

## Hokkaido Summer Sale Review

The 2022 Hokkaido Summer Sale concluded at the end of August with strong results despite a weakened Japanese economy. Nine hundred fifty-eight yearlings were sold from 1237 that passed through the ring for a record clearance rate of 77.4%. The gross was also a record haul for the Hidaka Breeders Association, bringing in ¥7,024,710,000(US\$48,782,708) this year, continuing a three-year consecutive growth in sales revenue. The sale average was also solid, reaching a ten-year high at ¥7,332,682(US\$50,921).

The sale topper was Hip 651, a colt by Mind Your Biscuits(USA), who has been making a significant splash as a freshman sire this year. The colt was bought for ¥41,800,000(US\$290,277) by Yoshio Matsumoto from breeder Okada Stud. The highest-priced filly of the sale was Hip 312 by Gold Ship(JPN), whose best progeny have been fillies so far. She was acquired for ¥29,150,000(US\$202,430) by Keiai Farm from breeder Taihoku Stud Co. Ltd.

The sale was very strong for dirt stallions, especially US-bred sires. As the end of the sale season approaches, many NAR circuit buyers begin to come out in earnest. 10-time G1/JPN1 winner Hokko Tarumae(JPN) sold 28 lots grossing ¥294,250,000(US\$2,043,402) and averaging ¥10,508,928(US\$72,978). Sinister Minister(USA), who has long been a favorite at the sales, sold all 23 of his offered yearlings for a gross of ¥263,560,000(US\$1,830,277) and an average of ¥11,459,130(US\$79,577). Majestic Warrior(USA) sold 26 lots grossing ¥238,260,000(US\$1,654,583) and averaging ¥9,163,846(US\$63,637). Shanghai Bobby(USA) sold all thirteen lots to gross ¥211,420,000(US\$1,468,194) and averaged a strong ¥16,263,076(US\$112,938). Best Warrior(USA) sold 32 lots that grossed ¥211,090,000(US\$1,465,902) and averaged ¥6,596,562(US\$45,809).

Overall it was a strong renewal of the Hokkaido Summer Sale. The next sale on the calendar is the 2022 Hokkaido September Sale on September 20th through the 22nd. The final yearlings sale of the year is the 2022 Hokkaido Autumn Sale on October 17th and 18th.

US\$1 = JP¥144



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