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Hannover's Champions are celebrated

Verden championships for riding and dressage horses

Verden. Hannover's Champions of riding and young dressage horses were crowned at the Verden showgrounds. The decisions were exciting and the finals featured high-calibre competitors. The riding horse titles went to Flower, Seniorita la Bonita, Vienna Ninja and So Special. The Hannoveraner Champions of young dressage horse are For Future W, Siempre Conmigo and Be Sure.

RIDING HORSES

The Riding Horse Championships are very popular among breeders as one of the first tests for young talents at the beginning of their careers. In the final of the four-year-old mares and geldings, **Hann.Pr.A. Flower** and Janina Tietze lived up to their role as favourites. The Fürst Toto/Dancier daughter (breeder: Manfred Kregel, Laatzen), became Hannoveraner Champion of mares and geldings. Almost exactly twelve months ago, the strong-moving chestnut mare with best conformation was awarded a la Prize at the Herwart von der Decken show at the same venue. The silver ribbon went to **Diyala** by Damaschino/Stedinger (breeder: Klosterhof Medingen, Bad Bevensen) and Jacob Schenk. The bay is a half-sister of premium stallion Quattroporte by Quantensprung. The bronze place was shared, two Hannoveraner premium candidates achieved the same score in the final result. **Hann.Pr.A. London Eye** by La Vie/De Kooning (breeder: Kathrin Wassmann, Badbergen) was highly awarded at the Herwart von der Decken show last Thursday and was presented by Hermann Burger. Sascha Böhnke was in the saddle of the Secret/Fantastic daughter **Secret's Fantastic** (breeder: Aloys Ewers, Meppen). She was also successful at the Verband's mare show. Last year she was awarded an Id prize as the winning mare at the local mare show in Timmel. Owner Sabine Eggerking had discovered her four years earlier at the Verden foal auction.

The programme continued with the three-year-old mares and geldings. With two tens in the protocol for trot and canter, the Sir Heinrich/Westernhagen daughter **Hann.Pr.A. Seniorita la Bonita** (breeder: Axel Windeler, Verden-Walle) from the valuable dam line of Alferate could not be denied victory. The local heroine, who was born less than five kilometres from the showgrounds, was put in the limelight by Sina Aringer. She had qualified for the final ring at the Herwart von der Decken show as an Ib prizewinner due to her high quality. **Boccaccio** by Bonds/Dancier (breeder: Hans-Jürgen Hollen, Geveshausen) was also awarded high marks. The liver chestnut with Danica Duen in the saddle was runner-up champion by a tenth of a point. After taking second place in the four-year-old class, Jacob Schenk guided **Voulez-Vous** by V-Plus/Fürsten-Look (breeder: Michael Schenk, Niendorf), who was bred by his parents, to third place.

Vienna Ninja by Viva Gold/Bodyguard (breeder: ZG Slink, Großheide) and Daniela Graé led the field of three-year-old stallions. The liver chestnut, who has an outstanding canter, came into Austrian ownership via the Verden stallion sales last year. The Majestic Tonga/Desperados son **Majestic Day** (breeder: Anna Genfors, Förslöv/SWE) came second. It was the second ride of his rider Hermann Burger that was crowned with a podium place. The dark bay's dam is none other than St.Pr.St. Doris Day, who was the acclaimed champion mare at the Herwart von der Decken show in 2010. There were again two third places: **Beck in Magic** by Benicio/Dancier (breeder: Dirk Wahlers, Weyhe) with Mareike Mimberg-Hess and **D'Agustinus** by Damaschino/Dauphin (breeder: Prof. Dr Karsten Harms, Rosdorf). Jacob Schenk sat in his saddle – medal three in the third round. Both stallions have prominent relatives: Beck in Magic is a full brother to the Westphalian stallion By your Side and half-brother to the stallion Falihandro by Fürstenball, who was successful at Grand Prix level. D'Agustinus' dam Donna Aurelia produced the advanced (S) level dressage horses D'Agustina by Don Juan de Hus and Florence by Franziskus.

The last ten of the Hannoveraner Riding Horse Championships was awarded to the four-year-old stallion **So Special**. The Secret/Bon Coeur son (breeder: Pia Sophie

Wahlers, Visselhövede) was also "so special" indeed: 10 for canter and 9.5 for rideability made the liver chestnut with Jessica Lynn Thomas the Champion. After coming second last year, he could now enjoy the white and yellow winner's sash. Jacob Schenk was also in the saddle of a medallist in this class, this time riding the runner-up, **Lindenberg** by Libertad/Destano (breeder: ZG Maak, Hamburg). Third in Verden last year, he had passed his sport test for stallions part I in spring with a final score of 9.07. A former Verden auction foal took the white ribbon for third place: **V-Zwölf GT** by V-Plus/St. Moritz (breeder: Nina Vogt, Ostercappeln), who impressed with rider Charlott-Maria Schürmann with three basic gaits that were all scored "very good". The black stallion also found his current owner in the Niedersachsenhalle: Gestüt Tannenhof purchased him two years ago at the stallion sales.

DRESSAGE HORSES

Tessa Frank made her Secret/Dancier son **Siempre Conmigo** (breeder: Gisela and Dr Richard Brunner, Weilerswist) dance around the dressage arena in the five-year-old class and took the title "Hannoveraner Champion of five-year-old dressage horses" in the final after winning the qualifier. The absolute highlight: the canter. Second place went to **Escaneno** by Escamillo/Veneno (breeder: Tobias Schult, Hünxe) with Jacob Schenk in the saddle. For the stallion from Klosterhof Medingen, who is very popular with breeders, this is only the third competition start of his still young career. Completing the podium in third place was the Celle state stud stallion **Eventyr** by Escolar/Lauries Crusador xx (breeder: Zuchthof Dree Böken KG, Prieros), who Wolfhard Witte routinely guided through the medium (M) level dressage horse test.

In the final of the six-year-old dressage horses, the highest score of the Verden Championships was awarded: 9.2 for the incredibly powerful and uphill canter of the Benicio/Scuderia son **BeSure** (breeder: Ludwig Fuchs, Meinerzhagen). The athletic bay was effectively staged by Eva Möller and thus won his first title. Last year, the former premium stallion competed for Denmark at the World Championships for young dressage horses and finished eleventh. **Emmy Lou** by Escolar/Fürst Heinrich (breeder: Friedhelm Tito, Horn-Bad Meinberg) and Kira Laura Soddemann had qualified for the

final in fifth place. When it came down to it, they went "one better" and became Vice Champion. The expressive liver chestnut stallion **Sky** by Sezuan/Sir Donnerhall (breeder: Gestüt Neff, Frankenberg) joined Hannah Laser in bronze. He left the Verden stallion sales as premium stallion and top prize horse heading for Schleswig-Holstein to Gut Schönweide. More could have been possible, the canter changes were not successful and Sky ended up in third place.

The seven and eight-year-old dressage horses competed in the St. Georg Special. **Hann.Pr.A. For Future W** by Fürst Belissaro/Silberschmied (breeder: Oliver Wauro, Helvesiek) and Claire-Louise Averkorn left the arena of the Hannoveraner Championships with the winner's sash. She comes from the dam line of Oböe, which is also the dam line of Mattihas Alexander Rath's Sterntaler UNICEF and Frederic Wandres' World Champion Zucchero, and was the best qualifier in the final. The runner-up was **Sezuana** by Sezuan/Belissimo M (breeder: Fun-Dressage GbR, Bad Homburg) with rider Sandra Kötter. Third place went to the Flanell/Donnerhall son **Feu D'Amour** (breeder: Burkhard Wahler, Bad Bevensen), presented by Moritz Gehrman.

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Hannoveraner Champion of the six-year-old dressage horses: Be Sure with Eva Möller (Photo: Hannoveraner Verband)

Hannoveraner Champion of three-year-old mares and geldings Senorita la Bonita with Sina Aringer (Photo: Hannoveraner Verband)

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