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Grande-Prize 2016: Comte

Celler state stud stallion honoured in Verden

Verden. The Grande-Prize was given to the Celle state stud stallion Comte. The Contendro/Granulit-son already established an excellent reputation as supplier of brilliant jumpers at an early age. He was successfully shown up to the advanced show jumping level and already led the breed value estimation in recent years. His breeder Rolf Eggerking, Brinkum, was specially honoured on the occasion of the Verden Auction in March.

Comte descends from the dam line of Gaeta and was born in East Frisia in 2003. His pedigree features the well-known Contendro, one of the most influential jumper sires in Hanover, meeting the blood of trademark stallion Grannus via dam's sire Granulit on the maternal side of his pedigree. Comte grew up at the stallion raising station Hunnesrück and completed an outstanding 300-day performance test in October 2006: with a show jumping score of 130.43 points, the typey young bay stallion was second best of his age-group in this discipline. In the next two years, he competed in the Final of the Hanoverian Show Jumping Championships before he celebrated first advanced level placements with Joachim Winter in 2011. He started his breeding career in Oberndorf in 2007 where he was pretty popular with the breeders right from the very beginning. His first progeny are started under saddle and serving numbers continue to increase.

Since he entered the breed value estimation the first time, Comte always occupied one of the top places. One major reason for this success already at young age are the outstanding results his daughters achieved at mare performance tests. He is also one of the best evaluated stallions all over Germany. The 2016 Hanoverian breed value estimation generated an outstanding jumper value of 145, his value with the integrated

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breed value estimation of the German FN amounts to the fantastic figure of 162 points. Comte's progeny are athletic horses with a lot of scope and super rideability. The first progeny are meanwhile competing at the advanced level. One daughter impressed in the show ring last year: Hanoverian premium candidate Coco M won the jumper division at the Herwart v. d. Decken-Show. Statistics also feature 21 Verden auction horses, nine state premium mares and two licensed stallions.

Since 2009, the Grande-Prize has been awarded to Hanoverian stallions in the important age of ten to twelve, a time when first reliable information about his hereditary qualities will be available as the eldest offspring of a stallion can then be judged under saddle. The breeder of the stallion is honoured with this prize. The naming is meant to honour the hereditary accomplishments of the trademark stallion Grande.