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## A brilliant vintage

### Hannoveraner licensing and stallion sales

**Verden. Hanover's vintage 2017 convinced at the stallion licensing in Verden. A total of 63 stallions were licensed, 15 of which were awarded a premium. The licensed stallions achieved an average price of 91,632 Euros at the stallion sales. An average of 23,414 Euros was invested in the non licensed two-and-a-half-year-olds.**

The first stallion to enter the Niedersachsenhalle was a son of Cadeau Noir/Licosto (breeder: Walter Wöhlke, Geestland, exhibitor: Hans-Henning von der Decken, Stade). Around 2,000 spectators celebrated the expressive bay from the dam line of Schwaby, who is equipped with everything a great dressage horse needs. He received a price of 1,890,000 Euros. However, not only the quality of the stallion will be remembered by the audience, but also the knockdown itself, which initially caused irritation and made auctioneer Bernd Hickert take up the bid again. The exceptional stallion was the primus of 62 dressage stallions, 42 of which received the green light from the licensing commission. "It was a very typey vintage with ten premium stallions, which proved to be of very good quality especially when lunging", said Heike Kemmer, member of the Hannoveraner licensing commission.

21 of the 33 young stallions with jumping genes were licensed. Five of them presented themselves so convincingly that they were awarded a premium. The most coveted jumper stallion was a grey by Chacoon Blue/Winningmood by Arenberg (breeder and exhibitor: Bernhard Rensen, Werlte). The youngster with great prospects brought his exhibitor 60,000 Euros. "Already at the pre-selection we saw that we have a large number of stallions, which will play an important role in breeding as well as in sport",

said Jörg Münzner, member of the Hannoveraner licensing commission. Breeding director Ulrich Hahne summed up: "It was impressive that we had such a strong vintage again after 2018".

The sale for non licensed stallions was lively. On average, the 29 stallions were worth 23,414 Euros to the buyers. The best paid offer was a son of Vitalis/Sir Savoy (breeder and exhibitor: Theresa Bahlsen, Kirchwalsede) who found a new owner for 58,000 Euros.

Before the stallion sales started, the audience enthusiastically celebrated the premium stallions in the show program. The Mare and Stallion of the Year were eagerly awaited. Havanna by Heraldik xx/Ramiro (breeder: Dr. Hilmer and Sabine Meyer-Kulenkampff, Behlmer) is Mare of the Year 2019. She is the dam of fischerChipmunk FRH, who has just been called the best eventing horse in the world by the WBFSH. Hannoveraner Stallion of the Year is the Celle State Stud stallion Stolzenberg by Stakkato/Sandro (breeder: Gerd Odlozinski, Luttmersen). Two horses were awarded the suffix FRH of the Hannoveraner Förderverein: Double World Champion D'Avie by Don Juan de Hus/Londonderry (breeder: Dorothee Heitmüller, Nienburg) and the daughter of Fürstenball/Fidertanz Four Seasons (breeder: Johannes Westendarp, Wallenhorst), who with Alexa Westendarp is one of the most successful German couples among the young riders. Lynne Crowden received a special honour. The British, who besides many other successful Hanoverian horses bred the World Champion of young dressage horses Woodlander Farouche by Fürst Heinrich/Dimaggio at her stud, received the Golden Badge of Honour of the Hannoveraner Verband for her great commitment to Hanoverian breeding in Great Britain.