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## **Third Victory for St.Pr.St. Faconnable 10<sup>th</sup> Herwart von der Decken-Show**

**Verden. Applause filled the arena when the family of Faconnable won the Herwart von der Decken-Prize. The prestigious award is only given every four years and is the most valuable prize of the Hannoveraner Verband. Hann.Pr.A. Daria was nominated winner in the division of dressage mares, Hann.Pr.A. Dinara won the show jumping division. “Hanover can look confidently forward,” summarized dressage trainer Jonny Hilberath who was member of the team of judges, together with World Champion Sandra Auffarth.**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Herwart von der Decken-Show at the beginning of the horse show „Verden International“ was well attended, the atmosphere among spectators and exhibitors was fantastic. Six families competed in the “premiere league”, the family division. Kevin Lewis, Brisbane/AUS, Theodor Leuchten, Ratingen and Dr. Ludwig Christmann, Verden, were the judges. The breeding site of Hannes Brüning, Ochtmannien, won this competition for the third time after 2007 and 2009. St.Pr.St. Faconnable by Fürst Heinrich/Calypso II showed up with her daughters, St.Pr.St. Brisbane HF by Belissimo M (owner: Carl Louis and Paul Ferry Ferdinand, Montabaur) and a two-year-old Don Frederico-daughter. The specialty: The eight-year-old Brisbane HF celebrated successes in the small tour at the CHIO in Aachen with Helen Langehanenberg almost exactly two weeks ago. The runner-up in this division, the three daughters of St.Pr.St. Reggae Time by Regazzoni/Weltmeyer: St.Pr.St. Follow Me by For Compliment, Hann.Pr.A. Love Parade by Londontime and Hann.Pr.A. Feels Like by Franziskus (breeder and owner: Johannes zur Lage, Bersenbrück) were of the same outstanding quality. The family of St.Pr.St. Estelle by Embassy/Don Juan (breeder and owner:

Herbert and Ute Steuber, Garstedt) and her daughters, Hann.Pr.A. Golden Snow by Graf Top and a two-year-old by Contendro, were nominated best family in the show jumping division. St.Pr.St. Estelle had won the first free jumping competition at the Herwart von der Decken-Show exactly 10 years ago.

22 show jumping mares participated in the competition and did not only present their scope over the obstacles, but also their amazing movements. They were judged by Sandra Auffarth, Bergedorf, Jörn Wedermann, Wangerland, and Dr. Werner Schade, Verden. Hann.Pr.A. Dinara by Diacontinus/Quintender (breeder and owner: Enrico Messelis, Kefferhausen) was decorated with the winner's sash. She convinced with her supple, natural jumping style and quick reactions. "An amazing horse – we were all deeply impressed," said an enthused Sandra Auffarth. Hann.Pr.A. Celebration M by Commissario/Silvio (breeder and owner.: Peter Mahler, Neuhaus) became reserve champion.

The winners of their divisions impressed during the final presentation of dressage mares. 50 mares competed in five different divisions. Jonny Hilberath complemented the squad of judges. Hann.Pr.A. Daria by Don Nobless/Rubin-Royal (breeder and owner: Gestüt Hülisdau, Marl) captivated both, judges and audience – an impressive horse with all possibilities. Her dam won her division at the show in Verden in 2010. Hann.Pr.A. Daria will already prove her outstanding skills next Thursday at the Hanoverian Riding Horse Championships. "If I would have a saddle, I would immediately take her home," said Jonny Hilberath. Hann.Pr.A. Soraya by San Amour/Weltregent H (breeder and owner: Harald Thelker, Ostercappeln) took the reserve champion-title. "It was an interesting afternoon. All mares presented what we need at competitions later: a sound conformation, powerful movement and a strong back," summarized Jonny Hilberath.