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# Open for innovations

The opening of the mare shows and the main licensing for other riding horse populations, the opening of the main stallion book division for all licensed and tested stallions, the acceptance of more colors in addition to the basic colors – the Hannoveraner Verband is opening up further. However, tradition is by no means to be replaced by modernity. Rather, both – tradition and modernity – should benefit each other, and breeders should have more freedom and room for innovation.

By Antonia Heise



The changes to the breeding program are part of the strategic orientation and were presented to the breeders during the district tour and discussed openly, controversially and fairly. In order to directly involve the breeders in the implementation, the Board entrusted the delegates of the Hannoveraner Verband with the decision-making on the changes. With clear majorities, the delegates approved the changes in the points of qualities and main features, breeding method and subdivision of the studbook, studbook for stallions as well as licensing. Finally, the amendments will be submitted to the Lower Saxony Chamber of Agriculture for approval. Also, the change of the Statutes to open the licensing for stallions of other riding horse populations was decided by a majority.

### Subdivision of the studbook and opening of the licensing

The classification into three breed groups will be dissolved. In the future, a differentiation will be made between riding horse populations (breed group 1) and special breeds (breed group 2). This simplifies the registration requirements for mares and stallions from other breeding areas into the Hannoveraner breeding program. Thus, all mares eligible for registration from the riding horse populations listed in breed group 1 are now eligible to participate in mare shows and can also receive candidacy for the Hannoveraner Premium if they perform accordingly. Likewise, as a result of the amendment to the statutes, all stallions in breed group 1 are now eligible to participate in licensing, provided they meet the pedigree requirements.

By differentiating the licensing events into dressage and jumping stallion licensing, higher capacities are available for supplying the licensing lot. In addition, this will allow stallions from other riding horse populations, which may be approved for Hannover later in their careers, to start their breeding careers in Verden. In addition, the studbook will be kept as an open studbook in the future, a pre-book will be introduced, as it already existed in former times. Horses without pedigree that are in the riding horse type can be entered in this pre-book. Foals from these horses will receive a certificate of birth, not a pedigree certificate.

### Studbook for stallions

The studbook for stallions now includes a main section and an additional section. The main section contains the Stallion Books I, Ib, and II. The additional section consists of the pre-book for stallions and the foal pre-book for stallions. In future, Stallion Book Ib will include stallions of ap-

proved breeds that have not been licensed by the Hannoveraner Verband but by another breeding society recognized under animal breeding law and entered in their Stallion Book I or a comparable class of the stud book of the approved breed. Thus, all stallions licensed and tested according to age by other societies can be entered in Stallion Book Ib. This applies to the stallions of the following societies, since their performance testing system is comparable to the system commonly used in Germany: Belgian Warmblood, Danish Warmblood, German Horse, German Sport Horse, Holsteiner, Mecklenburger, Dutch Warmblood (KWPN), Oldenburger, Oldenburger Jumping Horse, Swedish Warmblood, Selle Français, Trakehner, Westphalian Riding Horse and Zangersheider Riding Horse. In the past, the Hannoveraner Verband additionally required a so-called special performance (e. g. minimum score stallion performance test 9.0; placing final World Championships Young Horses). This is now no longer necessary.

Thus, the breeder whose foal is to be registered as a Hannoveraner (pedigree certificate I) is offered a broader choice in the use of the stallion. The special performance that was previously required for registration in Stallion Book Ib is still necessary for acceptance into Stallion Book I, i.e. the inclusion of the stallion in the Hannoveraner stallion directory. Alternatively, this goal is achieved with a presentation before the licensing commission and a positive licensing verdict from the Hannoveraner Verband.

By opening the main licensing for stallions of other riding horse populations, a uniform selection level for Hannoveraner and Rhinelander stallions and stallions of other populations will be introduced for the licensing. Until now, this was an overall score of at least 7.0 for Hannoveraner or Rhinelander, or 7.5 for stallions of other populations. The new uniform selection level for licensing for all stallions is an overall score of at least 7.5. This means higher requirements for Hannoveraner and Rhinelander stallions than before.

Previously, only the basic colors chestnut, black, bay and grey were accepted in the Hannoveraner breeding program. With this change, all colors of the warmblood populations (e. g. piebald, palomino, cremello, smokey black, buckskin) that are already accepted in the breeding program for the Rhenish Riding Horse are now also accepted for the Hannoveraner breeding program. Accordingly, foals, mares and stallions of all colorings can be registered, inspected and licensed in the future, as long as they meet the pedigree requirements. For



From now on, foals, mares and stallions of all colours can be registered if they fulfil the pedigree requirements.



The Verden stallion sales will be open for all riding horse breeds.

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registration in the main studbook these are: The sire and dams' sires must be registered for four generations in Stallion Book I/Stallion Book Ib or a class corresponding to Stallion Book I in a studbook of an approved breed, and in addition, the dam must be registered in the main division (except Appendix and Foal Book) or a class corresponding to the main division in a studbook of an approved breed.

Stallions may be accepted for licensing if the above requirements apply to six generations of the sires and dams, as well as the dam and granddam.

Particularly in the case of the special colors, the requirements for pedigree over a full six generations are not always met. It should also be noted that, unlike in the breeding program for the Rhenish Riding Horse, in the Hannoveraner breeding program only breeds of riding horse type are accepted. Thus, special breeds such as Gelderlanders, Pintos, Appaloosa, Lipizzaners, Lusitanos and PRE are still not eligible for registration in the breeding program for Hannoveraner. ■

## Interview with Dr. Hinni Lührs-Behnke on strategic orientation



**Dr. Hinni Lührs-Behnke:** "Our goal is to set the guard rails for breeding as a society and to provide our breeders with as much information as possible so that they can implement their individual breeding goals as best as possible." Photo: Fellner

**DER HANNOVERANER:** Dr. Lührs-Behnke, just under three years ago there was a major structural reform of the committees in the Hannoveraner Verband, and now there is a strategic orientation of the breeding policy – is there a connection between these two?

Dr. Hinni Lührs-Behnke: "Basically not. The structural reform mentioned was primarily about the structure and cooperation of the committees with the main office. The adjustment of our breeding program now decided on, as well as our Verband's work, is a different subject area."

**DER HANNOVERANER:** Can you briefly state the key data of the reorientation, what are the most striking features?

Dr. Hinni Lührs-Behnke: "From my point of view, it is more a consistent further development of the breeding policy of the past ten years or so than a real reorientation. Our goal is to set the guard rails for breeding as a society and to provide our breeders with as much information as possible so that they can implement their individual breeding goals as best as possible. Increasingly, the society's tasks are to inform and raise awareness among breeders. Here, too, the focus is on the good horse, the special horse. For the breeder, however, breeding should become easier in the practical implementation. In addition, the support of the breeders in the country should become better.

In addition to the employees of the state stud, who traditionally play a major role in our Hannoveraner breeder support, and the other registrars, regional advisors will be appointed in the future for the initial contact with new members. Here, it is also important to improve the connection of our members

as well as the regional activities in cooperation with the local breeding clubs."

**DER HANNOVERANER:** What developments and, above all, what necessities have led to these new paths being taken?

Dr. Hinni Lührs-Behnke: "Warmblood breeding in general has become much more national and international. In addition, breeders are much more independent and often do not wait until, for example, a stallion is presented or recognized by his society. Desire is aroused by the speed of the media and the unproblematic use of international stallions. And if the breeder has the feeling, especially with a stallion, that he can best realize his breeding goal with it, he does it. If this stallion is not recognized for Hannover in the following year, he is usually flexible enough to register the offspring with another society. Hannover has also lost many breeders because of this, who are now successfully breeding in another society. Rhenish breeding is traditionally very liberal. And the successes of our Rhenish breeders also show that this liberal way offers some advantages, if the breeder also pursues a clear breeding goal for himself. However, it is important that we as a society continue to provide a lot of information on selection. And we can do that if, for example, the stallions continue to be presented to us. The information is easily accessible via our stallion directory and the yearbook stallions online."

**DER HANNOVERANER:** As with the structural reform, you visited the regional societies with the managing director, the breeding manager and your colleagues from the board to present the new orientation – what kind of response did you get, was there more criticism or more approval, and

### what kind of feedback did you return to Verden?

Dr. Hinni Lühns-Behnke: "verall, the proposals were well received, which was reflected in the high level of approval at the delegates' assembly. However, individual topics were discussed differently in the regions. While in the west and south of the breeding area the further liberalization has been expected for a long time and was partly considered overdue, in other regions there was the concern that the Hannoveraner Verband would give up its Hannoveraner, its identity."

### DER HANNOVERANER: A few years ago, the guidelines of the Verband were adopted, one of which was "identity". Is the Hannoveraner Verband losing its identity as a result of the reorientation?

Dr. Hinni Lühns-Behnke: "At first glance it may seem that way. But we are all aware that our silverware is the good mares from the very good lines. We have to keep reminding ourselves of what has made Hannover strong. We must be awake and remember our traditional strengths. But liberalization also makes it easier to use successful Hannoveraner blood from other societies to reach our goal. Especially the Belgian jumper breeding, which is enormously influenced by classic Hannoveraner bloodlines, offers some possibilities in this respect."

### DER HANNOVERANER: What will be the brand essence of the Hannoveraner and the Hannoveraner Verband in the future?

Dr. Hinni Lühns-Behnke: "Our brand essence, our brand promise is, after all, 'success all over the world'. This only works if we continue to provide the equestrian sport with excellent horses for the different demands of the riders. We continue to be a great society of motivated horse people with the know-how to make it happen. From there, our brand essence will remain if we manage to breed excellent horses."

### DER HANNOVERANER: Essentially, the reorientation is a far-reaching opening and liberalization of breeding, licensing and marketing. What do you expect from this?

Dr. Hinni Lühns-Behnke: "Certainly, we will now be more liberal in some matters of breeding and we breeders will get more possibilities to realize our individual breeding goal. But it still takes place within the framework and with the goal of breeding the quality, the special horse. This is the only

way that breeding in general makes sense in today's world. As far as marketing is concerned, we will continue to be active only for our members. The opening of the stallion sales must also be seen under the development of the past years. Our main licensing should and must continue to be an international attraction with outstanding and for-sale stallions. By separating the licensing events in dressage and show jumping, we have unused capacities, which at best are filled up by special horses. In addition, there are now more internationally active stallion owners who are already very active in acquiring hopeful stallion prospects on the foal market, but then rarely offer them for sale until they are four years old. In order to address the widest possible group of potential buyers, however, a full lot of highly interesting young stallions is needed. The licensing events should and must only be enhanced by special young stallions, so that the Verden marketing venue continues to retain its great appeal. And that helps us all!"

### DER HANNOVERANER: At the delegates' assembly, there was 85 to 90 percent approval in all major votes. Meanwhile, there is still unmistakable criticism from the outside, some even speak of the "demise of the Hannoveraner breed". What is the reason for this very different perception?

Dr. Hinni Lühns-Behnke: "Basically, whether you look at society or at our breeders, we are all individually different and have different opinions on many things. That's a good thing, because only through respectful discussion do we sensitize each other to the various problems. Why it should now come to the downfall of the Hannoveraner breeding, I do not understand logically. Hannover has grown up as a riding horse breeding. As an idea of the horse and since ever 'non-Hannoveraner' blood was crossed in order to progress in breeding. Through the innovations, breeders are no longer restricted and can pursue their personal breeding goals accordingly. Those who find the innovations too much can continue to breed in the same way as they did before. The most important thing is that the breeder has an idea for his breeding, that he knows the strengths and possible weaknesses of his mares and the stallions in order to get ahead. Here we have to be awake and sensitive, that we have as many qualities as possible in mind and that we do not forget the basis of breeding and of the good riding horse, even with all modernity: Character, health, light-footed, balanced movements through the body, power and rhythm."

*The interview was conducted by Rolf Hillmann*



Dr. Hinni Lühns-Behnke: "Our silverware are the good mares from the very good lines. We must be awake and remember our traditional strengths." Photo: Fellner



Dr. Hinni Lühns-Behnke: "Our brand essence, our brand promise is, after all, 'success all over the world'." Photo: Lafrentz

# Clear to cloudy

About 115 Delegates of the Hannoveraner Verband came to the most important meeting of the year in the Niedersachsenhalle at the end of April to make some, maybe not historical, but nevertheless significant decisions and strengthened the back of the responsible persons in difficult times.

By Rolf Hillmann

With the title "Strategic orientation of the Hannoveraner Verband", the delegates decided, among other things, with a large majority to open up the studbook. Although Chairman Dr. Hinni Lührs-Behnke prepared his audience for a poor annual result right at the beginning of the event with the words "... the figures look modest", the assembly clearly expressed its confidence in those responsible in the Board, the Supervisory Board and the Management.

For six hours, the face-to-face meeting, which could be followed via livestream online, on the east side in the Niedersachsenhalle was basically about the one question that Dr. Lührs-Behnke had also raised in his welcoming speech: "Where is the journey heading?". The struggle for answers was the guiding theme of the delegates' assembly. After years of unrest in the Verband and the subsequent Corona crisis, major political and social challenges and changes are currently determining not only how people live together, but also how they

do business. Horse breeding and the horse market are not spared from this. Whether it is the energy change, the climate crisis or the war in Ukraine, prices are higher than ever in all economic sectors.

## Conscious investments

According to the reports, the 2022 business year was characterized by high investments, for example in further digitalization, and innovations: The Hannoveraner Verband's entry into the International Association for Future Horse Breeding (IAFH) was considered the most significant. The Verband acquired a shareholder interest in order to cooperate with other breeding societies in the field of research and development. In particular, this involves the wide field of the breeding objective "health". However, this "conscious investment" of around 350,000 Euros, as described by managing director Wilken Treu and breeding manager Ulrich Hahne, also had a considerable influence on the negative annual result, which was discussed intensively later. In general, the event was characterized by a serious, sometimes concerned, controversial, but always fair debate culture, in which the recognized stallion breeder Heinrich Behrmann (Bolero) stood out with particularly critical questions and admonishing fees. The partly strong applause of the assembly made clear that Heinrich Behrmann hit the nerve of many delegates with that.

Also breeding manager Ulrich Hahne found classifying words at the beginning of his report, when he spoke of "clear to cloudy" key figures. A quarter of the foals born in Germany, namely 7,000, are registered "in Hannover". The Hannoveraner Verband has 7,300 active breeders – with 14,500 brood mares. Managing director Wilken Treu spoke of various planned, but also unplanned personnel changes. He touched on the subject of auctions in a self-critical manner when he noted that they had different courses – "but overall we cannot take

The six-hour Delegates' Assembly took place in the Niedersachsenhalle and was broadcast live on the internet. Photo: Fellner



pride in this." The "finding and binding" of horses for the auctions caused problems, unlike with the foals, where a greater selection was still possible. At present, the managing director, who is also responsible for marketing, has noticed a "reluctance to buy horses".

### Decisive influence

According to the report, a "slump in auction activity in the fall" had a decisive influence on the almost seven-figure negative annual result. Overall, sales were three million Euros lower. Wilken Treu found clear words for the causes: "Below-average quality and health is no longer marketable." For 2023, he currently does not have the impression that the auction results will be significantly better. "Marketing is an important part of the Verband - we need your horses for that," he addressed the delegates, but also the viewers of the livestream directly. At this point, Heinrich Behrmann took the floor and called for more staffing in the areas of membership and customer service, saying that members are also customers.

Possible personnel consequences were also addressed by Matthias Grupe, who delivered the report of the Supervisory Board, because the incumbent Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Henning Schmidt, who sovereignly led through the meeting, had only been elected last year. Matthias Grupe spoke of a "very heavy workload" for the

managing director, who heads both the Verband and marketing, and suggested that a second managing director position be created. This would also relieve the burden on the honorary office, since the presidium in particular, but also the Supervisory Board, are very time-intensively involved. In addition, a "questioning" of the structure of the Verband and its committees could be considered in the sense of a "readjustment".

There were critical voices against the Supervisory Board. Delegates wanted to know when it first learned of the negative result, called for better financial controlling and said that the dual function of management and auction management was "going down the drain". They said that all strategic positions, i.e. auction management, management and breeding manager, should be strengthened. Overall, it was stated that "the Supervisory Board also needs to improve". Moreover, the Verband had a revenue problem, but not an expenditure problem. In addition to the financial situation, the strategy orientation also offered intensive consultation and discussion. Breeding manager Ulrich Hahne presented some basic ideas of the reorientation, stating laconically in allusion to the color breeding opening that "this is not about colors." Rather, 40 percent of the society's members no longer live in Lower Saxony, which means that the "bond with the society" has changed completely. In addition, the "responsible breeder with his

## Honour the volunteers

At the Delegates' Assembly, long-time volunteers were honored. Henry Breden from Bremen was the chairperson of the breeding club Osterholz/Bremen for many years. Ludwig Meyer was the "good soul" of the Wittingen breeding club as managing director for 25 years and has always acted as a link between the breeding club and the Hannoveraner Verband. Peter Enders from Badbergen was initially elected to the board of the Artland breeding club as deputy chairperson in 1996. Two years later he then succeeded the outgoing chairman Wilhelm Rethorst and was subsequently 1<sup>st</sup> chairperson of the club for a total of 25 years. Martina Kamp was the managing director of the Aschendorf-Hümmling breeding club from 2016 to 2023. Herbert Kruse from Hamburg was the chairperson of the Winsen breeding club from 2012 to 2021. In his club, he has always been strongly committed to future-oriented cooperation with other clubs. Michael Schenk was initially a board member



Dr. Hinni Lührs-Behnke and Wilken Treu thanked long-standing volunteers. Photo: Fellner

of the Uelzen breeding club from 1990 to 1999 and was then elected 1<sup>st</sup> chairperson. Ulrike Schwierking from Barver and Günter Voss from Coesfeld-Lette were not present in Verden. Ulrike Schwierking was officially appointed as Managing Director of the Diepholz breeding club in 2007. In 2022, she

handed over her responsibilities to Christian Gießelmann, whom she continues to support in word and deed. Günter Voss was one of the founding members of the Münsterland breeding club in 2015 and was elected as its managing director at the founding meeting. ■

breeding idea cannot be stopped by the Verband". Ulrich Hahne called for the path taken to now be consistently continued. The belief in the self-determination of the breeder and the information of the breeder must go hand in hand. "The breeder wants to go his way with us, we should not deny him that and therefore create broader possibilities for stallion use," said Ulrich Hahne. He added that the Verband must provide information about stallions, because it is clear that "taking a stallion from abroad does not automatically breed a better horse." Breeder care, integrating new members, being more present in the regions, appointing breeder advisors – these were other keywords in this context.

### Plea for liberalization

The opening of the licensing and the stallion sales, the acceptance of mares of other breeds to the show system, the wider and easier breeding recognition of stallions not presented directly to the Verband, a wider range of colors – these are the changes in the breeding program that are part of the new and strategic orientation. Ulrich Hahne gave a convincing reason for opening up the stal-

lion sales: "Why shouldn't stallions of other breeds have their career start in Verden if they will be used later by our breeders anyway?" Another aspect also seems to be crucial: The training farms would enter stallions in the different licensing places according to their maturity and development – according to the motto "when does which stallion fit where?" "But that's where Verden is ruled out at the moment." The plea for this liberalization and strong opening was clear: "We have to show self-confidence, change ourselves and set ourselves up differently," said the breeding manager. Time is changing so fast, he said, that "we really have to step on the gas." In the discussion, opinions differed. For example, the opening of the stallion sales at "this unique location" was long overdue, said one person, while others said "we are becoming a pure licensing place." There were even warnings of a "dwarfing" of the Verband and of "playing in the casinos." "We only get further through quality, they can open what they want," Heinrich Behrmann said. The votes on the changes in the breeding program were clear - only in the case of "color" a three-quarters majority was only narrowly exceeded, in all other points more than 80 percent of the delegates voted for the recommendations of the breeding committee.

Almost symbolically, a heavy rain shower pattered down on the huge roof of the hall when auditor Christian Siemer from Schütte Revision GmbH explained the annual results. According to this, the annual loss was slightly more than one million euros, but this could be compensated by liquid funds. The equity capital makes up more than 62 percent of the balance sheet total, which Christian Siemer described as "rock solid". Supervisory Board Chairman Henning Schmidt commented on the annual results and also on the criticism of the boards. According to him, the figures had been on target until the last quarter. Stallion sales and the Elite Auction, however, had not brought in the sales that would have been necessary. In addition, there were special expenses such as joining the IAHF. As a consequence, a risk analysis and a target/actual control on a monthly basis had been commissioned. "Everything must be disclosed," demanded Henning Schmidt, while board member Carsten Leopold promised "openness, truth and transparency of costs." In the face of criticism of the Board and Supervisory Board, Henning Schmidt clearly conceded: "A profit and loss warning would have been possible earlier." The delegates were certainly not happy about the figures, but go along with the chosen path of opening, liberalization and cost-oriented annual planning. With very clear voting results, they backed the committees and the management. ■



The honorary chairman Friedrich Jahncke did not miss the opportunity to present the prize named after him to Hannes Brüning. Photo: Fellner

## Friedrich Jahncke Prize

At the Herwart von der Decken Show in last year's August, the Friedrich Jahncke Prize, which is awarded annually to the highest scoring family of the current show season, was awarded to the three daughters of St.Pr.St. Faconnable. The Fürst Heinrich/Calypso II daughter produced St.Pr.St. Barcelona and Hann.Pr.A. Brasilia with Belissimo M and Hann.Pr.A. Bogota with Baron. All mares are bred and owned by the Brüning family from Ochtmannien. Already three times Faconnable was part of a family that won the family competition of the Herwart von der Decken-Show. At the delegates' meeting, Hannes Brüning, representing the family, received the prize, a painting by the artist Anja Beermann. ■





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## FRH Corrida's second career

**F**ighting spirit and willingness to perform characterize FRH Corrida. "At the same time, she is unusually careful in the course for an eventing horse and can distinguish between colored poles and cross-country jumps. I have never experienced that before," Andreas Dibowski enthuses. "She has a strong personality and is very easy to work with." He is proud of the fact that he has ridden clear in jumping 47 times in 51 international starts. Dibo retired his championship horse from the sport with a fifth-place finish in the four-star short test in Kronenberg/NED. An injury she suffered last year prompted him to take this step. FRH Corrida won team gold at the 2019 European Championships in Luhmühlen/GER and silver in Avenches/SUI two years later. At the World Equestrian Games in Tryon/USA, she and Andreas Dibowski were the second best German pair and they traveled as a reserve pair to the Olympic Games in Tokyo/JPN, where only three riders were part of the team.

The dark bay's career began in Verden. Her breeder, Dr. Rainer Zurmaar, Ehlscheid, sent the Contendro/Espri daughter as a four-year-old to the winter auction in the Niedersachsenhalle in January 2013. At that time still very green, no buyer was found for the young talent. An inquiry to the Han-

noveraner Verband about the possibilities for further training of the mare brought the veterinarian from the Westerwald to the Hannoveraner Förderverein and thus to the stable of Andreas Dibowski. The successful event rider, who has achieved all his great successes with Hannoveraner, offered breeders the opportunity to test the suitability of young horses for eventing in cooperation with the FRH in that time. FRH Corrida moved into a stable in Döhle and was allowed to stay. "But it wasn't until she won her first two-star test as a seven-year-old that 'the bells rang' for us about what an exceptional horse we had," Andreas Dibowski recalls. By then, the dark bay had already won the Bundeschampionat. In the same year, she finished sixth in the World Championships for Young Eventing Horses in Le Lion d'Angers/FRA.

After her retirement from sport, FRH Corrida has a second career ahead of her. She remains with the Dibowskis as a broodmare. When it came to choosing the right stallion, Andreas Dibowski didn't have to think twice. He decided on the Celle State Stud stallion Grey Butt. After all, his granddam Lillian is the dam of Dibo's Olympic horse FRH Butts Leon.

Britta Züngel

**FRH Corrida and Andreas Dibowski.** Photo: Lafrentz



**For the past five years FRH Corrida and Andreas Dibowski have been part of the German championship team.**  
Photo: Lafrentz



# Prinz flies to victory

**Prinz and Hans-Dieter Dreher (photo) entered the winners' lists in Mannheim, while Quick and Fly and Julie Mynou Diederichsmeier won the championship of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.**

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Calido/Grannus (line of Allee, breeder: Barbara Ivemeyer, Bad Essen) and Paraic Kenny.

## Baloutinue

Baloutinue by Balou du Rouet/Landor S/Figaro (breeder: Heinrich Meyer, Langwedel) and Laura Kraut did not make a single jumping mistake in their four starts at the CSI5\* GCT Mexico City/MEX. After placing ninth in the first qualifier (1.55 metres), the pair moved up to fifth in the second test (1.60 metres). In the thrilling jump-off for the Grand Prix (1.60 metres), their performance was rewarded with an excellent third place. A week later, Baloutinue was the only horse in the Nations Cup of San Miguel de Allende/MEX to achieve two clear rounds. The 13-year-old thus laid the foundation for the US team's victory.

## Bright Side

Bright Side by Balou du Rouet/Stakkato/Singular Joter son Bright Side (breeder: La Magnifica, Fauglia/Italy) has not yet made an international appearance. That changed at the CSI3\* Bonheiden/BEL, where the ten-year-old finished fourth in the Grand Prix (1.50 metres) with Jody van Gerwen.

## Cador

## IB Chica

IB Chica by Cador/Escudo/Calypto II (line of Kandare, breeder: Hauke Schmidt, Hänigsen) and Tanimara Maria Macari Carrillo made it onto the podium in third place in the highly competitive Grand Prix (1.60 metres) at the CSI3\* Wellington (Equestrian Center)/USA.

## Calido

## Carim

In the Grand Prix of Šamorín/SVK, Carim by Calido/Frappant/Akrobat (line of Anitschke, breeder: Stefan Aust, Armstorf) and Anna Rantner were delighted with their excellent third place.

## Chacco Blue

## Chageorgia PS

Two Hannoveraner represented Denmark in the Nations Cup for Young Riders in Zduchovice/CZE and finished third with the team. One of them was Chageorgia PS by Chacco-Blue/Sandro Boy/Continue (breeder: Lewitz Stud, Mühlen), who with Maria Noerregaard Langhoff delivered one of the two clear rounds of the Danish team.

## Show jumping



### Acorado

#### Acuero

In the jumping competition with winning round (1.55 metres) at the premiere of the CSI4\* Hohenkirchen/GER, Acuero by Acorado/Catoki/Fraf Grannus (line of Steingilde, breeder: Gundi Engfer, Rosengarten) and Annelies Vorskemans finished seventh.

### Balou du Rouet

#### Kempf's Balero (Rhld.)

For the first time, the Balou du Rouet/Colander/Polydor son Kempf's Balero (breeder: ZG

Wilhelm and Stefan Miss, Xanten) stood at the top of the podium at the CSI2\* Busto Arsizio/ITA. The nine-year-old won a two-phase jumping competition with Basile Bettendorf.

#### Baloutina HB

The Balou du Rouet/Stakkato/Grannus daughter Baloutina HB (line of Nokadere, breeder: Heinrich Bremer, Nöpke) celebrated the first victory of her career at the CSI4\* Hohenkirchen/GER. The bay, who had been second at last year's Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters, won the Youngster Tour Final with Irishman Nano Healy.

#### Bardena (VA)

The competition of the second qualification of the Medium Tour of the CSI2\* Riesenbeck/GER was led by Bardena by Balou du Rouet/

### Chagracon PS

In a two-phase show jumping competition at the CSI4\* Montefalco/ITA, the Chacco-Blue/Grandino/Continue son Chagracon PS (breeder: Lewitz Stud, Mühlen) and Giacomo Cadadei came in third.

### Chaccball

Chaccball by Chacco-Blue/Baloubet du Rouet/Drosselklang II (line of Dichterschloss, breeder: Lewitz Stud, Mühlen) and Angel Niagolov won the Grand Prix in the second week of the Danube Champions Tour in Šamorín/SVK.

### Carrico

### Caricca

The CSI2\* Drammen/NOR started with a victory for the Carrico/Staron/Cashman daughter Caricca (line of Schuda, breeder: Joachim Töpfer, Lübbecke). She won a two-phase jumping competition with Pål Flam.

### Casalido

### Calle Junior

Calle Junior by Casalido/Forrester/Laurion (breeder: Ludwig Nau, Kirchhain-Großseelheim) and Nina Schäfer took the lap of honor as third in the Youngster Cup's run-in jumping competition in Riesenbeck/GER.

### Cascadello

### Crossover

After ninth place in the qualifier (1.50 metres), Crossover by Cascadello/Chacco-Blue/C-Indoctro (breeder: Harm Wiebusch, Fredenbeck) and Chloe Reid finished seventh in the Grand Prix (1.60 metres) at the CSI3\* Wellington (Equestrian Center)/USA.

### Chaman

### Champions League (VA)

The Chaman/Chasseur/Graphit son Champions League (line of Adda, breeder: Gerald Wiese, Ottersberg) advanced to the Champions League. On the last two weekends in April, Taschkent/UZB was the stage for remarkable international successes. In the World Cup Jumping (1.50 metres) of the CSI1\*-W he finished fifth with Khurshidbek Alimdjanov. Four days later, he took second place in

the opening round of the CSI1\*-W at the same venue, which was followed by victory in the World Cup jumping competition (1.50 metres). Together with the Uzbek quartet, Champions League then took the golden ribbon in the Nations Cup.

### Check In

### Caramba de Janeiro

In the opening round of the Grand Tour of the CSI3\* Hagen/GER, Caramba de Janeiro by Check In/Stolzenberg/Glenfiddich (line of Lunda, breeder: Christa Marklewitz, Lüchow) and Patrick Bölle won the white ribbon. In the second qualification (1.55 metres), they took the lap of honor in eighth place.

### Christian

### Clitschko

At the end of April the gates of the Spring Mediterranean Equestrian Tour closed in Oliva/ESP. On the last day, the Grand Prix (1.50 metres) was the last test on the program, where the Christian/Check In/Quo Vadis son Clitschko (breeder: Bernd Hickert, Marsberg) with Michael G. Duffy finished third.

### Clinton's Heart

### Classic Balou (VA)

In the speed jumping competition for seven-year-olds at the CSI2\* Zielona Gora/POL, Classic Balou by Clinton's Heart/Balou du Rouet/Picard (line of Wespe, breeder: Stable Wacholderheide, Himbergen) and Lucie Strnadlová took the silver ribbon.

### Cinsey

### Ciablanca

At the CSI2\* Nancy/FRA, Ciablanca by Cinsey/Chacco-Blue/Captain Paul (breeder: Lewitz Stud, Mühlen) won a Youngster Tour jumping competition with Mathieu Laveau.

### Codex One

### Colliers Carlotta

With a lead of just under one second, the only seven-year-old Colliers Carlotta by Codex One/Cornet Obolensky/Graf Top (line of Jabita, breeder: Hof Brüning, Ochtmannien) won the Grand Prix of the CSI1\* Chepstow/GBR with Thomas Whitaker.

### Comme il faut NRW

### Comme le père (Rhld.)

Comme le père by Comme il faut NRW/Contender/Pilot (breeder: Bernhard Brückner, Grefrath) and Philipp Hartmann used their home event at the CSI2\* Riesenbeck/GER for third place in the second qualification of the Large Tour.

### Commissario

### Commissar Pezi

By six hundreds of a second Commissar Pezi by Commissario/Lord Pezi/Fly High (line of Ambella, breeder: Johannes zur Lage, Bersenbrück) and Martin Fuchs missed the podium in the Grand Prix (1.55 metres) of the CSI4\* Montefalco/ITA and finished fourth in the exciting final by the blink of an eye.



**Comte**
**Perfect Catch**

For Portugal, the Comte/A Jungle Prince/Gloster son Perfect Catch (line of Nondura, breeder: Dr. Carsten Haack, Freiburg) competed at the CSI2\* Gorla Minore/ITA and carried Rodrigo Sampaio Peixoto to third place in a two-phase show jumping competition. In his second start the following day, the nine-year-old moved up to second place in a class on faults and time.

**Con Chello**
**Con Chello's Son JMEN (Rhld.)**

The clear round in the qualifier (1.50 metres) for the World Cup jumping in Curitiba/BRA of Con Chello's Son JMEN by Balou du Rouet/Polydor/Bariton (line of Willkür, breeder: Josef Ruyter, Rees) and Thiago Rhavy de Sá E Silva was rewarded with fourth place. Con Chello's Son's dam St.Pr.St. Baloudora has already produced two other highly successful international show jumpers with the two Cascadello sons Cascadello-Boy RM and C.H.I.O..

**Contagio**
**Catch Me Marathon**

In the 1.50 metre class on the final day of the CSI5\* GCT Mexico City/MEX, the Contagio/Werther/Gotthard daughter Catch Me Marathon (line of Julianca, breeder: Heinz Tiedje jun., Bottendorf) and Francisco José Mesquita Musa secured a spot on the podium with third place. The Gobal Champions Tour returned to Europe at the beginning of May. In Madrid/ESP, Catch Me Marathon triumphed and won the first jumping competition (1.55 metres) of the Global Champions League. Two days later, victory number two followed in the Ranking Jumping.

**Contendro**
**Hann.Pr.St. Chades of Grey**

The German Juniors finished third in the Nations Cup in Zduchovice/CZE. In this top placing, the Contendro/Colbert GTI/Wendekreis daughter Hann.Pr.St. Chades of Grey (line of Eckernförde II, breeder: Erich Mohrfeld, Espelkamp) and Vieca Sofie Bade delivered a clear round. On the final day, the Grand Prix celebrated a Hannoveraner double victory: Behind Conny-Blue, Chades of Grey finished second.



The result lists of Hagen report two top placings for Caramba de Janeiro by Check In and Patrick Bölle.

**Contendros**
**Conny-Blue**

There was great jubilation in the Czech Republic: Conny-Blue by Contendros/Chacco-Blue/Nagano (breeder: Lewitz Stud, Mühlen) and Lola Brunet from Switzerland won the Junior Grand Prix.

**Skorphults Baloutendro**

On the first weekend in May, the Contendros/Balou du Rouet/Cabri du Hequet son Skorphults Baloutendro (breeder: Lewitz Stud, Mühlen) won the Grand Prix of Drammen/NOR with Irishman Shane Carey in the saddle. The pair had previously been second in the second qualifier.

**Conteur**
**Casablanca-H**

After Miami and Mexico City, Casablanca-H by Conteur/Landor S/Argentan (Maldone line, breeder: Günther Heilshorn, Wulsbüttel) competed in Madrid/ESP. In the first class (1.55 metres) of the Global Champions League, which was won by Catch Me Marathon, the 13-year-old impressed with Samuel Hutton finishing fourth.

**Cornet Obolensky**
**Cornet's Iberio**

To "warm up", Cornet Obolensky/Iberio/Acorado (line of Steingilde, breeder: Heinrich Ramsbrock, Menslage) and Denis Lynch won

the opening jumping class of the CSI5\* GCT Mexico City/MEX. On the final day, seventh place in the jumping class of "Trofeo Banorte" (1.50 metres) was added to the list of successes.

**Cornet's Balou**
**Crack Balou**

The Cornet's Balou/Chacco-Blue/Carthago son Crack Balou (line of Lunda, breeder: Lewitz Stud, Mühlen) and Emanuele Gaudiano finished bronze in a jumping competition in two phases at the CSI3\* St. Tropez-Grimaud/FRA.

**Count Grannus**
**Count Me In**

With a fast four-fault round, Count Me In by Count Grannus/Sherlock Holmes/Mahon (line of Maritim, breeder: Friedrich Lüßmann, Neustadt) and Conor Swail flew to fourth place and 20,000 Euros in prize money in the Grand Prix (1.60 metres) of San Juan Capistrano/USA.

**D'Inzeo**
**Darquito**

On the second weekend in May, Darquito by D'Inzeo/Contefino/Stakkato (line of Kalunda, breeder: Dieter Köneke, Nienhagen) and Audrey Schulze celebrated victory in the two-phase show jumping competition at CSI3\* North Salem/USA.

### Diarado

#### Donald

In week two of CSI2\* Nancy/FRA, Donald by Diarado/For Edition/Laptop (line of Nordspitze, breeder: Carlo Meyer-Sauber, Boudler/Luxembourg) and Armin Schäfer finished third in a Medium Tour speed jumping class.

### Dollar Du Murier

#### D Mark

At the CSI4\* Montefalco/ITA, the Dollar Du Murier/Cordobes II/Chasseur son D Mark (line of Isolde, breeder: Thomas Heineking, Nendorf) and Massimo Grossato secured third place in a class with jump-off.

### Edward

#### Ede Peasy

Ede Peasy by Edward/Gletscher/Saluto (Gasparine line, breeder: Vicky Gillard, Great Britain) was born in Great Britain. With Mark Edwards, he appeared in the international lists of results at CSI2\* Chepstow/GBR with 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a jumping class on faults and time.

### Escudo

#### Europa H

With a fast four-fault round, the Escudo/Alexis/Goldlack son Europa H (line of Nerita, breeder: Hermann and Hans-W. Hensel, Ortenberg) and breeder's son Ulrich Hensel started the second round of the Grand Prix (1.55 metres) of Hagen/GER. There they re-

mained penalty point free and finished eighth. They went on to Mannheim/GER, where Europa H finished fifth in the Grand Prix (1.60 metres).

### Lord Pezi

#### Leave the Light on

In the Junior Grand Prix at Compiègne/FRA, the Lord Pezi/Lordanos/Stakkato son Leave the Light on (line of Festungszeit, bred by Eberhard Wotte, Rhede) and rider Lou Puch finished third.

### Lord Pizarro

#### Lordin

At the CSI2\* Stadl Paura/AUT, Lordin by Lord Pizarro/Quidam's Rubin/Argentinus (breeder: Johann Niers, Twist) and Stefanie Paul took third place in the Silver Tour Final.

### Lordanos

#### Lordany

The second horse bred by Eberhard Wotte to achieve top international placings in the past weeks is the Lordanos/Stakkato/Landadel daughter Lordany (line of Festungszeit, breeder: Eberhard Wotte, Rhede). She contributed a clear round to second place for the host team from the Czech Republic with Adela Opartna in the Junior Nations Cup in Zduchovice/CZE. Lordany is the one-year older full sister of the dam of Leave the Light on, who was successful in Compiègne/FRA with the Swiss junior Lou Puch.

### Lycon

#### Lightning Mc Queen

Lightning Mc Queen won two ribbons at the CSI1\* St. Tropez-Grimaud/FRA on the first weekend in May. The Lycon/Clinton/Argentinus son (line of Abacina, breeder: ZG Held, Haren) finished second with Laura Rayjasse in a two-phase show jumping competition and placed third a day later in a 1.40 meter class with jump-off.

### Mylord Carthago

#### Mackay

At the end of April, "Nancy Jump Est" started in northern France. The victory in the one-star Grand Prix went to the Mylord Carthago/Quidam de Revel/Landadel son Mackay (line of Denkerin, breeder: Dieter Scherwitzki, Holdorf) and Stephanie Hennequin. Golden ribbon number two followed a week later, with the pair winning a 1.45-meter class in the CSI2\* Big Tour.

### Now or Never

#### Voodoo Fire

The victory in the Young Rider Nations Cup of Zduchovice/CZE belonged to Hungary. They also had a Hannoveraner in their ranks: the Now or Never/Argentan/Waidmannsdank xx son Voodoo Fire (line of Klinke, breeder: Gudrun Hühne-Osterloh and Dr. Bernd Osterloh, Hardeggen), ridden by Zsófia Csibi. Next Nations Cup entry was in Šamorin/SVK, where the Hungarians finished third.

## Thank you Calanda!

At the CSI2\* Riesenbeck/GER Calanda by Calido/Chasseur/Glockenklang (Stamm der Segelta, breeder: Heinz Lorenz, Regesbostel) won the Friday main jumping class with Marcus Ehning. It is the last victory for the grey mare, born in 2008. Marcus Ehning announced on Instagram: „Spontaneously we decided to send her into a well-deserved retirement. Many thanks to the owners, the Nolte family, for their years of loyalty and support. Thank you, Calanda!“ Calanda was brought into the sport by breeder's son Sebastian Lorenz, later Willi and Finn Brunchhorst took over her further training before she came to Marcus Ehning in 2014. He not only competed in World Cup jumping classes with Calanda, but also rode for Germany in the Nations Cup in Rome/ITA. ■



Calanda and Marcus Ehning won over 300,000 Euros in show jumping competitions. Photo: Lafrentz

## FRH-Successes

At the beginning of the green season, young FRH horses celebrated remarkable successes. In Mannheim/GER, **For Magic Equesta FRH** by For Romance/A Jungle Prince (breeder: Friedhelm Kühnen, Krefeld) and Beata Stremmer won the Prix St. George and thus got the ticket for the final of the Nürnberger Burg-Pokal in Frankfurt.

In the Westergellerser Heide in Luhmühlen/GER, two FRH horses were among the winners. The Gentleman/White Star son **FRH Gentle WillowBee** (breeder: Eventerzucht Hansen, Salzhausen) won his section of the CCI1\* Intro with Antonia von Baath, while **Peppermint Patty FRH** by Perigueux/Contendro (breeder: Diedrich Meyer, Köhlen) and Jan Matthias delivered a smooth start-finish victory in their section of the CCI2\*-S.

In Bielefeld/GER, the Hohenstein/De Niro son **High Five FRH** (breeder: Dirk Ahlmann, Reher) triumphed with Anabel Balkenhol in the Grand Prix Special, having already won the entry test. Meanwhile, namesake **High Five FRH 2** by Hickstead White/Cheenuk (breeder: Marc Hahne, Kirchlinteln) was successful in the jumping class in Diepholz and crowned the first 1.40 metre start of his career with fourth place with rider Jessica Freye.



**Dancing Brave and Lena Waldmann**  
Photo: Lafrentz

The May issue of DER HANNOVERANER listed the young horses that were awarded the Hannoveraner Förderverein's name addition due to their successes last year. One was missing: Weltmeyer award winner **Dancing Brave FRH**. The Don Juan de Hus/Lemony's Nicket son (breeder: Axel Windeler, Verden-Walle) was tenth in the World Championships for six-year-old dressage horses in Ermelo/NED with Lena Waldmann.

### Numero Uno

#### Hann.Pr.A. Nigiri

The riders from Poland finished second in the Nations Cup of Young Riders in Šamorin/SVK. The all-Amazon team included Hann.Pr.A. Nigiri by Numero Uno/Cento/Calido (line of Natrium, breeder: Dr. Roman Roszkiewicz, Duszyniki/POL) and Juliana Suska, who produced the best result with a single fault.

### Perigueux

#### Prinz (VA)

Among the winners of the Maimarkt horse show in Mannheim/GER was Prinz by Perigueux/Escudo/Werther (line of Nachbarin, breeder: Volker Ebeling, Ingeln). The liver chestnut won a jumping class against the clock with Hans-Dieter Dreher.

#### Policeman

In the final of the CSI5\* GCT Mexico City/MEX, three of the seven first-place finishers carried the Hannoveraner foal brand in the 1.50 metre class held before the Grand Prix. Behind Catch Me Marathon and ahead of Cornet's Iberio, the Perigueux/Acord II/Ramiro son Policeman (breeder: Heinz Sprenger, Fritzlär) finished sixth with Omer Karaevli.

#### Pure Joy (VA)

With the 15-year-old Veera Salminen, Pure Joy by Perigueux/Lordanos/Galan (line of Dölna, breeder: Holger Renken, Vollersode) finished third in the Junior Grand Prix at Drammen/NOR.

### Quaid

#### Hann.Pr.St. Quatinka (VA)

Hann.Pr.St. Quatinka spent the winter in Florida, now she is back in Europe. At the CSI3\* Opglabbeek/BEL, the clear round of the Quaid/Perigueux/Stakkato daughter (breeder: Manfred Schäfer, Köchingen) under Lars Kersten was rewarded with seventh place in a 1.50 metre jumping competition.

#### Quick and Fly

The Quaid/Balou du Rouet/Servus son Quick and Fly (breeder: Andrea Homburg, Gnarrenburg) celebrated one of the greatest successes of his young career in Redefin/GER. At the Pferdefestival, the 12-year-old won the Championship of the State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern with Julie Mynou Diederichsmeier.

### Quintus HB

Quintus HB by Quaid/Nobre xx/Perpignon (line of Nokadere, breeder: Heinrich Bremer, Nöpke) has had some eventful years. After winning the free jumping competition in 2014, he was successful with eleven different riders – including Alexa Stais and Luciana Diniz – before he has now moved into a box in the stable of the Uzbek Nurjon Tuyakbaev. At the CSI1\*-W in Tashkent/UZB, the twelve-year-old finished third in the World Cup jumping competition (1.50 metres). A week later, the Uzbek capital hosted the Nations Cup competition. After winning the first jumping class, Quintus HB finished fourth in the World Cup jumping (1.50 metres). Three teams competed in the "international match", in which the hosts, who sent another Hannoveraner to the start in addition to Quintus HB with Champions League, did not miss out on the victory.



**Quick and Fly and Julie Mynou Diederichsmeier won the Championship of the state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.** Photo: Hellmann

### Quarismo

#### Quait Fox

On the podium of a class against the clock at the CSI03\* Mannheim/GER were two Hannoveraner who have the same great-grandmother. Goldorfe is not only in the pedigree of the winner Prinz, but also in that of Quait Fox by Quarismo/Stakkato/Werther (line of Nachbarin, breeder: Dr. Sabine Plaß, Burgdorf), who finished third with Michael Viehweg. The pair picked up a second third place ribbon in the final time class on the final day. Breeder Dr. Sabine Plaß had acquired the granddam Wunderbare at the age of 17 and bred a filly from her, who then produced Quait Fox. He is one of only six colts by the former Celle State Stud stallion Quarismo, who has a second son with international success in Bunter Boy.

### Quintender

#### Quick Step

Tenth place in the Grand Prix (1.55 metres) at Lexington/USA went to the Quintender/Calido/Werther son Quick Step (line of Lobrede, breeder: Marta Roszkiewicz-Heizer, Duszniki/POL) and Brazilian Rodrigo Pessoa.

### Stedinger

#### 3Q Qalisya

At the CSIOY Compiègne/FRA, 3Q Qalisya by Stedinger/Fürstenreich/Wendenburg (line of Jumga, breeder: Günter Heilshorn, Wulsbüttel) and Noa Verel won a 1.45 meter class.

### Stakkato

#### Smokin Joe

In class two of the Medium Tour in Riesenbeck/GER, the Stakkato/El Bundy/Cardano son Smokin Joe (line of Kerze, breeder: Dr. Moritz Gaus, Großmoor) with Marco Kutscher in the saddle completed the podium in third place alongside the winner Bardena.

### Stakkato's Highlight

#### Veyron

The result lists of the CSI3\* Canteleu/FRA report third place in a time jumping competition on the first weekend in May for Veyron by Stakkato's Highlight/Anton/Rubin Star N (line of Nachnahme, breeder: ZG Lohrey, Büdingen) and Axel van Colen.

### Stakkato Gold

#### Starissa

In Friday's main jumping competition (1.50 metres) in Hagen/GER, the Stakkato Gold/Quidam's Rubin/Landadel son Starissa (line of Jadara, breeder: Albert Sprehe, Essen) and Mario Stevens impressed in second place.

#### Elite Mare Sempa Fideles (VA)

In the "Welcome Stakes" (1.50 metres) of the CSI3\* Salem/USA, Sempa Fideles by Stakkato Gold/Concetto/Graf Grannus (line of Ahnenforschung, bred by Zuchthof Siems, Sebbenhausen) and Georgina Bloomberg jumped into second place.

#### Solero

It has been almost a year since Solero by Stakkato Gold/Graf Grannus/Lord Liberty G (line of Adana, breeder: Sprehe Stud, Lönin-



Fifth in the Grand Prix of Mannheim: Europa H by Escudo and Ulrich Hensell.

gen) made his last show appearance. At the traditional Maimarkt horse show in Mannheim/GER, the 14-year-old was back in the hunt for ribbons with Jörne Sprehe and finished third in a time jumping competition.

### Stolzenberg

#### Stella

Against strong competition from the Selle Français, the Stolzenberg/Perigieux/Carbid daughter Stella (line of Amitose, breeder: Henry Schwanemann, Otterndorf) prevailed at the CSI3\* Canteleu/FRA. The talented chestnut mare won the final of the six-year-olds with Brazilian rider André Reichmann, after she had already delivered a clear round in the warm-up class.

### Tangelo van de Zuuthoeve

#### Tangassini

After finishing third in the qualifier, the Tangelo van de Zuuthoeve/Cassini II/Escudo son Tangassini (line of Klaseta, breeder: Lutz and Ludwig Decker GbR, Bierbergen) took second place with Ines Joly from France in the Youngster Tour Final in Opglabeeek/BEL on the first weekend in May.

### Valentino

#### Vincel

With the Valentino/Fabriano/Lanthan son Vincel (line of Petra, breeder: Nicole Nemitz, Garlstorf), Mie Stuhr-Petersen was part of the Danish Nations Cup team of young riders fi-

nishing third in Zduchovice/CZE. Three weeks later they celebrated victory in the Young Riders Grand Prix of Šamorín/SVK.

#### Vittorio

In the qualifier (1.50 metres) for the prestigious class "Die Badenia" of the CSI03\* Mannheim/GER, Vittorio by Valentino/Ramiro's Bube/Gotthard (line of Steingilde, breeder: Dr. Hartmut Schulte-Wiese, Plettenberg) and Sophie Hinners were convincing in seventh place.

## Dressage



### Belantis

#### Bravio Bianco

After the victory in the Juniors' Qualifier, the Belantis/De Niro/Godewind son Bravio Bianco (line of Jolly, breeder: Volker Eickhoff, Sulingen) and Josephine Gert Nielsen celebrated their second victory in the Freestyle Final at the CDIJ Aalborg/DEN.

### Burlington

#### Bodyguard (VA)

At the beginning of the year, Florentina Jöbstl had taken over the Burlington/Pik L./Grande son Bodyguard (line of Nigretti, breeder: ZG Frieling, Balge) from her brother Paul and celebrated first successes in Ornago/ITA. The two finished second in the team test of juniors. In the following individual test and in the



In Hagen La Vie by Livaldon and Therese Nilshagen competed in the Small Tour.

freestyle they then won their first gold ribbons together.

#### Bon Bravour

#### Bob Dylan M

After Ornago/ITA and Stadl Paura/AUT, the CDI1\* Troisdorf was the stop for Bob Dylan M by Bon Bravour/Wolkentanz II/Feinbrand (line of Julita, breeder: Andrea Lahmeyer, Bassum) and Markus Graf. A nice souvenir is the white ribbon from Inter I.

#### Carabas

#### Carlos FRH (Rhld.)

Carlos FRH by Carabas/Weltmeyer/Akrobat (line of Aricia, breeder: Franz Johann Reinartz, Eupen/BEL) finished third with Helen Erbe in the U25-Inter II in Mannheim/GER and moved up to second in the Grand Prix for the Piaff-Förderpreis.

#### Desperados

#### D'Esperanza

The Desperados/Sandro Hit/Wanderbursch II daughter D'Esperanza (line of Hasel, breeder: Jens Wilting, Wiesede) has found her way to Australia. At the CDI3\* Sidney/AUS she came third with Alinta Veenvliet.

#### Destacado FRH (VA)

The best pair in the German team at the CDI05\* Compiègne/FRA, which finished third in the Nations Cup, was the Desperados/Londonderry/Falkland son Destacado

FRH (line of Sadea, breeder: Heinrich Gießelmann, Barver) and Matthias Alexander Rath as third in the Grand Prix.

#### Divina Royal (VA)

Two starts – two wins: At the CDI3\* Alter do Chão/POR, Divina Royal by Desperados/Royal Highness/Consul (line of Alite, breeder: Janina Weinheimer, Hellwege) won the Grand Prix and Special with José Antonio Garcia Mena.

#### Danciano

#### Dolcario

Dane Martin Christensen conducted Dolcario by Danciano/Don Frederico/Morning Star (line of Sporthaus, breeder: Christin Eggensglüß, Soltendiek) to third place in the Prix St. George at the CDI3\* Redefin/GER. In the Inter I, the pair improved to second place.

#### Dancing World

#### Dancing Star

After a nearly two-year break from competitions, the Dancing World/Rascalino/Waikiki son Dancing Star (line of Sabafiza, breeder: Herbert Kruse, Hamburg) appeared on the international stage in Troisdorf/GER. The bay, born in 2014, finished second in the Prix St. George with Ann-Christin Wienkamp.

#### Danone II

#### Delphino

One of the most successful Hannoveraner with young riders is the Danone II/Wolken-

tanz/Forrest xx son Delphino (line of North Coast, breeder: Ulrike Lahmann-Gehrke, Wittingen). In Ornago/ITA, he finished third in the young riders' individual competition with Noemi Zindel from Switzerland.

#### Dante Weltino

#### Swanmore Dantina

The winning series of Swanmore Dantina continues. In Hickstead/GBR, the Dante Weltino/Charatan W/Donnerhall daughter (line of Mafera, breeder: Ben St John James, Southampton/Great Britain) won both tests of the Small Tour with Sadie Smith.

#### Destano

#### Hann.Pr.A. Despacita

With Swede Lydia Jordan in the saddle, the career of Hann.Pr.A. Despacita by Destano/Wanderbursch II/Werther (line of Badda, breeder: Frederik Garrn, Guderhandviertel) became international in Redefin/GER. The nine-year-old took off in full force and, after placing second in the Prix St. George, finished third in the Inter I.

#### Don Frederico

#### Dean Martin (VA)

One of the successful Verden auction horses sold to Spain is Dean Martin. The Don Frederico/Lauries Crusador xx/Pablo son (line of Juromette, breeder: Marco and Melanie Steffens, Hollnseth-Hollen) celebrated his first international victory with Elsa Bosch Portillo in the individual test for juniors at the CDI3\* Camarma de Esteruelas/ESP.

#### Domino (VA)

One of the best pairs in the junior classes in Troisdorf/GER were Domino by Don Frederico/Weltmeyer/Gambler's Cup xx (breeder: Hindrik Beckmann, Uelsen) and Robynne Graf. The two won both the individual test and the freestyle final. The road took them to northern Italy, where they finished third in the individual test in Ornago/ITA. In the freestyle they made the Hannoveraner double victory perfect and finished second behind Bodyguard.

#### Don Diego (VA)

A three-time participant in European Championships with Juan Matute Guimon, the Don Frederico/Wolkenstein II/Matcho AA son Don Diego (line of Juggema, breeder: Herbert



Schütt, Hemmoor) is now a school master for Luxembourg's Celine Wagner. In Camarma de Esteruelas/ESP, the 20-year-old carried his rider, who is one year older, to the silver ribbon in the individual test for young riders.

### Dolcetto (VA)

In Olomouc/CZE, the Don Frederico/Wolken-tanz/Amerigo Vespucci xx son Dolcetto (line of Osberta, breeder: Ludwig Eiken, Aurich) and Natalia Plata excelled: They won all three tests in the junior classes.

### Don Vito MH

The Don Frederico/Anamour/Weltmeyer son Don Vito MH (line of Delfina, breeder: Matthew Hanoverians, Awanui/New Zealand) crowned his first trip abroad with three silver ribbons. At the CDI3\* Sidney/AUS, the 2012-born chestnut finished second in Grand Prix, Special and Freestyle with Wendi Williamson.

### Duke Ellington

#### Duke Dorincourt K

In the Inter I of the CDI1\* Olomouc/CZE, Duke Dorincourt K by Duke Ellington/London-derry/Maurice (line of Almkunde, breeder: Christina Künneke, Soltau) and Anna Klein-dienst-Jilly danced to third place.

### Don Kennedy

#### Don Geniro

With the former eventing horse Don Geniro by Don Kennedy/Giorgione/Donnee (breeder: Pamela Dews, Mirfield/Great Britain), Isabella Caldwell finished third in the individual test for juniors at the CDI3\* Hickstead/GBR.

### Fiorano

#### Fano

In Grand Prix and freestyle at the Maimarkt horse show in Mannheim/GER, the Fiorano/Friedensfürst/Ramires son Fano (breeder: Michael Silbernagl, Meßstetten) and Jasmin Schaudt both finished third. They achieved a personal best in the freestyle.

### Fidertanz

#### Feuerdorn VB (VA)

Feuerdorn VB wants to follow in the hoof prints of his successful full brothers Foundation, Fiderstar, Crystal Friendship and Fun4ever. The 2010 born Fidertanz/De Vito/Andia-



The Danciano son Dolciario competed with Martin Christensen in Hagen and Redefin.

mo son (line of Paninka, breeder: Gerd Pigge, Lastrup) finished second with Ines De Koinck in the team and individual test for juniors in Compiègne/FRA on the first weekend of May and achieved the third best result in the freestyle.

### Florenco

#### Florenzia

In Camarma de Esteruelas/ESP, the judges saw Florenzia by Florenco/Sandro/Admiral II (line of Paninka, breeder: Hubert Knigge, Ahlden) and Berta Fitó Ayats finish third in the FEI Young Riders Team Event.

### Hofrat

#### Hot Bit de la Gesse

The best horse in the young riders' competitions at the CDI3\* Compiègne/FRA was the Hofrat/Rubin-Royal/Woermann daughter Hot Bit de la Gesse (line of Schneeflocke, breeder: Hof Seeverns GbR, Butjadingen). The 2005-born dark bay won team and individual tests with the 21-year-old French Mado Pinto.

### Hohenstein

#### High Five FRH

With a personal best High Five FRH v. Hohenstein/De Niro/World Cup III (line of Sidoza, breeder: Dirk Ahlmann, Reher) and Anabel Balkenhol finished second in the Grand Prix of the CDI3\* Hagen/GER.

### Livaldon

#### La Vie

At the beginning of a promising career is the Livaldon/Scolari/Wolkenstein II son La Vie (line of Pia, breeder: Heinz Gerdes, Hude). This one went international in Hagen/GER. With Swede Therese Nilshagen, the privately owned sire finished third in the Prix St. George.

### Romanov Blue Hors

#### Thranegaardens Rostov

Denmark won one of the first Nations Cups of the season in Compiègne/FRA. The gold team included Thranegaardens Rostov by Romanov Blue Hors/Diamond/Belucci (line of the youngster, breeder: Jens Riishede Jensen, Broderslev/Denmark) and Lone Bang Zindorff.

### Quantenprung

#### Quartar (VA)

In the Grand Prix of the CDI3\* Camarma de Esteruelas/ESP, the Quantensprung/Laurentio/Weltmeyer son Quartar (breeder: Ralf Zierke, Braunschweig) and Juan Antonio Jimenez Cobo won the white ribbon for third place.

#### Blue Hors Quintana

After finishing second in the U25 Grand Prix at Aalborg/DEN, Blue Hors Quintana by Quantensprung/Desperados/Rotsporn (line of Florettwelt, breeder: Steffen Brunkhorst, Parnewinkel) won the freestyle with Sophia Ludvigsen.

### Quaterback

#### Quibelle (Rhld.)

In Ornago/ITA, Quibelle by Quaterback/Fürst Heinrich/Festivo (line of Aracena, breeder: Claudia Hammelstein, Grevembroich) and Emma Grandits won the junior team test.

### Quaterhall

#### Queolito

With a silver ribbon in the Grand Prix Special of the CDI3\* Compiègne/FRA, the Quaterhall/Fürst Romancier/Warkant son Queolito (line of Gallone, breeder: Christine Richter, Schiffdorf) celebrates his debut on the international sport pages in DER HANNOVERANER. The eleven-year-old was ridden by Bianca Nowag-Aulenbrock.

### Quasar de Charry

#### Quizmaster FRH (VA)

Making the most of his home advantage, Quizmaster FRH by Quasar de Charry/Velten Third/Argument (Favora line, breeder: Klaus Küver, Wohlenbeck) and won Prix St. George and Inter I with Frederic Wandres.

### Sandro Hit

#### Sardon de Adama de Susa

Sardon de Adama de Susa is by Sandro Hit/Worldly/Donnerhall (line of Iphigenie, breeder: Maria Jose Alvarez Mezquirez, Madrid/Spain) is born on the Iberian Peninsula. His dam Wolke 7 was part of the collection at the 2005 foal auction. He has grown up to international class and came second in the Grand Prix Special with Claudio Castilla Ruiz at Camarma de Esteruelas/ESP.

### Sarkozy

#### Scato

21 juniors collected international merits in Camarma de Esteruelas/ESP. Among the best was the Sarkozy/Rubinstein/Aarking xx son Scato (line of Frankentanne, breeder: Jan Ahrenshop KG, Ohlendorf), who finished second with Ignacio Torres Morales in both the team test and the freestyle final.

### St. Moritz Junior

#### Samurai

Samurai by St. Moritz Junior/Laureano/Casaretto (breeder: ZG Loch, Wehren) celebrated

one of his greatest successes to date at the CDI4\* Mannheim/GER. The liver chestnut secured the silver ribbon in the Grand Prix with Franziska Stieglmaier in the saddle.

#### St. Schufro (VA)

After the St. Moritz Junior/Don Schufro/Atatürk son St. Schufro (line of Kati, breeder: Joachim Wahlers, Reeßum) left Germany for Denmark as a premium stallion, he has returned to the country of his birth ten years later. At the CDI4\* Hagen/GER he finished second in the Grand Prix with Nanna Skodborg Merrald.

### Vivaldi

#### Hann.Pr.St. Vanity Fair FRH (Rhld.)

Excellent progress has been made by Hann. Pr.St. Vanity Fair FRH by Vivaldi/Sandro Hit/Weinzauber (breeder: ZG Wencek, Sonsbeck). In 2018, she was the winning mare at the Herwart von der Decken Show, and three years later she finished third at the Bundeschampionat for six-year-old dressage horses. Now Ann-Christin Wienkamp sits in her saddle and finished second in the Inter I at the CDI1\* Troisdorf/GER.

### Wynton

#### Bionika di Fonteabete

After winning the young riders' FEI team test at the CDI3\* Camarma de Esteruelas/ESP, Bionika di Fonteabete by Wynton/Gribaldi/Michelangelo (breeder: Societa Agricola Allevamento Fonte Abete, Sansepolcro/Italy) finished third in the individual test with Maria Vittoria Duranti.

## Eventing



### Chacco-Blue

#### Star Connection FRH

At the riding horse auction in May 2012, the Belgian Jarno Debusschere discovered the Chacco-Blue/Star Regent xx/Gardekürassier son Star Connection FRH (line of Schildamsel, breeder: Dr. Rainer Nitsch, Luhmühlen). As World Champion of young eventing horses, he was considered Michael Jung's great hope for the future. However, a pasture injury seemed to end his career early. Star Connection FRH returned to his owner's stable and he brought the bay back into the sport after a long break. And with success: At the CCI3\*-S Münster/GER, the two finished second behind Julia Krajewski.

### Contendro

#### fischerChipmunk FRH

Living up to their role as favorites, fischerChipmunk FRH by Contendro/Heraldik xx/Ramiro (line of Farina, breeder: Dr. Hilmer Meyer-Kulenkapff, Behlmer) and Michael Jung lived up to their role as favorites in Marbach/GER, winning the CCI4\*-S. The pair thus also secured the title in the Professional Riders' Championships.

### Diarado

#### D'Accord

The Diarado/Aarking xx/Walhall son D'Accord (line of Karuba, breeder: Christa von Paepcke, Lehmkuhlen) and Christoph Wahler celebrated their first victory in Lower Silesia. The two won the CCI3\*-L in Strzegom/POL.

### Viscount

#### Very Special

Very Special by Viscount/Nobre xx/Fabiano (breeder: Ulrike Edel-Heidhues, Bad Harzburg) and Brandon Schäfer-Gehrau, who competed at the World Championships in Le Lion d'Angers last year, won the CCI3\*-S Saumur/FRA. This victory was the perfect conclusion of the training stay with Rodolphe Scherer, Germany's trainer of the national team for the discipline cross-country. ■

In Strzegom, D'Accord by Diarado and Christoph Wahler won the CCI3\*-S (archive photo).





# A royal gift from Canada

**A royal gift in the truest sense of the word was given to the British King Charles III by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).**

By Maren Schlender

At King Charles III's coronation ceremony in May, the seven-year-old Hannoveraner mare Her Noble by High Spirits out of St.Pr. Duniya by Dr. Doolittle/Weltmeyer has been officially handed over to the British King Charles III. The timing could not have been better, as the RCMP celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. King Charles has close personal ties to the RCMP, has been its Honorary Commissioner since 2012, and just last year, as part of the Platinum Jubilee of his mother Queen Elizabeth II, visited the stables and facilities in Ottawa where the horses for the Musical Ride are trained and met with riders and trainers there. He personally asked for a horse that, in the future, he will call "charger horse", the horse he will ride in the famous "Trooping the Colour Parades" in London, as soon as his current horse George retires.

The story of "Her Noble" began in 2008 when her then four-year-old dam St.Pr. Duniya (breeder: Heinz Griep, Herzlake) was purchased in Verden by the RCMP for their

breeding program. The RCMP historically bred mainly thoroughbreds. The desire for a visual uniform appearance has resulted in only black horses being considered for the RCMP. In 1989 black Hannoveraner broodmares and stallions were added to the breeding program to help improve colour, substance and conformation. The breeding farm near Ottawa is home of about 15 mares and two stallions. Foals are born there and raised until the age of three. They are bred to perform in the "Musical Ride", a truly Canadian spectacle known far beyond Canada's borders.

Her Nobels sire High Spirits by Hohenstein/Prince Thatch xx (breeder: Marie-Jose Brandt, Hanstedt) was also purchased 2010 in Verden especially for their breeding program. High Spirits has been licensed in Verden and found his first home in the State Sud of Dillenburg in Hessen. From his time in Germany there are offspring successfully performing in dressage and show jumping competitions up

to advanced level. This disposition is valuable for the RCMP. The breeding goal, in addition to the black colour, is to breed an athletic horse with particularly good interior and rideability. In the Musical Ride, police officers, many of whom have never ridden before, ride challenging formations in the form of a quadrille for at least 30 minutes. The tour covers many provinces in Canada during the summer and fall. In May 2012 the Musical Ride also made a stop in Verden, on the way to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the throne in London. 32 horses and riders stayed in Verden and performed two shows in the famous Niedersachsenhalle which was a unique experience.

Her Noble is not the first horse that the RCMP has handed over to the English Royal Family. There are currently three charger horses in use: George for the King, Sir John for her Royal Highness the Princess Royal and Darby for The Duke of York. Her Noble took the Musical Ride Tour in Canada for the first time in 2022 and proved her suitability on 90 public appearances. Good temperament and rideability are the essential characteristics a Musical Ride horse must have. Her Noble represents these in a perfect way. Karen Ryan, manager of the RCMP breeding farm describes Her Noble as follows:

"Her Noble is very much like her mother! Extremely talented, athletic, has a great personality, elastic movements, a strong will and a willingness to face challenges! She has her father's intelligence, energy and strength. She should be a perfect fit for the Royal Mews." ■

**Her Noble was given a festive farewell ceremony in Canada before King Charles III received the black mare personally in Windsor. Photos: RCMP, PA**





# Changes on the horizon

Günther Blöthe from Mardorf celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> horse breeding anniversary this year. With the Westside Story, the 72-year-old laid the foundation for one of his high-quality dressage bloodlines. With the handover of the breeding to his grandson Leon Karsten, changes are coming to the Mummrian breeding stable.

By Jürgen Stroscher

**The Mummrian breeding stable: Günther Blöthe (right) with Hanna Veith, Josephine Meier and grandson Leon Karsten.** Photos: Stroscher

There is currently an atmosphere of change at the Mummrian breeding stable in Mardorf on the Steinhuder Meer. Changes are on the agenda that have been planned for a long time. Breeder Günther Blöthe now wants to hand over the responsibility for his farm. For more than five decades, the horses have always been the focus. With great commitment and passion, he has earned an excellent reputation at home and abroad. But anyone who now thinks that Günther Blöthe wants to retire because of his age is mistaken. For it was through his second passion, hunting, that the retiree met 68-year-old Hanna Veith from Munich. "We want to spend a lot of time together in the future," reports the fit Günther Blöthe. In addition, it had been planned for some time that his grandson Leon Karsten should step up his involvement in the business. "Now the new life circumstances are forcing this development, and we are making everything official. The farm will be taken over in lease by him and his partner Josephine Meier." But then the experienced breeder does not want to part with his horses so completely. He will continue to live in Mardorf and thus also "keep an eye on horse breeding."

"I am totally grateful to my grandpa. By taking over the farm, he is enabling me to continue the dam line he has built up over the years and to give the farm a new direction," says 20-year-old Leon Karsten. "From an early age, I traveled with him to the farms in Lower Saxony and attended the mare as well as foal shows. The stallion approvals were particularly fascinating." The trained farmer has

thus experienced the facets of horse breeding at first hand and can look back on a "long apprenticeship" with his grandfather. Even his friendship with his partner Josephine Meier is more or less thanks to him. "I helped out at the farm two years ago when Günther had it in the back and he couldn't move like that," explains the 26-year-old rider. That's how the two met for the first time at their future place of work and eventually became a couple. From this constellation and professional qualification, the two want to further improve the quality of horse breeding, whereby the training as well as the training of their own breeding horses and of foreign horses are to be given a higher priority.

Agriculture has a tradition in Mardorf anyway. "My father gave up farming, though, so I was born in Mardorf but grew up in Hannover. My mother's farm always remained in the family until I moved back with my wife Anette in 1973. Alwine, who was eleven years old at the time, was the first broodmare to move in," Günther Blöthe recalls. That's why the city of Hannover plays an important role in his life. On the one hand, because he trained there at the state police school and later made a career in the equestrian squad. And on the other hand, because it was in Isernhagen that he literally ran into his wife Anette for the first time. "When my horse bolted during a ride, it ran right into the yard of my future father-in-law. Anette worked in the neighboring drugstore, had observed the accident and was able to catch my horse again." Anette Blöthe passed away five years ago. "My father



**Soho by Secret/Benicio was exhibited by Philipp Mücke, Munich, at the stallion sales 2021 and found a new owner from the USA. Andreas Quaas had presented him at the licensing.** Photo: Fellner



came from Rehburg, not far from Mardorf, and rode Hannoveraner. As a child, I learned to ride through him." So it was only natural for the then young police officer to apply to the Hannover Riding Squad. "There I eventually became a riding instructor and was responsible for remount training for a long time." More than 30 years of affiliation with the police riding squadron of Hannover suggest a "dream position". Especially since professional and private life could be combined in the best possible way. "Because a breeder offered me to take care of his somewhat difficult mare, I got my first broodmare, which wasn't actually planned that way." For that, the foals out of the 1962-born Amselkönig II/Amateur daughter Alwine already had considerable quality. The black gelding Kobolt by Kronos, born in 1980, made his way as a driving horse into heavy competition and the bay gelding Garfield by Gardeguerassier, born in 1983, was victorious in show jumping competitions up to elementary level. Nevertheless, Günther Blöthe accepted the end of this bloodline, which was geared towards show jumpers, in favor of dressage-oriented breeding.

### Decisive influence

In order to come closer to his goal of "breeding rideable dressage horses for the upper echelons of sport," Günther Blöthe seized the opportunity to acquire appropriate foals in 1977 through the mediation of his father-in-law, Herbert Leifers. Especially the mare Salome by Salem/Florentiner II (breeder: Gerwin Fais, Hamburg) had a decisive influence on the new breeding program. Since then, the historic line of Weihe from 1913 has been cultivated in Mardorf.

Salome's daughter Lorena by Lortzing, who was born in 1984, has played a major role in this. Four of her offspring have made a career in advanced dressage: Whitfield by Wenzel (1992), Willi Meyer by Weltmeyer (1997) and Wakajama by Weltmeyer made it to medium level and Waicando by Waikiki, born in 2001 with Benjamin Werndl and Jürgen van Damme, even made it to the top class, the Grand Prix. Lorena not only passed on her sporting genes in an outstanding way, but also gave birth to a filly in 2003, Whitney by Weltmeyer, whose fertility and outstanding breeding quality still characterize this bloodline today. Her offspring Sergio Leone by Sir Donnerhall (2008), Bellino Royal by Bon Coeur (2016) and Hann.Pr.A. Bonne Chance by Bon Coeur (2017) are endowed with above-average dressage talent. For breeding purposes, her offspring Sorry I'm A Lady by San Amour (2012) and Fine Lady by Fürstenball (2013) and of course her full brother Fürstenschatz, who was licensed in Verden in 2016, are invaluable to the kennel. The

stallion Fürstenschatz was in demand at the Stallion Sales. The stallion began his breeding career at the Warendorf State Stud, where the black stallion impressed with his charm and excellent basic gaits. No wonder, then, that stamp stallion Weltmeyer is represented in the pedigree. In any case, the movement artist and line founder Weltmeyer could not have been a better match for Günther Blöthe's dam line. What could be more natural than to try his sire World Cup as well. "I absolutely wanted to have a World Cup mare in my stock and went to Freiburg on the Elbe in 1989 to do so." Where he also found what he was looking for and bought the chestnut filly Westside Story from the breeding of Joachim Hinrichs, Hamburg.

The breeder was spot on with his choice and the second successful dressage bloodline from the renowned Nordspitze line was founded. Among the first foals by St.Pr.St. Westside Story was St.Pr.St. Blue Bayou by Brentano II, born in 1994, a mare with exceptional potential, regardless of the breeding. She produced only quality foals, especially mares: St.Pr.St. Whyoming by Weltmeyer, Fabienne by Fabriano, Hoheit by Hochadel, St.Pr.St. First Lady by Fürst Heinrich, St.Pr.St. Sinfonie G and St.Pr.St. Shakira by Sandro Hit as well as Sinfonie and Sakari Sweet by Sir Donnerhall. One of the few offspring born in 2003 was the Don Bosco son Don Diego, who was sold at foal auction to England and licensed there. Blue Bayou's daughter St.Pr.St. Whyoming is responsible for the next highly successful Grand Prix horse from this bloodline. Born in 2007, Soccer City by Sir Donnerhall switched to U.S. ownership and was part of the winning German Nations Cup team with Lars Ligus in Wellington/USA last year. Last December, the 2019-born Soho by Secret/Benicio/Sandro Hit was licensed for Mecklenburg.

Due to their great potential, the dressage horses bred by Günther Blöthe, for which his grandson Leon is now responsible, are increasingly in demand. For example, the 2019-born Secret offspring Sound of Music and Salt Lake City recently achieved top prices at the Verden Auctions. The breeding horses found new owners in Austria and Mexico, respectively. Since Günther Blöthe was so impressed by the charisma of the Hannoveraner premium prospect with the beautiful name Die Diva v. Del'Arko d'Henvet, he bought the now four-year-old mare from her breeder Heinrich Wömpner from Wölpinghausen on a handshake. In 2022, the bay mare from the line of Schliesserin made her grand entrance at the Herwart von der Decken Show and was awarded the Id Prize. This means that Günther Blöthe and his grandson Leon Karsten are also back in business with the show jumpers. ■



**Hann.Pr.St. Sunshine Lady by Sir Donnerhall/Weltmeyer was champion mare in Loccum in 2017 and was awarded 1c at the Herwart von der Decken-Show.** Photo: Schwöbel



**Sunshine Lady's son Sound of Music by Secret was one of the most sought-after horses at the 139<sup>th</sup> Elite Auction.** Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn



Sport test

“Erste Sahne” in Münster-Handorf

An even 10 is printed on the test certificate of the Escamillo/Sir Donnerhall son so aptly named “Erste Sahne” (crème de la crème) at the sport test in Münster-Handorf. The bay stallion bred by Hanne Schleupen, Kempen, was the first competitor to receive this score for his canter. It doesn't get any better than this, according to the judges. Rideability and overall impression were each scored 9.5, making Erste Sahne the best of the 15-strong test lot. “A stallion with all the potential. He was very happy with the test rider and this was also reflected in the basic gaits,” the judges commented. Shortly after the test, the Rhinelander, who goes back to the foundation mare Noprara, was licensed for Hannover. The best Hannoveraner was Banksy Coeur by Bon Coeur/Londonderry (breeder: ZG Kutzer



Erste Sahne by Escamillo/Sir Donnerhall

Photo: Hartwig

and Röhrssen, Bremen), who already impressed with his naturalness and balance at his disposition test in the same place six months ago. With a weighted final score of 8.46, the dark bay stallion from the renowned dam line of Eckernförde II was in third place in the final standings. The best stallion in the disposition test, which took place at the same time, was Francorchamps by Fusio-

nist/Sir Donnerhall (breeder: Sven Glöde, Dorf Mecklenburg), who is not licensed for Hannover and was certified as having very good rideability (9.0). His final score of 8.44 was not surpassed by any other young stallion.

23 young stallions completed the predisposition test for jumping. The fourth best result was achieved by the Alaba/Darco de Revel son Arcassio (breeder: Hengststation Ferienhof Stücker, Weeze), whose jumping was rated 9.0. The overall score was 8.38. ■

Dates

The next tests

The next disposition tests (short) and sport tests will take place in Vechta from September 5 to 7 and in Elmshorn from October 26 to 28.

Info: www.hengstleistungspruefung.de. ■

Stallions in profile

Stallions are presented that are available to breeders for the first time. Linear profiles are not available for all stallions.

Culiko EB, Holstein, brown, born 21.05.2019

Breeder: Evi Bengtsson, Itzehoe Station: Stall Bengtsson, Itzehoe, Ph. +1 72/4 01 00 64

Sport test jumping part I Verden 2023: 8.57

Dam Uluka up to 1.50 m; 2nd dam Milka I: Kuschel's Elika and L.B. Culture III by Colman up to 1.40 m, Womanizer by Colman up to 1.50 m, Atticus by Colman up to 1.45 m; Holstein dam line 6786: Quante by Aljano up to 1.60 m, Larcon by Larimar up to 1.50 m, Cessna P by Clarimo up to 1.45 m, Champion d'amour by Clearway up to 1.45 m, Cocobongo CR up to 1.40 m, Let's Go by Le Grand Spr. up to S, Tintomarra by Caletto jumping up to S, Domerika by Athlet Z jumping up to S



Photo: Bugtrup

Table with columns: Trait, Characteristic value. Rows include Head, Neck, Withers/Shoulder, Frame, Front leg, Hindlegs, Type, Correctness of gaits, Trot, and Jumping ability.

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Table showing pedigree information for stallions Casall and Uluka, listing their parents and grandparents.

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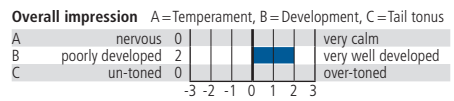
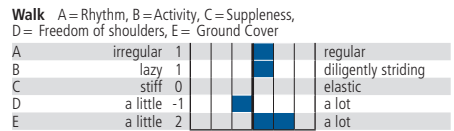
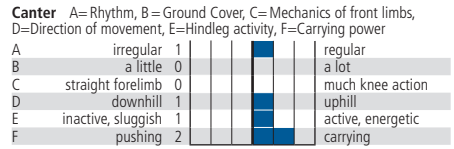
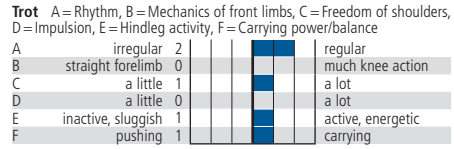
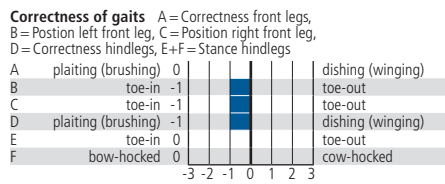
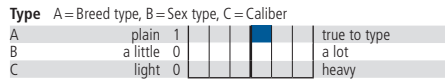
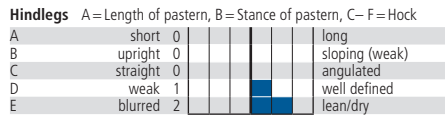
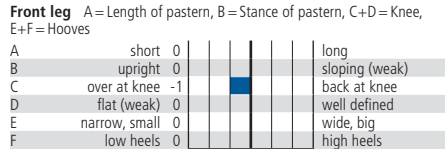
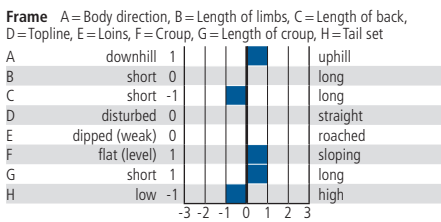
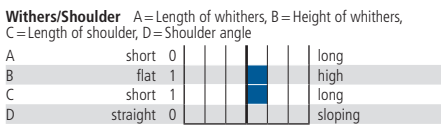
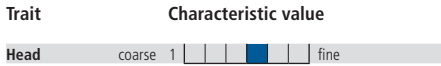
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Breeder: Inga Bulle, Lüdingworth  
Station: Gestüt Schafhof, Kronberg/Ts.  
Ph +61 73/92160  
Sport test dressage part I MS-Handorf 2023: 7.81  
Short test dressage Münster-Handorf 2022: 8.14  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Hannoveraner Championships for riding horses 2022

**Dam line:** PB Benz by Rockefeller up to Inter I, Bellissimo by Eloquent up to GP, Bariton by Random up to PSG, LB Buddenbrock by Sixtus, Banderas by Friedensfürst (LB Moritzburg), Diego by Negro up to GP, Royal Doruto OLD by Royal Hit up to Inter I, Jemima LH by Everdale up to Inter I



Photo: Reumann



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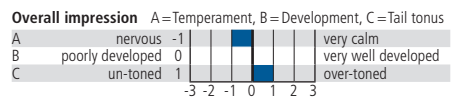
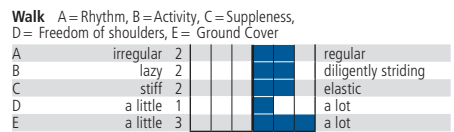
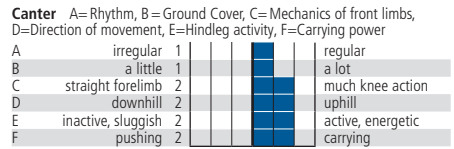
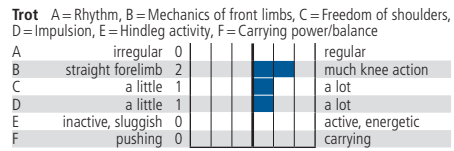
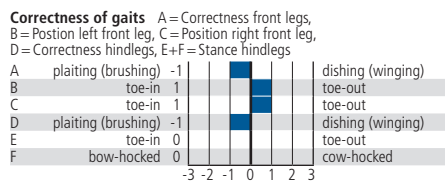
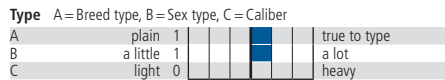
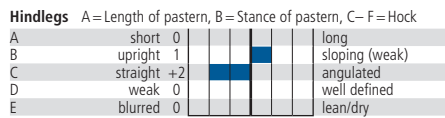
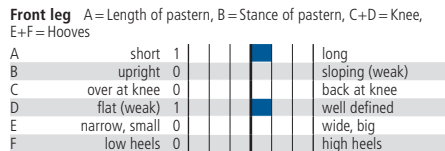
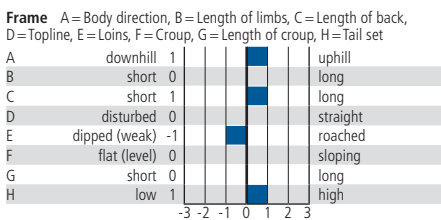
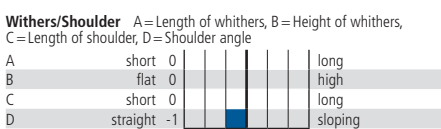
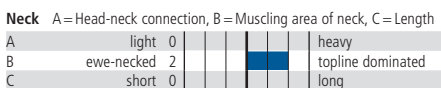
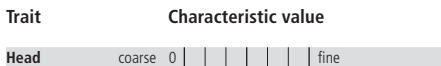
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	Fürst Jazz	Cocktail Charmante
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35-day-test Denmark 2019: 8.09  
14-day-test Denmark 2020: 7.70 (Dr.: 8.25)

**Dam Jamsession Taonga:** up to Inter I; **line Jessica, Groden:** LB Quentino by Qualito Stakkato-Prize 2023, PB Lord Leatherdale by Lord Loxley, PB Bernay by Boston up to Inter II, High Noon by Donnerhall dr. up to World Cup (H. Boger/GER), Conteur's Cadeau (VA) by Conteur up to GP, Lord Lester by Lugano up to GPS, Raffael by Rosenkavalier up to GPS, Aventino (VA) by Aalborg up to GPS



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Erste Sahne, Rhineland, bay, born 21.05.2019



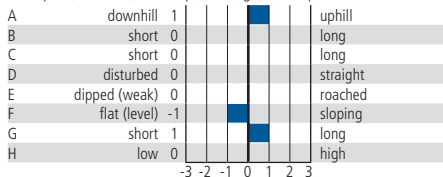
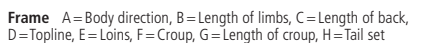
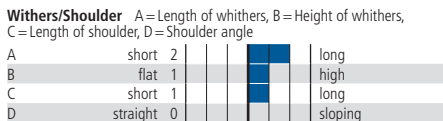
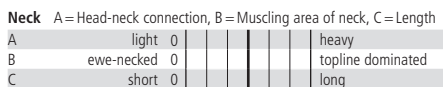
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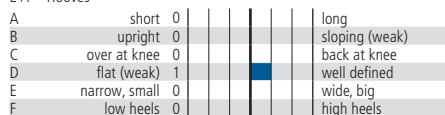
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Table showing pedigree information for Escamillo and Si Jolie, including names like Escolcar, Estobar NRW, Verb.Pr.St. Cassila, and Miss Feedy.

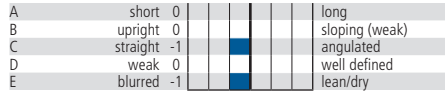
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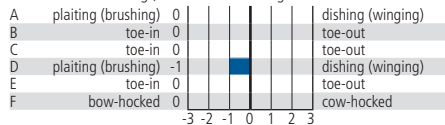
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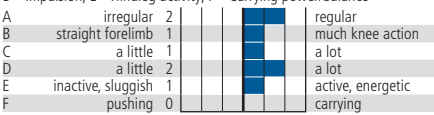
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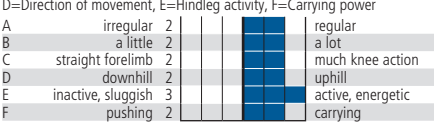
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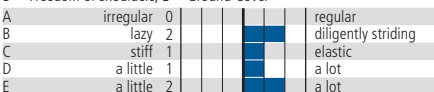
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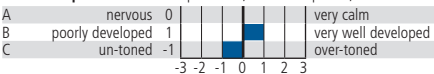
Canter A=Rhythm, B=Ground Cover, C=Mechanics of front limbs, D=Direction of movement, E=Hindleg activity, F=Carrying power



Walk A=Rhythm, B=Activity, C=Suppleness, D=Freedom of shoulders, E=Ground Cover



Overall impression A=Temperament, B=Development, C=Tail tonus



Results

Table of results for Short test - dressage in Münster-Handorf, April 26 to 28, 2023, and Sport test - dressage part I in Münster-Handorf, April 26 to 28, 2023.

Table of results for Sport test - dressage part II in Münster-Handorf, April 26 to 28, 2023, and Sport test - jumping part I in Münster-Handorf, April 24 to 26, 2023.



# Lucky number seven

**At the riding horse online auction in April, Salt Lake City with the head number seven achieved the top price of 82,000 Euros. On average, the 54 young talents were worth 20,740.74 Euros to their new owners. The buyers came from twelve different countries.**

**By Dr. Katharina Wiegand**

An international bidding duel ignited on April 22 for head number seven, the dark bay Secret/Sandro Hit son Salt Lake City (breeder: Leon Karsten, Neustadt). His granddam, St.Pr.St. Blue Bayou, is the third dam of Sound of Music by Secret/Sir Donnerhall (breeder: Günther Blöthe, Neustadt), who was top-priced at the Elite Auction last fall. Among the bidders, customers from Mexico prevailed and won the virtual bid at 82,000 Euros. Salt Lake City returned to the Verden Auctions under saddle, where he had been owned by his exhibitor Johann von der Decken at the 2021 Elite Auction as a two-year-old stallion. Also going to Mexico, although to a different stable, is the Benicio/Le Primeur son Brillant (breeder: Hermann Jürgen Rump, Gilten, exhibitor: BG Rump-Engelhausen GbR, Gilten). His full brother Bailando was a finalist at the 2019 Bundeschampionat with Eva Möller.

Spain once again made high-priced purchases in Verden: Black Label by Bourbon/Ampere (breeder and exhibitor: Jochen Meyer, Allwörden) was sold at 44,000 Euros to regular customers from the south of Europe. The strikingly beautiful black gelding descends from a successful sport and auction dam line. His sister Deichperle by Diamond Hit, for example, found her way into supporting hands via the 2020 Elite Auction and already performed well in medium (M) level at the age of six. Der Didi (breeder and exhibitor: Nicole Nemitz, Garlstorf) will also make the trip to Spain. The bay gelding combines the blood of the Bundeschampionat and advanced (S) level winning state stud stallion Dohnanyi with the Trakehner stallion Imperio on the dam's side.

Among the show jumpers, the Diaron/Satisfaction son Desfaction (breeder and exhibitor: Ingrid Woll-

ner, Schöneck) achieved the top price of 42,000 Euros. The grey repeatedly impressed with his technique and scope during the auction time. Double V by Diamant de Plaisir/Cornet Obolensky moved to Sweden for 38,000 Euros. The jumping mare comes from the breeding and ownership of Hendrik Schäfer, Köchingen, who was honored at the Verden Gala Evening in the Niedersachsenhalle in October 2022 as the most successful auction exhibitor of the past ten years.

Eleven of the riding horses in the April auction earned their exhibitors 25,000 Euros or more. Just under half of the auction lot will promote Hannoveraner horses abroad. Five times customers from Finland placed the last bid, three times buyers from Spain and France had the longest breath. Compared to last year, both the average price and the turnover were down with a slightly higher number of horses. The next Verden riding horse auction will also take place online on July 23. ■

## Statistics

### Riding horses

Number of horses	54 horses
Sold	54 horses
Net proceeds	1,120,000.00 Euros
Average price	20,740.74 Euros
Top price	82,000.00 Euros
Lowest price	8,500.00 Euros

### Price range

8,000 to 10,999 Euros	8 horses
11,000 to 14,999 Euros	6 horses
15,000 to 24,999 Euros	29 horses
25,000 Euros and more	11 horses

### Sold to countries

Germany	32		
Denmark	1	Finland	5
France	3	Italy	1
Canada	1	Mexico	2
The Netherlands	1	Poland	1
Sweden	2	Switzerland	2
Spain	3		



**Salt Lake City by Secret/Sandro Hit sold to Mexico for 82,000 Euros.** Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn

# Verden Foal Spring

## Foal Auction Online April 27 – Foal spring is in full bloom

### Statistics

#### Foals

Number of horses	33 foals
Sold	33 foals
Net proceeds	259,750.00 Euros
Average price	7,871.21 Euros
Top price	23,000 Euros
Lowest price	4,000 Euros

#### Price range

4,000 to 7,999 Euros	22 foals
8,000 to 9,999 Euros	6 foals
10,000 Euros and more	5 foals

#### Sold to areas

Germany	20 foals
Abroad	13 foals

The foals born in 2023 attracted attention with the first 33 auction foals, which achieved an average price of 7,871.21 Euros. With number one, the Damsey/Deveraux son Deetlef (breeder: Hans-Henning von der Decken, Brocklosenborstel) kicked off the Verden Foal Spring. For 23,000 Euros and against ten other bidders, a dressage trainer from North Rhine-Westphalia came out on top. The bay mover is a representative of the dam line of Schluppera, whose flagship is Karen Tebar's championship horse Falada M, in addition to numerous licensed stallions and successful mares. The second foal, Vi Vino by V-Plus/Don Nobless (breeder and exhibitor: Uwe Wichers, Wingst), also aroused desires and was sold for 18,500 Euros to a renowned breeding and training stable from Hesse.

The best paid jumping foal was Carnegia by Chacoon Blue/Balou du Rouet from the breeder Gerd Janssen, Neuschoo. The filly, whose full brother, the Celle State Stud stallion Carnegie, is the obvious namesake, realized 15,000 Euros. A regular customer from Sweden secured the dark bay from the dam line of Mazurka. In recent years, other full siblings also found a way into supporting hands via Verden foal auctions. The Cornet Obolensky/Tlalc la Silla son Cordolex (breeder: Birgit and Dr.



**Deetlef by Damsey/Deveraux** Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn

Christoph Rowold, Haselünne), whose last bid was 12,500 Euros, comes into sporting ownership. The operator of a high-class jumping stable in Central Hesse had taken a liking to the bay stallion from the dam line of Lobelle. Not least because Richard Vogel became Vice Bundeschampion last year with Cornet XL, whose dam La Baule by Lex Lugar is the granddam of Cordolex.

Five foals achieved a knock down price in the five-digit range. One third of the foals will most likely leave Germany. ■

## Foal Auction Online May 12 – Moderate result

### Statistics

#### Foals

Number of horses	21 foals
Sold	21 foals
Net proceeds	148,250.00 Euros
Average price	7,059.52 Euros
Top price	11,000 Euros
Lowest price	4,500 Euros

#### Price range

4,000 to 7,999 Euros	15 foals
8,000 to 9,999 Euros	3 foals
10,000 Euros and more	3 foals

#### Sold to areas

Germany	15 foals
Abroad	6 foals

After the successful start two weeks earlier, the second online auction of the Verden Foal Spring ended with a moderate result. Customers from Germany and abroad had to invest an average of 7,059.52 Euros for the 21 foals.

Three foals achieved prices over 10,000 Euros. A regular customer of the riding horse auctions from North Rhine-Westphalia secured his first foal in Verden with the strong moving Dynamic Dream/Benetton Dream daughter Double Dream (breeder and exhibitor: Jacqueline Tenambergen, Mettingen) for 11,000 Euros. Franco's Poldi by Franco Nero/Lord Leopold (breeder and exhibitor: Stefan Hermann, Northeim) and the St. Atheltique/Don Nobless daughter Sweet Dream (breeder and exhibitor: Ulrich Heitmann, Hagenah) found new owners for 10,000 Euros. The most expensive jumping foal, Comme Ci Comme Ca by Comme il faut NRW/Baloubet du Rouet (breeder and exhibitor: Hof



**Double Dream by Dynamic Dream/Benetton Dream**  
Photo: Fellner

Brüning GbR, Ochtmannien), was discovered by a customer from Argentina who can call the bay mare his own for 9,000 Euros. Six times buyers from abroad came to the auction, 15 times the virtual knockdown was for bids from Germany. ■



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