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Privately owned stallion De Niro passed away

Medingen. Privately owned stallion De Niro had to be put down on Wednesday morning, October 11. “The whole Klosterhof-team is endlessly sad about the death of this unique stallion.” So says a statement on the website of Klosterhof Medingen. The 24-year-old Donnerhall/Akzent II-son has left his mark on dressage over the past years. He was Hanover’s best ambassador worldwide.

De Niro was born with Brigitte Pahl in Fockbek in May 1993. The career of the Donnerhall/Akzent II-son started at the 1995 Stallion Market in Verden where he was purchased by the owners’ alliance Burkhard Wahler and Tönne Böckmann. They paved the way for De Niro’s unique career that started with a fantastic stallion performance test. He enjoyed the trust of breeders right from the very beginning. Sales successes at foal and riding horse auctions were a harbinger for even more. De Niro was a living example for his progeny when it comes to sports successes. He successfully competed at the Grand Prix-level, and his greatest success is certainly the victory at the German Dressage Derby in 2003 with Dolf-Dietram Keller.

In 2008, at the age of 15, De Niro was honoured with the highest stallion award the Hannoveraner Verband has to give – the title “Hanoverian Stallion of the Year”. De Niro passed on to his progeny all qualities required in modern dressage sport. He was the number one on the WBFSH rankings of dressage sires for the first time in 2012. An award he won three more times until 2016, hence four times in five years. Medalists such as Desperados FRH (breeder: Claus Schütt, Hemmoor) with Kristina Bröring-Sprehe, D’Agostini FRH (breeder: Klaus Lahmann, Dassendorf) with Fabienne Lütke-meier, Dablino FRH (breeder: Weert-Arnold Sweers, Krumhörn) with Anabel

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Balkenhol or the Westphalian Delgado with Beatriz Ferrer-Salat are the best-known horses in a long series of successful Grand Prix-horses.

Klosterhof Medingen says goodbye to an international star. “De Niro leaves a big gap. We thank this extraordinary stallion and wonderful horse for two fascinating decades during which he has represented Klosterhof Medingen worldwide.” But De Niro was not only a global representative of Klosterhof Medingen. He was the best ambassador for the contemporary Hanoverian dressage horse breed worldwide.