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## **Great celebration in the Niedersachsenhalle Verden Auctions since 70 years**

**Verden. 70 years of auctions in Verden were celebrated with a glamorous celebration. In the Niedersachsenhalle, which was sold out on two days in a row, L'Avion was celebrated as the price peak. The third in the Bundeschampionat for young horses will travel to Spain for 140,000 Euros. On average, the splending collection – the largest collection of an Elite-Auction in the last ten years – of 89 top-class talents was auctioned off for 32,561 euros.**

L'Avion by Livaldon/Longchamp (breeder: Katharina Oltmann-Heemke, Kreepen, exhibitor: Steffen Brunckhorst, Parnewinkel) who was awarded the bronze medal at the Bundeschampionat for three-year-old mares and geldings, danced through the auction arena. The bids stopped at 140,000 Euros and the extraordinarily good moving and expressive dark bay became the price peak of the 136<sup>th</sup> Elite-Auction. He will be trained at the Andalusian stud, which has already bought the top priced horse of the Verden Auction in July.

"Here comes a skyrocket", announced auctioneer Frederik de Backer when the son of Diacontinus/Stolzenberg DJ (breeder and exhibitor: Manfred Kischio, Sehnde) came into the arena. A great future is promised to the four-year-old. The hammer was knocked down at 97,000 Euros and made the grey the top priced horse with jumping pedigree. In Isernhagen, he will be trained by auction rider Enrico Süßenbach.

14 horses cost 50.000 Euro and more. A total of 35 horses will leave Germany. The buyers come from all over the world – from Australia via Japan and the US to Chile. The

largest group of buyers came from the USA (five), followed by Canada and Switzerland with four horses each.

In the third year now, the Hannoveraner Verband has been offering a fine selection of highly predisposed two-and-a-half-year-old stallions at the Elite-Auction. This is highly appreciated by customers from all over the world. The 16 representatives of the 2017 vintage found new owners for an average price of 19,031 Euros. Fürst Lauries by Fürstenball/Laurentio (breeder: Gesa Coordes, Aurich, exhibitor: Peter Dieckmann, Odenthal) awakened the greatest desire. The beautifully presented dark bay was auctioned off for 52,000 Euros to a top-class dressage trainer from Luxembourg, who had often found what he was looking for in Verden.

The 40 foals were also very popular with the buyers. A dark bay colt trotted away in the statistics. Dixon by Dante's Junior/Christ (breeder and exhibitor: Simone Walke, Wrestedt) was worth 19,000 Euros to a renowned stallion raiser from Lower Saxony. On average, 7,100 Euros had to be invested for Hannover's offspring.

The Gala-Evening on Friday was a splendid start to the 136<sup>th</sup> Elite-Auction in Verden. The inspiring program, which focused on horses, led through seven decades of auction history. Prominent former auction riders such as EU Commission President Dr. Ursula von der Leyen, former German national jumping coach Herbert Meyer or Bianca and Ullrich Kassermann celebrated the Verden auctions as did Jürgen Winter, who had been a rider at the first auction in 1949. The most successful exhibitor of the past ten years was Ulrich Heuer, Bienenbüttel, who was awarded the Hans Joachim Köhler-Prize. Tim-Uwe Hoffmann and his Hannoveraner mare Casta Lee are regarded as one of the best young German couples in the course. Eight years ago, the Hoffmann family from Rhade bought the Cassus/Acorado daughter (breeder: Wilhelm Koch, Vorhop) at a Verden Auction in the Niedersachsenhalle. Meanwhile the mare has already competed three times in the U25 Cup at the CHIO Aachen/GER with her 24-year-old rider and has won over ten advanced level show jumping competitions. In the future she will start with the abbreviation of the Hannoveraner Förderverein with the name Casta Lee FRH.

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*BU: Congratulations after the knockdown: L'Avion was auctioned off to Spain for 140,000 Euros. Photo: Hannoveraner Verband/Tammo Ernst*

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