



## **Top-priced horse sold at Euro 50,000**

### **First auction of the year of Hannoveraner Verband was a great success**

**Verden. Low “Ina” brought icy temperatures and some centimetres of new snow to Verden. But this did not harm potential buyers’ interest in the collection: Fans of Hanoverian horses on the well-filled stands in the Niedersachsenhalle battled it out in exciting bidding duels and contributed to the top result achieved at this Winter Auction of Hannoveraner Verband.**

The collection included 92 four- to six-year-old horses – lots of them with excellent prospects for advanced level dressage or show jumping sport. A brilliant dressage horse became top-priced horse of the auction: Customers from Sweden paid Euro 50,000 for the sporty Smaragd by Samarant/Don Davidoff (breeder: Elke, Georg and Birte Hey, Langen, exhibitor: Birte Hey, Hamburg). Ernie by Escudo/Graf Grannus (breeder and exhibitor: Karl-August Matzdorf, Hattorf) was the most expensive show jumping horse. A show jumping expert from Lower Saxony paid Euro 41,000 for the four-year-old black horse.

Auctioneer Friedrich-Wilhelm Isernhagen sold the horses at an average auction sales price of Euro 13,829.34. Auction manager Dr. Guenther Friemel was very happy: „This was an excellent start into the new auction year, and it even exceeded our expectations. We achieved a sound result and appreciate the cleared market and the excellent price structure.”

As usual, there was a tremendous interest in Hanoverian sport horses from foreign countries. Eleven nations purchased 39 horses. Breeding manager Dr. Werner Schade summarized: „France and Scandinavia were again very strong and purchased 20 horses. I am especially happy about customers from Hungary. There is something going on in this country!”