

Convincing Stallion Prospects

Stallion licensing and stallion sales in Verden with top results

Verden. The Verden stallion licensing and stallion sales were eagerly awaited. The convincing quality of the youngsters born in 2015 became already obvious at the preselection with the result that 108 stallion prospects in total – 24 more than last year – applied for the title “licensed” in the Niedersachsenhalle. 78 two-and-a-half-year olds were accepted for breeding, 18 of them were nominated premium stallion.

„The stallions developed well after the preselection,“ Heike Kemmer said, member of the licensing commission. “I was impressed to see such an excellent quality and such a variety of top horses, particularly against the backdrop of the frequently criticized decline in breeding figures.” 53 stallions with a dressage pedigree were licensed, 13 of them also honoured with a premium award. 25 of the 37 show jumping stallions were decorated with the popular title, five of them nominated premium stallion. Jörg Münzner was member of the licensing team for the first time “The presentations of the two-and-a-half-year-olds were very impressive. They still display excellent performances, even after three days,” the successful show jumping rider and trainer said.

This raised great expectations in the stallion sales. And the expectations were met on Saturday afternoon in the sold out Niedersachsenhalle at the auction of licensed and non-licensed stallions. Best-priced stallion was a Sezuan/Donnerhall-son out of the approved breed of Willem Klausling, Diepholz. Bidding for the big-framed liver chestnut with the impressive basic gaits already started at Euro 100,000. “Helgstrand Dressage” offered the final bid of Euro 650,000 for the premium stallion with the Rhenish brand. He does not have to travel alone to Denmark, stall neighbour will be a Finest/De Niro-son (breeder: Günter Lindwehr, Alfhausen – exhibitor: Bernhard Ruwe, Nortrup), sold at

Euro 360,000. The same price was paid for a black stallion prospect by Toto Jr./Sandro Hit (breeder: J. W. Holtland, Ysselmuider/Netherlands – exhibitor: Home of Stallions, Velen).

A stud from Rhineland-Palatinate purchased the most expensive show jumping stallion and paid Euro 85,000 for the Cascadello/For Keeps-son with the obviously endless potential. He was bred and exhibited by team Olympic champion Lars Nieberg from Sendenhorst.

The State Stud Celle purchased promising young Hanoverian stallions, just as the state studs from Moritzburg and Warendorf and a number of private stallion holders. Just as international dressage, show jumping and eventing riders. The 72 licensed stallions offered for sale at the auction were sold at averagely Euro 64.722. They were quite popular with international customers as 25 of them will leave Germany. Most of them will find their new homes in other European countries or in the US. The 31 non-licensed stallions were sold at an average auction sales price of Euro 17.862.

The presentation of premium stallions at the stallion sales was embedded in an interesting show program. The Celle state stud stallion Rotspon by Rubinstein/Argentan (breeder: Hans-Heinrich Müller, Stade) was nominated “Hanoverian Stallion of the Year”. Christine Müller from Stade accepted the valuable award. The “Hanoverian Mare of the Year” was honoured shortly before, for the first time on the occasion of a stallion licensing event: State premium mare Sarah by Sherlock Holmes/Calypso II (breeder: Adolf Feldmann, Hänigsen – owner: Christa Feldmann, Hänigsen) was honoured for her numerous offspring that are successfully competing at the international show jumping level. Sandra Auffahrt’s Federal Champion Gentleman by Grey Top/Fabriano (breeder: Annette and Detlef Schelhas, Lage – owner: Gestüt Lichtenmoor, Heemsen) was honoured with the name supplement “FRH” of the Hanoverian Supporter’s Club, much to the delight of the audience. The bay horse was discovered at the 2014 stallion sales. And this was not the last honour ceremony of the day. Manfred Schäfer who had passed his office of chairman of the Hannoveraner Verband to Hans-Henning von der decken in April, was honoured with the golden badge of honour.