



35/2016
Verden, October 31, 2016
BZ

Festival of Young Stallions in Verden **Stallion licensing and stallion sales**

Verden. The young Hanoverian stallions, born in 2014, presented performances at an athletically high level on all three days in the sold out Niedersachsenhalle in Verden. 53 of the 84 presented stallions in total were licensed, 10 of them additionally honoured with the Premium-award. “The quality of these horses ensures Hanover’s international competitiveness,” said Breeding Manager Dr. Werner Schade.

The stallion licensing was a true festival of young stallions. The sires Quantensprung and Diacontinus presented their first sons. Privately owned stallion Quantensprung was represented with five of his sons, all of them were licensed, three of them also honoured with the title “Premium Dressage Stallion”. The most coveted stallion prospect of this stallion sales was also a son by the liver chestnut Quantensprung: A shiny black Premium stallion out of a Fidertanz-dam (breeder: Silke Groeneveld, Bunde – exhibitor: Heinrich Gießelmann, Barver) was sold at Euro 280,000 and was bought by Landgestüt Moritzburg and Sprehe Stud. “The dressage horses displayed movement with amazing expressiveness, a quality that the modern dressage sport urgently needs today,” summarized Dr. Werner Schade.

The Celle state stud stallion Diacontinus sent four two-and-a-half-year olds, three of them were licensed, one of them also honoured with the award “Premium Show Jumping Stallion”. The specially awarded grey youngster by Diacontinus/Silvio (breeder and exhibitor: Jörn Döscher, Cuxhaven) was sold at Euro 65,000 at the telephone to a stallion raiser from the show jumping country Belgium who has already discovered many futurity prospects in Verden. Besides their breeding career, he has also

introduced them at the competition level. The jumpers shown this year were of extraordinary quality when it comes to pedigree and performances. “Not only their jumping style and scope were remarkable, but also their obvious potential as future breeding sire,” praised Peter Teeuwen, member of the licensing committee.

It was the first time that the lungeing of stallions after the presentation on the triangle was part of the licensing schedule. Team Olympic Champion Heike Kemmer praised: “Lungeing the stallions is a good thing when it comes to displaying riding horse qualities. It is perfect to already assess how the horses will move forward into the contact later on. Apart from that, it is easier to evaluate the canter than during free running. The day on the triangle in combination with lungeing was perfect. It was easier possible to get a more detailed impression of the dressage stallions.” The National State Studs from Celle, Moritzburg and Warendorf as well as a number of other stallion holders and show stables seized the opportunity to acquire futurity prospects in Verden. The licensed stallions were sold at averagely Euro 62,687. 29 stallions will stay in Germany, 19 will leave the country. There were potential customers from all over the world, the stallions were sold to European countries, but also to Argentina, the US and New Zealand.

The price for the non-licensed stallions was some Euro 3,000 higher than 2015, amounting to Euro 20,464. Highest-priced youngster was a chestnut stallion by Chatender/Stakkato (breeder and exhibitor: Dorothee Heitmüller, Nienburg) , sold at Euro 40,000 to the US.

It was the first time that the stallion sales was introduced by an amazing matinee with award ceremonies, not only of the Premium stallions, but also of successful stallions and mares of the past years. Crowning finish was the presentation of the Hanoverian Stallion of the Year 2016, Desperados FRH by De Niro/Wolkenstein II (breeder: Herbert Schütt, Hemmoor) who started his triumphal march towards the top of the dressage rankings with his rider Kristina Bröring-Sprehe at the 2003 stallion sales.