

## **Bonjour impresses for 61.500 Euro** **Westphalia's dressage offspring very popular**

**Münster: 24 riding horse foals with a pedigree predispositioned for dressage as well as six pony foals were offered at the Westphalian online auction today. A total of 26 offers successfully changed hands. The top price was achieved by the Bonds/Franziskus daughter Bonjour, number 1, who was worth 61,500 Euros to her new owners. On average, the foals sold for 10,740 Euros.**

Impressive: This describes the Bonds/Franziskus-daughter (breeder and exhibitor: Bernhard Ilting-Reuke, Borken) with the number 1 of today's foal auction very good. Type and movement quality convinced from the beginning. Also the dam line of this beautiful filly is impressive. Her granddam is none other than St.Pr.St. Seniorita Meyer. She is the dam of the licensed Bundeschampion Fynch Hatton as well as the S-successful Fürstenball-sons Fürst Magic and Gut Wettkam's Fürst Donnerhall. Another Fürstenball son out of Seniorita Meyer changed hands to Thomas Müller as a licensed stallion at the Westphalian Main Licensing in 2020. Bonjour made the hearts of 17 bidders beat faster this evening. In the BidUp, parties from Germany and the Netherlands made it exciting. After almost 100 bids, the virtual hammer fell at the hammer price of 61,500 Euros. The talented filly changed hands to the Vorwerk Stud.

The most popular colt of the evening was not long in coming. With the head number 2 and the significant name Kompliment, the son of the Dutch Kjento stood out. The chestnut stallion (breeder and exhibitor: Hubert Herdering, Legden) showed outstanding movement quality on the virtual Westphalian auction floor. His dam's sire is also the Grand Prix successful Franziskus. He travels to Bavaria for the hammer price of 27,500 Euros.

Of the six pony foals offered, five found a new owner. On average, the pony buyers invested 5,900 Euros that evening. The most popular riding pony foal was Galileo Galilei with the head number 8 (breeder: ZG Wichmann-Haarlammert, Ladbergern; exhibitor: Angelika Kohlhepp, Lienen). This promising pony stallion descends from the first crop of Gründleinhof's Gipfelstürmer. The dam line of the Dutch dam Frida by Amazing Star produced several dressage horses that were successful up to Prix St. Georg level. The young stallion changed hands at the hammer price of 8,500 Euros and will be based at Lake Starnberg in the future.

Of the 30 foals offered for sale, 87 percent changed hands that evening. On average, the customers invested 10,740 Euros in their new dressage horse. Seven of the sold horses cracked the 10,000 euro mark. In total, the Westphalian Stud Book turned over 279,250 Euros. Four of the foals sold will travel abroad in autumn. Customers from Denmark bought two of the youngsters.

The Westphalian auction year continues to be exciting. Today the summer auction season started for about 40 riding horses. The dressage and show jumping horses can be tried out from Wednesday, 1 June. Due to the renovation work at the Westphalian Horse Centre, the training and trying out of the

dressage horses will take place at the Haus Giesking stud in Nottuln. The complete collection of riding horses with photos, videos and all information can be found at [onlineauction.westfalenpferde.de](http://onlineauction.westfalenpferde.de). Bids can be placed from June 9 to 12. The collection of the next foal auction will be online in the next few days. The BidUp of the youngest dressage and jumping hopefuls will start as usual on Monday 13 June at 7.30 pm.

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BU 1: Top price of this foal auction: Bonjour by Bonds/Franziskus