

# The Hanoveraner Verband celebrates its young breeders

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*In 1922, the Hanoveraner Verband was founded by the breeders' association. This created the prerequisite for a central and uniform registration and processing of all breeding procedures.*

The Hanoverian Association has its headquarters in Verden. The Hanoveraner Verband also includes the local horse breeding clubs, which play an important role.

The horse breeding clubs are the direct contact between the association and its breeders, and they organize breeding events such as mare shows. In addition, each club has its young breeders, who are trained by youth speakers and can also qualify for larger competitions and team selection. Young breeders are between eight and 25 years old.

The Hanoverian Young Breeders were founded in 1986 by Dr. Ludwig Christmann of the Hanoverian Association. Dr. Christmann also thought about how to inspire young people to preserve



*Junior team l-r: Jette Fischer, Monja Ahlf, Karl-Hendrik Rollwage, Rike Sander*

and continue horse breeding, and the first local young breeders' competitions were organized as early as 1988. In that same year, the winners of the competitions competed in the finals in Verden. The work of young breeders within the associations and the federation has developed steadily.

## *The Hanoverian young breeders today*

In 2022 the young breeders' work started up again after the long break due to the coronavirus. The clubs were once again able to train with their young breeders, and also organize competitions to qualify for the finals. First, the trainers, the youth speakers, and the association got together to discuss the year.

The first training for the Hanoverian team began in the spring,



*Senior team l-r: Merlin Campe, Wiebke Poppe, Laura Schuldt, Sarah Scheerer*



*Merlin Campe presenting, with Sarah Scheerer behind*

with training sessions taking place in different places in order to watch different horses outside the young breeders' usual environment.

After a few 'open' training sessions in which young breeders could participate from the age of 14, team selection was on the agenda. It meant that training was evaluated and individuals selected who would be considered for the German Championships and the World Championships.

More training preceded the World Championships, which took place at the KWPN headquarters in Ermelo this year, at which the Hanoverian association fielded one junior and one senior team. Naturally, the selected teams were motivated and excited about their participation in this event, and the Hanoverian team of young breeders really worked well together during this whole period. It's one of the most important points for the young breeders, that they become a real team, and everyone supports and is happy for each other.

At the conclusion of the World Championships the entire team could be very happy about their vice-World Championship title. The senior team also won the World Championship title in their age group.

One month after the World Championships, it was time for the Hanoverian team to pack their bags for their trip to Münster for the German Championships. Here again the young breeders also showed their skills, their cohesion, and demonstrated what they'd learned.

The coaches of the Hanoverian team are certainly very proud of their young breeders and are looking forward to further championships and experiences together.

After the German Championships comes the Hanoverian Young Breeders' Finals, which will take place in Verden. Here the best young Hanoverian breeders come together and compete in the young pony, old pony, and young horse, old horse divisions in various disciplines, including turn out, pattern, and judging. At the end of the beautiful day, the winners of the divisions are determined and an overall winner will be honoured.

The final is the highlight of the young breeders' year and all the participants always look forward to this day in particular.

So a wonderful young breeders' year will come to an end and we look forward to next year. ■

