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Foundation: Primus inter pares

Private sire from Schafhof Stud receives Grande Prize

Verden. Foundation by Fidertanz/De Vito is awarded the Grande-Prize. The twelve-year-old privately owned stallion from the Schafhof Stud in Kronberg/Ts. not only attracts attention with above-average sons and daughters, but also dances successfully through the dressage arena at the highest level with Germany's Matthias Alexander Rath.

Foundation was born in 2008 with Gerd Pigge in Lastrup and came to the Verden Foal Auction under the name Figo II. Two years later he was admitted to the Verden Stallion Sales, which he left for Mühlen, initially not yet licensed. The young stallion with strong movements was worth 95,000 Euros to Paul Schockemöhle. A few months later, Foundation was licensed at the Verden stallion licensing under saddle.

Foundation completed his disposition test with top marks, which earned him a dressage breeding value of 149. Anja Engelbart took over the basic training of the bay and qualified him for the Bundeschampionat. Later Matthias Alexander Rath took over the reins of the hopeful stallion. When he was eight years old, he had his first international successes at Inter I level and two years later his first top placings in Grand Prix. With the German Nations Cup team, the pair finished second last year in Falsterbo, Sweden.

The award of the Grande-Prize is, however, a distinction for the breeding success of a stallion. And Foundation can also impress in this respect. As many as ten foals from his first crop were admitted to the Verden auction. In the meantime, almost 50 riding horses and foals have found new owners in the Niedersachsenhalle. Seven of his 22 Hannoveraner Premium Candidates were awarded prizes at the Herwart von der

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Decken-Show. All breeding values for Foundation confirm the evaluation that was made in 2011 with the breeding value from the suitability test. The results of his daughters in mare performance tests earn him a breeding value of 145, his breeding value for young horse tests is 153 and for the highest class achieved already 131.

The awarding of the Grande-Prize is connected with the hope that Foundation will have a lasting positive influence on Hannoveraner breeding and was planned for the Verden evening during the auction in April. Due to the Corona crisis this event had to be cancelled. The honouring of the breeder and the stallion will be made up for later.

Picture caption: Foundation was lately successful at Grand Prix level with Matthias Alexander Rath in Doha/QAT (Photo: Hannoveraner Verband/Stefan Lafrentz)