitte Z
Hosanne ES	Kannan	Voltaire

		Cemeta
	
	Seelotte	Lancer II
	
		Ilotte

Breeder: Netherlands
Station: VDL-Stud Bears/NED
Ph. +582 51 95 73
3rd place WC 5-year-old show jumpers Lanaken/BEL 2022 (Jarno van Erp/NED), successful up to 1.40 metres (Alex David Gill/GBR)

Dam line: PB Plot Blue by Mr. Blue participant Olympic Games London/GBR 2012, Team Gold WEG Kentucky/USA 2010, World Cup Winner Geneva/SUI 2010 (Marcus Ehning/GER), Babylotte by Dollar Du Murrier up to 1.60 metres (Yuri Mansur/BRA)

NAKANDRO ♂ BAY, 05.06.2021



Nairobi de Muze	Elvis ter Putte	Diamant De Semilly

	Geneve de Muze	Ukase ter Putte

		Vigo D'Arsouilles
		Nelke van het Waterschoot
Hann.Pr.St. Schwester	Stakkato	Spartan

		Pia
	
	St.Pr.St. Sancerre	Sandro
	
		Duchesse

Breeder: Hengstaufzuchtgestüt Hunnesrück
Station: Landgestüt Celle, Station Adelheidsdorf
Ph. +51 41/8 85 61 84
50-day-test jumping Neustadt/Dosse 2024: 8.38

Dam line of Nachbarin I, Keithan, Cassebruch: LB Stolzenberg by Stakkato, LB Glenfiddich by Graf Grannus, LB Gralswächter by Gralsritter, PB Gottwalt by Gotthard, Prinz by Perigueux up to World Cup (Hans-Dieter Dreher/GER), Lordan by Lordanos participant WEG Caen/FRA 2014 (Nayel Nassar/EGY)

NEW PLEASURE VDL, BWP, LIVER CHESTNUT, BORN 03.04.2018



For Pleasure	Furioso II	Furioso xx
		Dame de Ranville
	Gigantin	Grannus
		Goldi
	Diamant De Semilly	Le Tot de Semilly
Lady-A ter Putte	De Semilly	Venise Des Cresles
		Darco
	Ukase ter Putte	Quinette ter Putte

Breeder: Familie de Maertelaere, Assende/BEL

Station: VDL-Stud Bears/NED

Ph. +582 51 95 73

21-day-test Ermelo/NED 2021: 87.50

Participant WC six-year-old show jumpers Lanaken/BEL 2024 (Hesssel Hoekstra/NED)

Dam line: PB Favorit ASK by Diamant De Semilly up to 1.45 metres (Karen Möller/DEN), PB Elvis ter Putte by Diamant De Semilly up to 1.60 metres (Karline de Brabander-Vereecke/BEL), Mom's Isaura by Tinka's Boy up to 1.60 metres (Cameron Hanley/IRL)

O'FREDERIC, OLDENBURG, BAY, BORN 20.02.2019



For Romance	Fürst Romancier	Fürst Heinrich
		Ronja
	Gesina	Sir Donnerhall
		Gesine
Riana	Fidertanz	Fidermark
		Reine Freude
	Ricola	De Niro
		Ratina

Breeder: Heike Schulte, Eggermühlen

Station: Van Olst Horses, Den Hout/NED

Tel: +16 24 29 36 0

21-day-test Ermelo/NED 2022: 84.00

Dam line of Hadubar, Reinke, Wohld

Florentiner I and II by Flügeladjutant, Bernstein by Brentano II successful up to GPS (Christian Ritter/GER), Duke of Swing by Don Romantic successful up to GPS (Alexandra Stadelmayer/GER, Camille Judet Cheret/FRA)

PJETHRO, KWPN, LIVER CHESTNUT, BORN 05.07.2020



Kjento	Negro	Ferro
		Fewrie
	Zoriana	Jazz
		Poriana
Jaomie	Desperado	Vivaldi
		Sarita
	Naomie	Houston
		Etoile du Soir

Breeder: A. J. Beerens, Netherlands

Station: Van Olst Horses, Den Hout/NED

Ph. +16 24 29 36 0

21-day-test Ermelo/NED 2023

Dam line: Devereaux by Wagenaar participant Olympic Games Atlanta/USA 1996 (Heike Holstein/IRL) and 5th place WEG Den Haag/NED 1994 (Robert Dover/USA), Valeron by Sandro Hit successful up to GPS (Ludovic Martin/FRA, Bernadette Brune/GER), Dancer by Jazz up to GP

PROUD JAMES, KWPN, GREY, BORN 19.04.2020



Jameson RS2	Zack	Rousseau
		Orona
	Atilinda M	Negro
		Tilinda M
Cyraniek	Johnson	Jazz
		Roxane
	Faniek STV	Variant
		Boniek STV

Breeder: Y. M. M. van Maasacker, Cuijk/NED

Station: Helgstrand Dressage Germany, Syke

Ph. +171 774 76 46

21-day-test Ermelo/NED 2023: 91.00

Dam line: Hermes by Variant participant WEG Jerez de la Frontera/ESP 2002, EC Verden/GER 2001 and Hickstead/GBR 2003 (Andrea John/AUT), W-Horseland Inverness by Everdale up to Inter I (Brecht D'Hoore/BEL), Niniek STV by Jazz successful up to GP (Marcel Sterrenburg/NED)

SIR GRIBALDI ♂ DARK BAY, BORN 16.05.2020



Photo: Fellner

Secret	Sezuan	Zack
	.....	Don Romina
Ashanti	Seline	St. Moritz
	.....	Royal Star
	All Inclusive	Gribaldi
	.....	Aller Beste
	St.Pr.St.	Lauries Crusador xx
	Light my fire	Weltwende

Breeder: ZG Aronis and Janßen, Oederquart
 Station: Gestüt Sprehe, Benstrup
 Ph. +54 32/80 38 80
 Sport test dressage part I MS-Handorf 2024: 8.84
 Sport test dressage part II MS-Handorf 2025: 9.01
Dam line of der Dodica, Nietfeld, Langen
 Hann.Pr.A. London Eye by La Vie Bundeschampionesse four-year-old riding horses 2024 (Hermann Burger), Vom Feinsten RH by Fidermark participant Olympic Games Rio de Janeiro/BRA 2016 and WEG Tryon/USA 2018 (Julie Brougham/NZL)

STRAIGHT HORSE LEONARDO, DWB, BLACK, BORN 14.05.2020



Photo: Ridehesten

Lord Europe	Lord Leatherdale	Lord Loxley
	.....	Fairless
Straight Horse De Milla	Basjen P	Boston
	.....	St.Pr.St. Lasjen P
	De Niro	Donnerhall
	.....	Alicante
	Straight Horse Zackonik	Zack
		Romanik

Breeder: Straight Horse, Denmark
 Station: Helgstrand Dressage, Vodskov/DEN
 Ph. +21 29 13 82
 35-day-test Vilhelmsborg/DEN 2023: 844.50
2nd dam Straight Horse Zackonik successful up to Inter I (Christopher Hickey/USA), PB Glock's Zonik N.O.P. by Zack participant WEG Tryon/USA 2018 and Team Silver EM Rotterdam/NED 2019 (Edward Gal/NED), PB My Blue Hors Santiano by Sezuan finalist WC young dressage horses Ermelo/NED 2024 (Nanna Skodborg Mørkild/DEN)

TIEBREAKER, ZANGERSHEIDE, BAY, BORN 17.04.2020



Photo: Gestüt Sprehe

Taloubet Z	Galoubet A	Alme
	.....	Viti
Kissbreaker	Krista	Polydor
	.....	Paquita
	Heartbreaker	Nimmerdor
	.....	Bacarole
	W de Pomme	Jus de Pomme
		Melvina

Breeder: Benny Helsen, Kwaadmechelen/BEL
 Station: Gestüt Sprehe, Benstrup
 Ph. +54 32/80 38 80
 Sport test jumping part I MS-Handorf 2024: 8.35
 Sport test jumping part II MS-Handorf 2025: 8.41
Dam line: V de Pomme by Jus de Pomme participant WEG Lexington/USA 2010 (Fernando Martinez Zuviria/ARG), O de Pomme by Jus de Pomme participant Olympic Games Athens/GRE 2004, Team-Bronze WEG Jerez de la Frontera/ESP 2002 (Stanny van Paesschen/BEL)

TOTO GOLD, KWPN, CHESTNUT, 07.06.2018



Photo: LL-Photo

Toto Jr.	Totilas	Gribaldi
	.....	Lominka
Idol	Desperada	Desperados
	.....	St.Pr.St. Regentin
	Apache	UB 40
	.....	Tolanda
	Zinth	Tango
		Minou

Breeder: E.T. Ten Bosch, Driel/NED
 Station: Gestüt Sprehe, Benstrup
 Ph. +54 32/80 38 80
 3-day-test dressage Warendorf 2022: 7.60
 Sport test dressage part II M-Riem 2023: 7.90
Dam line: PB Jovian by Apache Team bronze EC Riesenbeck/GER 2023 (Andreas Helgstrand/DEN), PB Astrix by Obelisk World Champion 5- and six-year old dressage horses Verden/GER (Emmelie Scholtens/NED), Incredibile Boy by Bordeaux up to GPS (Lisa-Maria Klössinger/GER)

VALPARAISO, WESTPHALIA, CHESTNUT, BORN 03.04.2020



Photo: Recki

Viva Gold	Vivaldi	Krack C
	.....	Renate-Utopia
	Weihronce	For Romance
	.....	Weihegold
Fillippa	Fidermark	Florestan
	.....	Watonga
	Discovery	Davignon
	.....	Aparte

Breeder: Rebekka Aicher Koch, Wetzikon/SUI
 Station: Landgestüt Celle, Station Adelheidsdorf
 Ph. +5141/8856184
 Sport test dressage part I Verden 2024: 8.22
 Sport test dressage part II MS-Handorf 2025: 8.06

Dam line: PB In My Mind by Ibiza Finalist WC
 5- and six-year old dressage horses Ermelo/NED
 (Leonie Richter/GER), Fantasimo by Fiorano up to
 GP (Milena Sulzer/GER), Balestero by Belissimo
 M up to GP (Pia Virginia Fortmüller/CAN)

VIVA VEGAS  LIVER CHESTNUT, BORN 05.05.2020

Photo: Blue Hors

Viva Gold	Vivaldi	Krack C
	.....	Renate-Utopia
	Weihronce	For Romance
	.....	Weihegold
Rue Fayette	Rock Forever	Rockwell
	.....	Lady Sunshine
	Verb.Pr.St.	Florestan
	Fräulein Smilla	St.Pr.St. Euphorie

Breeder: Anette and Simon Bürgers,
 Mönchengladbach
 Station: Gestüt Blue Hors, Randbol/DEN
 Ph. +045-75883911
 35-day-test Vilhelmsborg/DEN 2023: 892.0

Dam line: Premium stallion Lautrec by Vitalis,
 Armani-Dylong by All at once successful up to
 Inter I (Leonie Lübke/GER)

V-POWER, WESTPHALIA, DARK BAY, BORN 12.05.2020



Photo: Schokemöhle

Viva Gold	Vivaldi	Krack C
	.....	Renate-Utopia
	Weihronce	For Romance
	.....	Weihegold
Finess	Fidermark	Fidermark
	.....	St.Pr.St. Reine Freude
	Shakira	Show Star
	.....	Francis

Breeder: Bernd Goeke, Hamm
 Station: Helgstrand Dressage Germany, Syke
 Ph. +171/7747646
 3-day-test dressage MS-Handorf 2022: 8.14
 35-day-test Vilhelmsborg/DEN 2023: 831.0

Dam line: ZINQ Abegglen FH by Ampere up to
 World Cup (Victoria Max-Theurer/AUT), Rock
 Ability by Rock Forever up to GP (Katharina
 Buchwaldt/GER), Flamenco by Florestan up to GP
 (Thomas Geier/GER), Escardo K by Ehrentusch up
 to GP (Nora Bachmann/GER)

ZAFFERANO, SWB, PALOMINO, BORN 17.04.2013



Photo: Lafrentz

Zaladin	Zack	Rousseau
	.....	Orona
	Labial MI	Landtinus
	.....	Sabrina Solhoj
Baby Doll	Bernstein	Napoleon
	.....	Bristol Cream
	C'est si Bonne	Chagall
	.....	Ikea

Breeder: Verbena AB, Stockholm/SWE
 Station: Landgestüt Celle, Station Adelheidsdorf
 Ph. +5141/8856184
 50-day-test dressage Schlieckau 2016: 8,40
 Successful up to Grand Prix (Matthias Jansson)

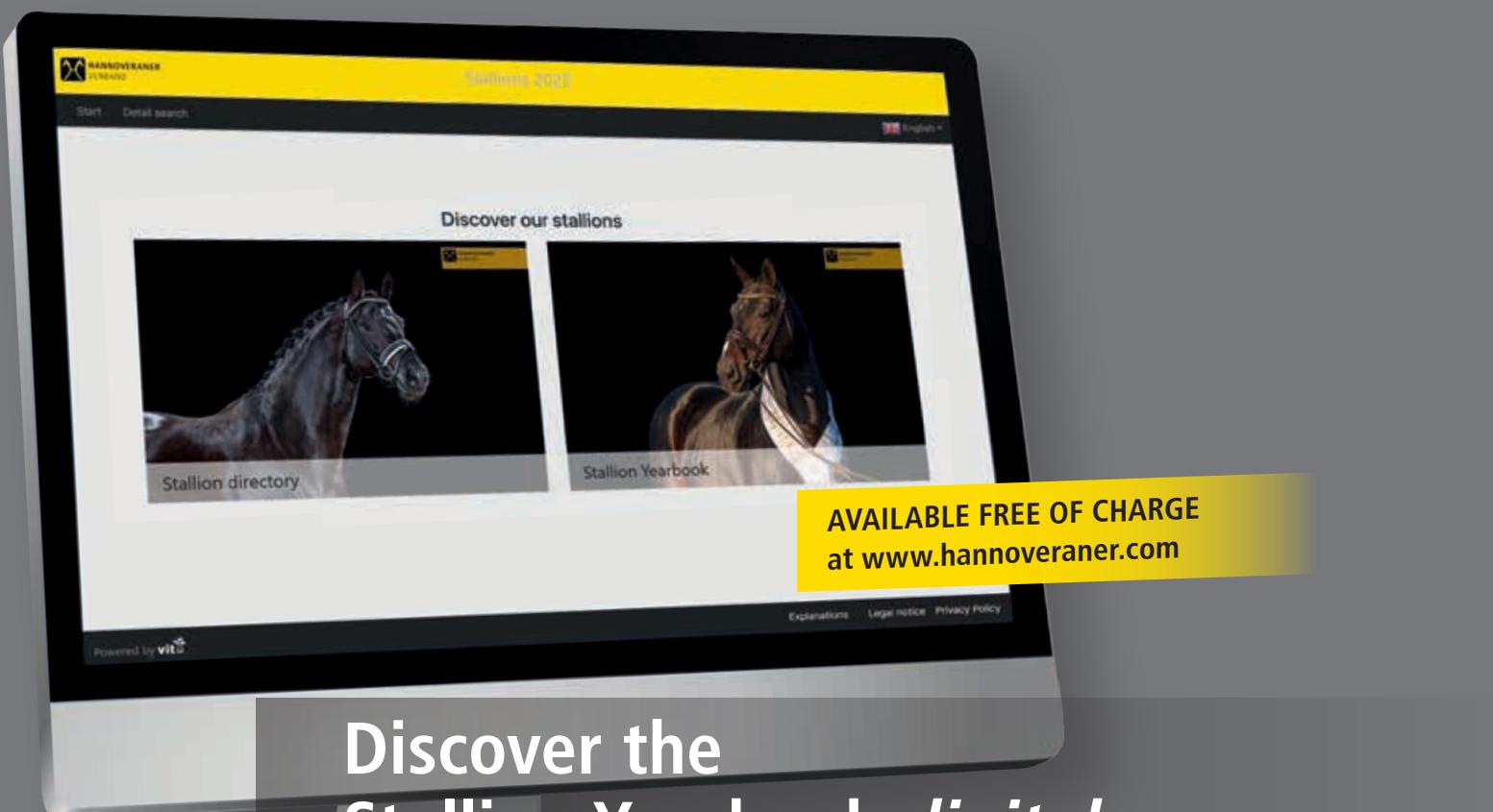
Dam line: Duschesse by Solos Carex successful
 up to GP (Cecilia Bergåkra/SWE), Cayenne by
 Careful successful up to CCI04* (Felix Vogg/SUI)

ZIETHEN, TRAKEHNER, BLACK, BORN 15.05.2013



Abendtanz	Hirntanz	Axis
		Herzlani
	Amazing	Kostolany
		Astrid II
Zaria AA	Campetot AA	Cafettot AA
		Campanule AA
	Zula AA	Pick Wick AA
		Zuzia AA

Breeder: Dr. Dieter Schön, Lübeck
Station: Stall Fromberger, Bovenau
Ph. +43 34/13 33
Sport test jumping part II MS-Handorf 2018: 7.93
Sport test jumping part II MS-Handorf 2018: 8.15
World Champion 7-year-old eventing horses
2020, successful up to CCI3* (Sophie Leube/GER)



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STALLION PERFORMANCE TESTS: SIR GRIBALDI'S THIRD TOP PERFORMANCE

At the last sport test dressage part II in Münster-Handorf, the Secret/All Inclusive son Sir Gribaldi (breeder: ZG Aronis and Janßen, Hamburg) achieved the best score of the 18 five-year-olds. Gestüt Sprehe secured the dark bay at the stallion sales in Verden. With outstanding marks for rideability and overall impression, Sir Gribaldi received a final score of 9.01 and led his crop for the third year in a row after the 3-day-test and part I of the sport test. The Celle State Stud stallion Barbarossa (breeder: Friederike Pelzer, Lüsche), who was once

awarded a premium in Verden, achieved the fifth-best result with a final score of 8.21.

The best Hannoveraner in the second part of the sport test for show jumping horses was the extremely athletic Cascalan by Carridam/Canstakko (breeder: Wilfried Berg, Burgdorf). In addition to his scope (8.60), he scored particularly well with his rideability (8.70). That resulted in a final weighted score of 8.52. That meant the end of the

era of the two-part sport test for stallions, which is to be replaced by a points system.

38 four-year-olds took the 3-day-test in Vechta. The judges awarded the day's top score of 9.0 to the Valdiviani/Sir Donnerhall son Vento (breeder: ZG Wenczek, Sonsbeck) for his impressive and expressive trot. With "very good" (9.0) rideability, the final score was 8.56 – the third-best result of the crop. 

AUSTRIA: RESERVE CHAMPION KOTTON

40 stallions presented themselves to the Austrian licensing commission at the AWO Hengsttage at the Stadl-Paura equestrian centre. The reserve winner of the show jumping stallions came from Hannover.

At the 2021 foal auction, a regular customer from Upper Austria showed good judgment and secured a Khedira/Odermus R son (breeder: Heinrich Baldrich, Neustadt). Four years later, the grey, named Kottan, impressed at his licensing as a "big-



framed, noble, sporty stallion model with a lot of body harmony – exactly what we want."

Dirk SK by Diamant van Klapscheut Z/Calido (breeder: Tanja Martens, Toppenstedt), who is one year younger, also received the green light for the Alpine Republic. 

Reserve Champion in Austria: Kottan by Khedira/Odermus R. Photo: Private

RESULTS

	Trot	Canter	Walk	Rideability	Work ethic	Weighted final score	Trot	Canter	Walk	Rideability	Work ethic	Weighted final score	
Sport test – dressage part II, Münster-Handorf, February 3 to 5, 2025													
Average Score/18 Participants	8.04	8.09	7.86	7.89	8.02	7.97	Latinum by Le Formidable/Destano						
Breeder: Johann Martens, Uplengen							Breeder: Johann Martens, Uplengen	8.50	7.60	7.70	8.00	7.90	7.95
Barbarossa by Bonds/For Romance	7.80	8.30	8.70	8.10	8.20	8.21	Leclerc by Lord Europe/For Romance						
Breeder: Friederike Pelzer, Lüsche							Oldenburg	8.20	8.80	7.80	8.30	8.50	8.30
Bon Amour by Bon Courage/Fürst Romancier	8.80	8.50	7.30	8.00	8.20	8.14	Sir Gribaldi by Secret/All Inclusive						
B.: Heike and Hermann Bonhorst, Quendorf							Breeder: ZG Aronis and Janßen, Oederquart	9.00	9.00	8.50	9.30	9.20	9.01
Der König by Desperados/Jazz	7.70	7.80	8.60	7.30	7.50	7.76	Valparaiso by Viva Gold/Fidermark						
Westphalia							Westphalia	7.70	7.80	8.50	8.20	8.00	8.06
Just Diamond by Jowian/Diamond Hit	9.00	9.00	8.10	9.20	9.00	8.88	Zalasar by Zackerey/Dancier						
Oldenburg							Breeder: Guido Kamphorst, Nordhorn	7.20	7.80	7.40	7.60	7.60	7.52



SHOW OF PRIVATELY OWNED STALLIONS IN VERDEN

Top-class stallions, inspiring discussions and two Olympic riders were the highlights of the 33rd Show of privately owned stallions in Verden, which thrilled breeders and equestrian sports fans alike. The event began with a discussion forum featuring a high-calibre panel. Under the theme 'How much sport does breeding need?', dressage rider Eva Möller, show jumper Maurice Tebbel and breeder Hannes Baumgart discussed the importance of sporting success for horse breeding. With a mix of promising young stallions and established sporting greats, the P.B. Show presented everything a breeder could wish for. Once again, it offered high-class horses, exciting discussions and the opportunity for breeders to make valuable contacts. One of the highlights was the appearance of Segantini by Secret/Fidermark (breeder: Dr Christine Feichtinger, Vaduz/LIE) and Dorothee Schneider. He was awarded the title FRH. 

From now on, his name is Segantini FRH: Henning Schmidt (right) congratulates Dorothee Schneider and Dr Christine Feichtinger on the award from the supporters' club of Hannoveraner sport horses. Photo: Schwöbel

RESULTS

	Trot	Canter	Walk	Rideability	Work ethic	Weighted final score		Canter	Scope	Style	Rideability	Overall impression	Weighted final jumping score
3-day-test – dressage in Vechta, January 28 to 30, 2025													
Average Score/38 Participants	7.76	8.11	7.38	7.92	8.11	7.84							
De Dembélé by De Sandro/Domherr DSP	7.20	7.80	8.50	7.80	8.00	7.84							
Dynamic Pur by Dynamic Dream/Finest Oldenburger	9.00	9.00	8.00	9.20	9.50	8.91							
Daxx by Dynamic Dream/Escolar ZG Rütten-Janßen, Mönchengladbach	7.80	8.80	7.40	8.70	8.70	8.28							
Jamie by Jameson RS2/Fürst Heinrich DSP	7.70	8.00	7.40	8.00	8.00	7.82							
Ravello by Raven/Franziskus B.: Heike and Hermann Bonhorst, Quendorf	7.70	8.40	6.70	8.20	8.50	7.87							
So Rafiq by So Perfect/Glamourdale KWPN	7.70	8.30	7.40	7.50	7.50	7.68							
Taj Mahal by Taurus/Lauries Crusador xx Breeder: Eibe Johanns, Cuxhaven	7.60	7.40	7.80	7.00	7.50	7.41							
Total Love by Total Hope/Licotus DSP	8.30	8.20	7.10	8.20	8.40	8.02							
Volbeat by Vaderland/Fidertanz Westphalia	7.80	8.00	7.10	8.00	8.00	7.78							
Zackham by Zackerey/Fürst William Breeder: ZG Werth, Moers	8.50	8.30	6.00	7.40	7.50	7.53							
Dafoe by Dimaggio Black/Benetton Dream Breeder: Silke Groenefeld, Bunde	8.20	8.30	8.40	9.00	8.80	8.56							
Damour Gold by Dancier Gold/San Amour Breeder: Martin Honigfort, Klosterholte	6.50	7.00	7.50	7.20	7.30	7.09							
Feinschmecker by Franklin/Dancier B.: Claus-Christian Tienken, Neuenwalde	8.50	8.20	7.00	8.00	8.00	7.94							
Lindgren by Le Formidable/Ampere Oldenburg	7.00	7.50	7.80	7.60	8.00	7.54							
Louis Löwenherz von Bellin by Lord Europe Breeder: dressage stall Sandbrink, Meinersen	8.40	8.70	7.50	8.70	9.00	8.43							
F-Dur (Rhld.) by Floriscount/Feedback Breeder: Theodora Biedermann, Oberreute	8.10	8.10	7.80	8.20	8.00	8.06							
Plus Horses Redemption by Revolution/Florenciano, DWB	8.20	8.40	8.30	8.70	9.00	8.49							
Saint Laurent by Sir Donnerhall/Benetton Dream, Breeder: Huberts Poll, Gilteln	7.80	7.80	8.10	5.80	5.80	7.06							
Seattle by So Perfect/De Niro Oldenburg	7.70	7.60	7.80	8.00	7.80	7.80							
Van Gaal by Va Bene/Charmeur DSP	7.40	7.50	7.80	7.80	8.00	7.68							
Veltheim by Von and Zu/Lauries Crusador xx Breeder: Dr. Malte E, Klar, Bad Homburg	8.70	7.80	6.80	7.70	6.90	7.66							
Vjento by Valdiviani/Sir Donnerhall Breeder: ZG Wencek, Sonsbeck	9.00	8.60	7.50	8.80	9.00	8.56							
Vuitton by Vivaldos/Dancier Breeder: Meike Ziegenhirt, Wietzen	7.80	7.20	7.50	7.60	7.80	7.56							
Zenello by Zenon/Fürst Romancier Breeder: Eva and Axel Hartmann, Schortens	7.20	7.80	7.10	7.50	8.00	7.47							
Sport test – jumping part II in Münster-Handorf, February 3 to 5, 2025													
Average Score/17 Participants	8.21	8.24	8.10	8.40	8.33	8.24							
Arcassio (Rhld.) by Alaba/Darco de Revel Breeder: Ferienhof Stücke, Weeze	8.00	7.80	7.60	8.20	8.00	7.89							
Captain Pezi by Cicero Z/Lord Pezi Breeder: Johannes zur Lage, Bersenbrück	8.20	8.70	8.00	8.50	8.20	8.34							
Cascalan by Carridam/Canstakko Breeder: Wilfrid Berg, Burgdorf	8.50	8.60	8.30	8.70	8.50	8.52							
Ching Chang TS by Cornet's Boy/Arpeggio Breeder: Günter Mulder, Goch	7.60	7.50	7.50	8.00	7.80	7.65							
Comme Cavalle by Comme Prévu/Pasco Breeder: Wolfgang Reich, Heidenheim	8.30	7.80	8.20	8.20	8.00	8.10							
Con Touch RS by Conthargos/Casall OS	8.20	8.20	8.00	8.20	8.10	8.14							
Fien Jung by For Carsten/Com Air Holstein	8.20	8.20	8.40	8.80	8.60	8.41							
Tiebreaker by Taloubet Z/Heartbreaker Zangersheide	8.50	8.50	8.30	8.30	8.50	8.41							
3-day-test – jumping in Vechta, January 27 to 29, 2025													
Average Score/25 Participants	7.02	8.13	7.10	8.19	8.17	8.26	8.07	Trot	Canter	Walk	Scope and style	Rideability	Work ethic
Carcassonne by Cornet's Pleasure Breeder: Zuchthof Dree Boeken, Prieros	6.70	7.70	7.30	8.10	7.80	8.00	7.81						
Cool Touch by Conthalou/United Touch S, Westphalia	7.80	8.70	7.00	8.80	9.00	8.70	8.56						
Different Color by Diablue PS/Balou du Rouet, OS	7.30	8.60	7.50	8.50	8.20	8.60	8.33						
Easy Jet by Emerald van het Ruytershof/Cornet Obolensky, OS	6.70	8.00	7.30	8.80	8.00	8.60	8.20						
Kantato by Keaton/Casall Holstein	7.70	8.80	7.30	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.63						
Kartal's Emerald by Emerald van het Ruytershof/Baldini II (OS)	7.30	8.60	7.00	9.00	8.60	9.00	8.62						
Stromboli by Stakkato Gold Breeder: Rainer Walter, Traisa	6.40	7.10	6.70	6.50	7.50	6.80	6.96						
United Hearts by Uricas van de Kattevenne/Cassini, Holsteiner	6.50	8.20	7.30	8.40	8.40	8.50	8.22						
United Pleasure by United Way/For Pleasure, Holstein	7.00	8.00	7.00	8.80	8.20	9.00	8.30						
Zonic Boom B by Zinedream/Carpaccio (OS)	6.80	7.70	7.00	7.50	7.80	7.70	7.59						

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.



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