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## Bonjour Spring Time!

### Verden Auction in March with a sound result

**Verden. The Hannoveraner Verband presented a versatile selection of different horses, appropriate to spring time. 70 riding horses and 31 foals found a new owner at the Verden Auction in March. The first auction horse, Bonjour, came out top-priced horse of the sales event, sold at Euro 53,000.**

The impressively moving grey Bonjour by Belantis/Sandro Hit (breeder: Sabine Portner, Jork – exhibitor: Heinz Katt, Stade) convinced with his super rideability and outstanding basic gaits. Bids soon reached the magical mark of Euro 50,000. Auctioneer Frederik De Backer finally accepted the bid of Euro 53,000 of a customer from Baden-Württemberg. The many visitors did not have to wait long for the next top price. Bonjour had hardly left the Niedersachsenhalle when the Fürst Romancier/Londonderry-son Fiorello KJ (breeder: Klaus Jürgens, Sehnde-Bolzum – exhibitor: P & C Sportpferdezucht, Isernhagen) had his grand entrance. The impressive five-year-old chestnut stallion had already won riding and dressage horse ability competitions last year. He was sold at Euro 50,000 to Hamburg.

Euro 43,000 had to be invested in the best-priced jumper. The only four-year-old Charlotta by Cascadello/Fighting Alpha (breeder: Lotta Aalto, Bargstedt – exhibitor: Ulf Plate – Oldendorf) out of a performance-tested damline can look forward to a sparkling future. She was sold to a successful Dutch show jumping stable after an exciting bidders duel.

The riding horses were sold at averagely Euro 17,904. There was a huge interest from abroad. 34 horses will leave Germany. The biggest number of horses was sold to Belgium (six horses), followed by Spain (five horses) and the US and France with each four purchased futurity prospects.

The collection was complemented by the first foals born in 2018. The 31 foals were sold at an average auction sales price of Euro 6,339. The foal with catalogue no. 1 also turned out to be the best-priced foal of this collection: Samour d'Or by San Amour/Donnerhall (breeder: Helmut G. Heidmeyer, Rahden – exhibitor: Gestüt Fünfhausen GmbH, Rahden) was sold at Euro 32,000 to the Danish stud Blue Hors.

The collection of the Verden Auction in March resembled a blooming spring meadow. The offer was interesting and versatile when it comes to pedigree and disposition. “The outdoor season is just about to start. We are happy having been able to present the riders high-quality horses for sports purposes,” Auction Manager Jörg-Wilhelm Wegener said.

The Verden March Auction was introduced with the Grande-Prize award ceremony. The prize was given to the Celle state stud stallion Edward by Embassy/Fabriano (breeder: Hans-Heinrich Dittmer, Radbruch). “Edward is an awardee that passes on his all-round potential to his progeny. He also already won medals at the European Young Rider Championships,” Breeding Manager Dr. Werner Schade said.