

Escudo I

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Celle state stud stallion Escudo I by Espri/Arkansas has been named the Hanoverian Stallion of the Year 2009. On behalf of the deceased breeder Allmer Knoop, Arno and Sabine Knoop were awarded a remunerative cheque and the Wohlklang-statuetten. Every year, the Hanoverian Society and R+V/VTV insurance company honour an important breeding stallion with this award.

The pleasing black stallion with the keen eye was born on Allmer Knoop's farm on May 23, 1991. Heinz Katt from Bremervoerde raised Escudo I and presented him at the Stallion Licensing in Verden in 1993 where he displayed his talent by jumping like a rubber ball and was one of the Lot I-stallions that moved to the Celle State Stud. One year later, he was the celebrated champion at the stallion performance test in Adelheidsdorf. He outpaced the competition with a final show jumping score of 144.9 points and was honoured with the Freiherr von Stenglin-Prize as best stallion of his age-group. Since that time, he has been registered with the Hanoverian Jumper Breeding Program.

Farmer Allmer Knoop purchased Escudo's dam, state premium mare Athene by Arkansas/Woermann, when she was a two year old. She derives from the dam line of Notrada that originated in 1899 on the breeding site of the Battelmann-family in Nesse. The bay mare with the captivating type was very successful at shows, among them the Louis Wiegels-Show. Escudo's full brother Escudo II, one year younger, was the extraordinary winner at the Stallion Licensing in

1992. The one year older brother, Erik (Florian Meyer zu Hartum), won advanced level jumper classes.

Following the death of Escudo I's breeder, his son Arno and daughter-in-law Sabine continued the breeding business. State premium mare Erle by Espri and her daughter Cordy by Contendro are still active brood mares.

Apart from his breeding career, Escudo I was also a successful competition horse. He won the Hanoverian Show Jumping Championships in Dobrock under Joachim Winter in 1996, and he became Vice Bundeschampion in Warendorf, which he followed with various successes up to advanced level.

Escudo I passes on his incredible show jumping scope and brilliant type to his offspring. His sons Enorm (Ludger Beerbaum) and Escobar (Thomas Weinberg) are successful at international level. El Paso (Jessica Kuerten, Markus Beerbaum), was the Bundeschampion of five-year-old show jumping horses in 2003.

Escudo I has been one of the best German stallions on the breed value rankings for years. His offspring in show jumping sport contribute to his currently excellent breed value of 151 points, his daughters and sons in the Hanoverian breed value estimation have contributed to his mark of 147 points for show jumping and 145 for riding horse points and type.

Escudo I has 306 daughters registered with the Hanoverian Society, 83 of them have been awarded state premium mare status. He has had 89 foals and 67 riding horses sold at the Verden auctions. Of his 25 licensed sons, 15 are currently registered with the Hanoverian Stallion Book I. Escudo I sons, the Celle state stud stallions Earl and El Bundy won their stallion performance tests, just like their sire, and another son, Embassy, is one of the most popular Hanoverian show jumping stallions.

Escudo I continues the old [Hanoverian E-bloodline](#) with his prepotency, and he has been of tremendous importance for the modern jumper horse breed. "He sires excellently fighting progeny with lots of show jumping scope", the manager of the Celle National State Stud, Dr. Axel Brockmann, says.