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## Convincing Crop of Stallions Prospects

### Young Hanoverian stallions very popular worldwide

Verden. The crop of young stallions born in 2009 presented at the Hanoverian Stallion Licensing this year convinced with its variety of pedigrees and its outstanding quality. 87 futurity prospects competed in Verden, 47 of them were accepted for breeding. 14 stallions were honoured with a premium award, seven dressage and seven show jumping stallions.

„We saw very mature stallions with fantastic types and personalities for breeding, but also with very interesting movements,” breeding manager Dr. Werner Schade said. The presentations of the Dancier/Rotspon-son (breeder: Hinrich Wülpern, Farven, exhibitor: Anneli Brunckhorst, Hollenstedt) were special highlights; he perfectly combined an athletic presence with elegance and noblesse. The chestnut was the top-priced stallion of the Stallion Sales. Kristin Andresen from Norway purchased the dressage prospect at Euro 315,000 together with the danish stud Katrinelund from where he will be available for the breeders. The show jumping stallions were particularly convincing: top pedigree, top quality, outstanding potential. Following a thrilling bidder’s duel, the Celle National State Stud won the bid at Euro 270,000 for the most popular jumper, a gorgeous black by Valentino/Acorado (breeder and exhibitor: Rainer Schuster, Haag).

The customers confirmed the excellent quality of the two and a half year olds. The 44 licensed stallions were sold at averagely Euro 64,591. Other state studs and well-known private stallion holders purchased one of the young Hanoverian stallions besides the Celle National State Stud, too. The export rate amounts to 43 percent with 19 stallions that are scheduled to leave Germany. Customers from Austria purchased four stallions, three stallions were sold to Denmark and each two to Australia, Belgium, Norway and the Russian Federation. “There was a huge international demand,” breeding manager Dr. Werner Schade said. The focus was not only on breeding, but also on sports competition. The non-licensed stallions were also

sold at fantastic prices. Top-priced non-licensed stallion became a Fürst Nymphenburg/Mont du Cantal AA-son (breeder: Willi Brunckhorst, Hollenstedt, exhibitor: Anneli Brunckhorst, Hollenstedt). The eagerly moving liver chestnut was sold at Euro 82,000, and will move into a stall with a well-known Lower Saxonian dressage trainer. The 38 non-licensed stallions were sold at an average price of Euro 20,378 which results in an export rate of 34 percent. Three stallions were purchased by Swiss customers, each two will travel to Belgium, France and Sweden.

Following the honour ceremony for the Premium stallions, the Celle state stud stallion Graf Top by Graf Grannus/Calypso II entered the limelight of the Niedersachsenhalle, being nominated „Hanoverian Stallion of the Year 2011“. Michael Edzards from the R+V/VTV insurance company awarded his breeder Alfred Brönnemann, Weferlingsen, with the Wohlklang-sculpture and a remunerative check.

Doug Leatherdale was granted a special honour. The Verband's chairman Manfred Schäfer honoured the American with the Golden Badge of the Hannoveraner Verband. Doug Leatherdale has been a committed and dedicated Hanoverian breeder for years, and he has been rendering great service to the Hanoverian breed in the United States. He was President of the American Hanoverian Society from 2001 to 2010. Together with his wife Louise, he runs the "Leatherdale Farms" in Minnesota. He became well-known in Germany when he purchased the Champion of the 2002 Stallion Licensing His Highness who was available for the Hanoverian breeders at Jens Meyer's farm in Dorum.