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## From the stallion sales to the zop of the world

### Desperados FRH Hanoverian Stallion of the Year 2016

**Verden. Enthusiasm knew no boundaries in the fully occupied Niedersachsenhalle in Verden when the De Niro/Wolkenstein II-son Desperados FRH was declared Hanoverian Stallion of the Year. His breeder Herbert Schütt from Hemmoor accepted the valuable award under roaring applause on the occasion of the show evening of the Hanoverian stallion licensing. It was the second time in a row that Gestüt Sprehe from Benstrup won this coveted prize as their stud stallion Stakkato Gold had already won this title last year. “This award means a lot to us”, rider Kristina Bröring-Sprehe said.**

Privately owned stallion Desperados FRH won the highest award a Hanoverian stallion can win at the peak of his own career – shortly after having won the team Olympic championship title and the individual bronze medal in Rio de Janeiro. The typey black stallion leads the FEI Dressage Rankings with Kristina Bröring-Sprehe while his sire De Niro, 2008 Hanoverian Stallion of the Year, is the number one of the WBFSH World Stallion Rankings. Breeder Herbert Schütt was given an oil painting by artist Manfred Busemann and a well-endowed cheque. In co-operation with the insurance company R+V/Vereinigte Tierversicherung, the Hannoveraner Verband honours a particularly valuable Hanoverian stallion once a year.

Desperados FRH was born on June 2, 2001, with Herbert Schütt in Hemmoor. The breeder presented him two years later at the Verden stallion licensing, however, without the coveted licensing decision. Desperados FRH was the most expensive, non-licensed stallion and sold to Gestüt Sprehe at the auction. The performances of the shiny black

stallion one year later at the stallion licensing under the rider in November 2004 were simply amazing. He convinced the licensing commission and was nominated Premium Stallion. Desperados FRH already presented his super basic gaits and his fantastic character he is now known for at competitions today the first time at the 70-day performance test in Schlieckau. The Hanoverian Champion of three-year-old stallions won the bronze medal at the Bundeschampionate in Warendorf in 2004 and 2005. He matured into a shiny Grand Prix-horse under trainer Falk Rosenbauer with whom he also won first World Cup placements and the German Dressage Derby in 2010. A dream duo was born in 2011: Kristina Bröring-Sprehe mounted Desperados FRH! In the same year, the stallion was honoured with the Otto-Lörke-Prize, a prize given for the best young German Grand Prix-horse. They then climbed to the top of the world dressage rankings, won noble metal at the Olympics in London in 2012 and in Rio 2016 as well as at the 2014 World Equestrian Games in Normandy/France and at the 2013 and 2014 European Championships in Herning and Aachen.

Meanwhile, Desperados FRH has been establishing an excellent reputation as sire. He was honoured with the Grande-Prize in 2012. Descending from the fantastic dam line of Juggema, he passes on his super qualities to his progeny. While his sire celebrated his gold and bronze medal in Brazil, his son Destacado became the celebrated Bundeschampion of three-year-old stallions in Warendorf. Eight stallions are registered with the Stallion Book I of the Hannoveraner Verband, five of them left the Verden stallion licensing arena as Premium Stallion. And his daughters are as successful: State premium candidate Doris Day won the Herwart-von-der-Decken-Show in 2010 and was also the celebrated Bundesdchampion of three-year-old mares and stallions in Warendorf. Delany won the coveted title one year later. He has been siring 38 state premium and Hanoverian premium mares until today. The eldest Desperados-offspring are meanwhile successfully competing up to the highest dressage level. The German National Equestrian Federation FN has published a breeding value of 137 points, the breed value estimation of the Hannoveraner Verband shows a result of 126 points for dressage.