

## A Unique Career in Breeding and Sports

### Desperados honoured with the Grande-Prize

Verden. The De Niro/Wolkenstein II-son Desperados was honoured with the Grande-Prize on the occasion of the 126th Elite Auction. The successful dressage stallion was bred by Herbert Schütt from Hemmoor. The Sprehe Stud purchased the black youngster at the Stallion sales, and meanwhile, he counts among the best young German dressage horses under Kristina Sprehe with a fantastic future career for both of them being certainly no coincidence. Besides, Desperados will participate at future horse shows with the name supplement "FRH", the abbreviation for the Hanoverian Supporters Club.

Desperados left the Stallion Licensing in Verden without being accepted for breeding, but he was nevertheless sold at a top price of Euro 104,000. A unique career in breeding and sports started. In 2004, further matured and developed under the rider, the impressive Desperados was not only licensed, but also honoured as Premium stallion. From that point on, his career was simply exemplary. He won the bronze medal at the Bundeschampionate for riding horses at the age of three and four. Further advanced by Falk Rosenbauer, first international placements at the age of only seven followed. In 2011, Kristina Sprehe sat down in his saddle. Meanwhile, the privately owned stallion has been successful in dressage tests up to international Grand Prix-level, and in 2011, he was honoured with the Otto-Lörke-Prize for the best German Grand Prix futurity prospect.

Desperados' own accomplishments are amazing, and his breeding balance is as impressive. Desperados presented the winning mares of the Herwart von der Decken-Show two times in a row: Doris Day and Delany in 2010 and 2011. Doris Day even topped the success of her sire at the Bundeschampionate when she won the title in 2010. A dressage breed value for dressage of 130 points underlines his breeding qualities. Five of his sons are already licensed for Hanover, among them the Premium stallions Destano and Divine Etincelle. Desperados is on his way to the top in breeding and sports.

Since 2009, the Grande-Prize has been awarded to Hanoverian stallions in the important age of ten to twelve, a time when first reliable information about his hereditary qualities will be available as the eldest offspring of a stallion can then be judged under saddle. The breeder of the stallion is honoured with this prize. The naming is meant to honour the hereditary accomplishments of the trademark stallion Grande.