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Top mares on the catwalk

**Hannover's best three-year-olds
to show up at the Herwart v. d. Decken-Schau**

Verden. The best three-year-old mares from the whole breeding area meet on Wednesday, August 3, for the Herwart v. d. Decken-Show. The show is the established and appreciated opening of the International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival in Verden. Approx. 80 three-year-old Hanoverian and Rhenish mares are expected to participate to crown their champion.

The Manager of the Saxon National Stud, Dr. Matthias Görbert, member of the Board Konrad Böth and Breeding Manager Dr. Werner Schade will officiate as judges to assess quality of movement, jumping capabilities and conformation. The participating mares were nominated by the individual regional breeding clubs. The free jumping under the open sky for the show jumping mares is always a special attraction for the audience. The dressage mares shine with quality of movement and personality on the triangle in the "Hannoveraner Arena". The champions will be crowned in the afternoon, and the best thoroughbred mare will be proclaimed, too.

The International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival (August 3 - 7) provides everything horse enthusiasts are longing for. From basic and development classes for futurity prospects up to advanced level jumper classes and Grand Prix Special for the experienced, further advanced four-legged athletes - the whole range of training levels riding has to offer will be presented. The Hanoverian riding and show jumping champions will be determined, and for the first time also the Hanoverian dressage champions. There will be qualifying competitions for the Federal Championships and

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Nuremberg Cup. The event will be rounded off by the Verden Country Days, a colourful and amazing exhibition for equestrian sport and country life, as well as by the huge show evening on Saturday.

Special highlight will be the Verden Foal and Broodmare Auction of the Hannoveraner Verband, a novelty at the International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival. The auction provides the perfect opportunity to already secure the stars of tomorrow on Friday and Saturday. Approx. 100 foals and 10 broodmares will be put up for auction in the Niedersachsenhalle, on both days as of 06:00 pm. The ticket for the tournament also grants free entry to the auction arena.

For more information, please click on www.hannoveraner.com and www.verden-turnier.de