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„Stand up for the champion!“ Hanoverian foals on all five continents

Verden. A storm of applause arose from the stands in the crowded Niedersachsenhalle when Be my Beauty Queen was sold at Euro 160,000. Never before in the course of history of the Verden auctions has a foal been sold at such a record price. The top-class collection of 106 foals was not only celebrated, it was also the reason for the new average price record of Euro 11,506.

The Hannoveraner Verband compiled an attractive and broad selection of foals for all demands for these two auction days. And the news about the outstanding quality spread quickly among visitors and participants at the simultaneously held horse show “Verden International”. The stands were filled when the foals that ran as favourite for the highest price showed up in the auction arena. There was a constant coming and going and a pleasant atmosphere all the time. The spectators didn’t have long to wait on Saturday. The Bonds/San Amour-daughter Be my Beauty Queen (breeder and exhibitor: Stefan Hermann, Northeim) was the number two of the day. Following an exciting bidders’ duel with skyrocketing bids, auctioneer Bernd Hickert finally accepted the bid of a Danish customer at the incredible sum of Euro 160,000. The enthusiastic audience celebrated the foal with standing ovations while breeder Stefan Hermann took the opportunity and accompanied his foal on its lap of honour.

Show jumping breeders also benefited from the foal auction as the collection featured foals with popular, international pedigrees. The filly Balou for Fun by Balou Peggio/Darco (breeder and exhibitor: Jan Crome-Sperling, Lutter am Bbg.) achieved the highest price. A top-class youngster for future sports purposes: Her dam, Hanoverian

state premium mare Dark Side Up is half sister of Fit For Fun who finished second with Luciana Diniz in the Aachen Grand Prix two weeks ago. Balou for Fun was sold at Euro 29,000 to Hessen.

Hanoverian foals were in great demand all around the globe. The list of purchasing countries included all five continents, from Australia to Argentina, the US to South Africa and South Korea. Customers from Switzerland purchased the largest number of foals (five), followed by Great Britain, Spain and South Korea (each four).

The seven broodmares were as popular with potential customers and were sold at averagely Euro 13,623. Three mares will leave Germany. Hanoverian premium candidate Be my Love by Benicio/Stedinger (breeder and exhibitor: Michael Siekiera, Brühl) has only a short distance to travel: She was purchased at Euro 22,500 by customers situated between the cities of Oldenburg, Bremen and Osnabrück.

„The collection convinced with top pedigrees and amazing quality and already attracted a lot of attention, also among riders, during the first presentation in the Verden dressage arena. Many people seized the opportunity on the occasion of the horse show to also look for the top horses of tomorrow. I am happy about this fantastic result for the Hanoverian breeders as this is a sign for the outstanding importance of the auction venue Verden,” Auction Manager Jörg-Wilhelm Wegener said.