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A horse to fall in love with

Strong international interest to result in high export rates

Verden. A spectacular horse became top-priced horse at the Verden auction in July. The shiny black stallion Soul convinced all along the line. He was sold at Euro 85,000, the peak price of the day. 84 riding horses were sold at an average auction sales price of Euro 16,319, one day after the foal auction.

He was no personal tip: Shortly before the Surprice/Wolkentanz-son Soul (breeder: Johann Duis, Uplengen – exhibitor: Dressurstall Sandbrink GmbH, Meinersen), auction no. 65, showed up in the auction arena, more and more spectators dropped by and filled the stands in the Niedersachsenhalle. The highly-gifted, eagerly moving three-year-old stallion danced into the arena with a drum-roll. And bids rose quickly. Auctioneer Bernd Hickert accepted the bid of a Belgium customer at Euro 85,000. Soul is well-known in the auction ring. Stefan Sandbrink had discovered him at the 2014 Foal Auction, and he was licensed here in Verden last year.

Q7 by Quaid/Stakkato (breeder: Manfred Schäfer, Köchingen – exhibitor: Hendrik Schäfer, Köchingen) was as popular with the customers. A couple of international customers placed bids at the telephone. The chestnut horse was sold at Euro 55,000 to a successful show jumping stable in Great Britain from where already numerous Hanoverian horses have started their successful international careers.

Hanoverian horses are very popular worldwide. Some 60 percent of the riding horses will leave Germany. They were particularly popular with the neighbouring European countries. 10 horses were purchased by French customers, nine will find their new homes in Belgium, each five in Spain and Switzerland. A horse sold to Mexico has to

travel the longest way. The price level was excellent: 10 futurity prospects were sold at Euro 25,000 and more, 24 at prices between Euro 15,000 and 24,999.

There was a constant coming and going during the riding horse auction, just like with the foal auction. Riders and spectators who attended the Lower Saxonian championships HA.LT, held at the same time on the premises around the Niedersachsenhalle, dropped by in the Niedersachsenhalle. This made the run of the auction quite interesting. "The quality of the riding horses has got around at the tournament so that a number of buyers who originally wanted to only attend the competitions found their way to us. Now they discovered a suitable young horse in our collection," said Auction Manager Jörg-Wilhelm Wegener.

The Verden Broodmare and Foal Auction will radiate international atmosphere on August 4 and 5 when the best ones born in 2017 will be put up for auction on the occasion of the tournament „Verden International“. For more information, click on www.hannoveraner.com