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Luftwaffe Price Peak

134th Elite Auction in Verden with new concepts

Verden. There was an excellent atmosphere in the crowded, festively decorated Niedersachsenhalle in Verden when the Elite Riding Horse Auction started with price highlights. The two best-priced horses were among the first ones to show up in the auction arena.

The highest price of Euro 240,000 was paid for a jumper. The six-year-old Lord Pezi/Stolzenberg-daughter with the impressive name “Luftwaffe” (transl. air force) was bred by Manfred Schäfer vom Vechelde. The young mare was exhibited by his son Hendrik Schäfer and already successfully competed at tournaments. She was very popular with international show jumping riders and finally purchased by a regular customer from Great Britain who is pretty satisfied with the futurity jumpers he had already acquired at Verden auctions before. Many of them are meanwhile successful at the international level. Second most expensive horse was the five-year-old show jumping mare Carrisma by Carrico/Eiger I, bred by Henrik Plass, Neustadt, and exhibited by Dr. Fredi Stampfli, Switzerland. She was sold at Euro 75,000 to the highest bidder from Lower Saxony.

The three-year-old stallion Elitär by Escolar/De Niro, a dressage horse without any ifs and buts, was sold at Euro 190,000. He carries the Rhenish brand and perfectly combines big-framed conformation, wonderful appearance, extraordinary basic gaits and potential. The stallion was bred by Ulla Katzorke, Essen, exhibited by Gerkenhof, Kirchlinteln, and he will now return to North Rhine-Westphalia to a successful dressage show stable. The five-year-old Don Easy by Don Frederico/Rubinstein out of the successful breed of Dagmar Meyer, Edermissen, was second most expensive dressage horse. He was sold at Euro 120,000 to France.

The 76 Elite riding horses were sold at averagely Euro 34,947. 35 of them will leave Germany and were sold to 10 different European countries, the US and the United Arab Emirates.

The auction of two-and-a-half-year old stallions, presented in-hand, was a successful experiment. The 26 offered stallions were sold at averagely Euro 17,077. The impressive Finest/Ricardos-son Firenze, bred by Konrad Böth, Weimar, was sold at the highest price of Euro 38,000 to a regular customer from France.

It was the first time that the auction weekend was introduced by the Verden Foal Gala. The foal auction was combined with show acts. One third of the 63 foals offered for sale will leave Germany.

The foals were sold to eight different countries at an average auction sales price of Euro 6,267. Destination countries are Chile, Denmark, Finland, Great Britain, Iran, Italy, Austria and Spain to which seven foals in total will be exported.

Grey Fantasy by Grey Flanell/Foundation is one of the particularly exquisite foals born with the Baumgartner-family from Kamern. They already presented the highest-priced foal at other sales events this year. A Danish stallion raiser purchased Grey Fantasy at Euro 19,000. Wolfgang Lutz from Langwedel has done everything to the letter when he decided on the breeding combination Contendro/Heraldik xx. He bred his foal for eventing purposes and sold it at Euro 12,000. The most expensive show jumping foal Vanguard by Vigo D'Arsouilles/Eurocommerce Berlin (breeder: Gestüt Eichenhain, Blender) will have all chances for a successful future international career as it was sold at Euro 10,000 to an international show jumping stable.

No wonder that Breeding and Business Manager Dr. Werner Schade drew a positive conclusion: "The Elite Auction was a successful autumn start. The new concepts with the first Verden Foal Gala and the auction of young stallions turned out to be successful. An outstanding collection of stallion prospects will be the next highlight in two weeks."