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Auction on the occasion of "Verden Stallion sales 2019" with consequences

Hannoveraner Verband comments on irritations

Bremen/Verden. The traditional stallion licensing and the stallion sales took place in Verden last week. Not only the Hannoveraner stallions born in 2017 were the focus of attention, but also the auctioneer Bernd Hickert, who caused irritations in the Niedersachsenhalle with his approach. As has now been announced by the managing board of the Hannoveraner Verband, Hickert will suspend his active auction activity until further notice.

The stallion "Confess Color" by Cadeau Noir/Licosto was sold to Gestüt Bonhomme for 1,89 million Euros at the auction in the Niedersachsenhalle in Verden on October 26, 2019. In the final phase, there was a counterbid shortly before the final knockdown, but this was not been noted at first. This process has now been internally processed and analysed by the managing board of the Hannoveraner Verband. This also included a trusting conversation with the auctioneer Bernd Hickert. As a result, Bernd Hickert will suspend his active auction activity with immediate effect and until further notice.

Moderations for events and the support of the basic work for the Verband remain unaffected by this decision. "I very much regret that my actions in this situation have led to irritations and I am sorry for the whole auction," said Hickert.

The managing board had already apologised to all those affected and tried to quickly clarify the points of complaint.

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