

## **Diamonique dances to the top price of 202,000 euros**

### **62<sup>nd</sup> Westphalian Elite Auction with turnover of Euro 1.6 Mio and a sales quota of 92 percent**

**Münster: The 62<sup>nd</sup> Westphalian Elite Auction was a complete success. With a total turnover of around 1.6 million Euros, a total of 55 horses changed hands. Almost half of the horses changed hands to foreign owners. In total, customers from 16 countries outside Germany were successful. The price structure was led by Diamonique. The Don Nobless/Laudabilis daughter was sold for 202,000 Euros to a Luxembourgian owner. Quasi Plus led the field of show jumpers with a knockdown price of 68,000 Euros.**

The auction candidates of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Westphalian Elite Auction were stabled at the Westphalian Horse Centre for almost three weeks. Great interest was shown by the international customers during the entire auction period. This elite auction ended this afternoon in exciting bidding duels. It took a good 20 minutes before the virtual hammer fell for the first time. Especially exciting was the bid-up of the later top price, the head number 4. Three parties fought for the Don Noblesse/Laudabilis daughter Diamonique (breeder and exhibitor: Maria Leusmann, Rheine) up to a price of 160,000 Euros. In the end, a customer from Luxembourg had the most staying power. At the highest price of 202,000 Euros, the virtual hammer fell for the strong-moving chestnut mare, who achieved the fourth best result of the year in her mare performance test with a final score of 8.41. It was not the first time that the quality of this dam line was recognised by Westphalian customers. A year ago, her half-brother changed hands for 106,000 Euros at the Westphalian Elite Auction. Two years ago, another son of La Bella Luna cost 126,000 Euros. A promising horse for the big arena is the large-framed Quantensprung/Belissimo M-son with the head number 7 (breeder: Bernd Schulze-Tomberge, Senden; exhibitor: Kathrin Bücker, Senden). Quarkbällchen attracted attention not only with his name. With a lot of impulsion from the hind leg and a very good rideability he will find his way into the upper dressage sport. The dark bay was worth 75,500 Euros to his new owners. The 42 dressage horses sold cost an average of 28,452 Euros.

In this lot of dressage horses, five quality riding ponies were for sale. Four of them found a new owner today, two of them abroad. An average of 25,625 Euros was invested in these. The most expensive offer was the licensed pony stallion Diamond Blue, who has already been successful in competitions. The son of FS Daddy Cool/FS Golden Moonlight (breeder: Ulrich and Katja Neuhaus, Overath; exhibitor: Dr. Stefanie Rothenberger-Krause Pferdepenion, Bad Homburg) is a pony with strong movements. He is a promising partner for a direct start in the upcoming competition season. Customers from the Netherlands and Sweden fought for a long time to get the Palomino stallion. In the end, the attractive stallion will move to a stable in the Netherlands for 38,500 Euros.

The lot of show jumpers was also very popular with the Westphalian auction customers. At 5 pm the bidding started on the 13 auction candidates. Already in the run-up, bids came in from all over the

world. The price structure was led by the head number 53 Quasi Plus. The Quasimodo van de Molendreef/Quinta Real son (breeder: Ignaz Berger, Sulzenbach-Rosenberg; exhibitor: IB Berger Zucht- und Ausbildungsstall, Sulzenbach-Rosenberg) was a premium stallion at the licensing in Münster-Handorf in 2019. Now he has been victorious and placed highly several times in tests for young show jumpers. He is a performance horse with prospects for the big jumping courses. The half-brother to Comme Prévu from the Sosath station and closely related to Comilfo Plus Z changed hands after a long bidding duel for 68,000 Euros to loyal regular customers. Caballero by Cartello VDL/Ahorn (breeder: Lukas Enting, Netherlands; exhibitor: Sportpferde Beckmann GmbH & Co.KG, Wettringen) will move to Mexico. The grey stallion is a guarantor for the upper level show jumping sport. He was worth 45,500 Euros to the customers from South America. All the show jumping talents on offer changed hands today at an average price of 30,385 Euros. Among others they will be further promoted in championship stables.

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Westphalian Elite Auction brought in a total turnover of 1,590,000 Euros. A total of 55 horses changed hands this afternoon at an average price of 28,909 Euros. This corresponds to a sales quota of 92 percent. There was great interest from abroad. 47 percent of the horses sold will be further promoted in 16 different countries outside of Germany. All over the world the Westphalian auction horses will be at home in the future. These include Luxembourg, Hungary, Spain, Austria, Canada, Switzerland, France, Great Britain, Poland, Slovakia, the Netherlands, Belgium, Mexico, United Arab Emirates, Chile, Australia and Italy.

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BU 1: The most expensive horse at the auction was No. 4 Diamonique by Don Nobless/Laudabilis.

BU 2: Most popular show jumper was No. 53 Quasi Plus by Quasimodo by Molendreef/Quinta Real

BU 3: Most expensive pony no. 25 Diamond Blue by FS Daddy Cool/FS Golden Moonlight