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Linear Description
Challenges for users



Inge Workel
Oldenburger Pferdezuchtverband


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Practical use

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Evaluation of conformation and performance traits is done at:

- Foal shows
- Studbook registrations
- Mare performance tests
- (pre-)Licensings for stallions



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Development

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Start with 120 traits in 2011,
with only registering deviations from the average!

Testing phase at official breeding events
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Increasing of no. of traits to 160 in 2012

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General remarks

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- REGISTRATION OF CHARACTERISTIC TRAITS ONLY!
- DON'T FOCUS ON THE TRAITS
- FOCUS ON THE HORSE

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General remarks

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- LEFT IS NOT – NEGATIVE/UNDESIRE
- RIGHT IS NOT + POSITIVE/DESIRED



Linear profile format and front

FORMAT Breedtype	plain					0	blue to type
FORMAT Frame	small-framed					2	large-framed
FORMAT Carriage	light					2	heavy
FORMAT Body direction	downhill	1					uphill
FRONT Set of neck	low						high

Linear profile feet & legs

LMBS Position of hocks	over at knee	1					back at knee
LMBS Stance of forelimb-pastern	upright					1	sloping (weak)
LMBS Stance of hind limb-pastern	upright					1	weak

Linear profile free movement

WALK Regularity	irregular						1	regular
WALK Suppleness	stiff						1	elastic
WALK Freedom of shoulders	short						1	long
TROT Suppleness	stale	1						elastic
TROT Ground covering	little							much
SPECIAL REMARKS Tail base	un-bared						2	well-toned

Training of judges



- TRAIT DEFINITION:

1. KNOW WHAT TRAITS ARE AVAILABLE
2. KNOW WHAT'S MEANT WITH WHICH TRAIT
3. HAVE A WELL SCHOOLED JUDGE-EYE
4. TRAIN THE REPEATABILITY
5. FAVORITE TRAITS, TRY TO BE OBJECTIVE



Data collection



- KEEP THE POPULATION AVERAGE (0) IN MIND
- DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JUMPING AND DRESSAGE HORSES?



Tablet handling

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- SELF SERVICE BY THE JUDGE:
 - + KNOWN WHAT'S DOCUMENTED
 - + NO BIAS
- STRESSFULL TO JUDGE, COMMENT, TYPE AND WRITE



Tablet handling

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- USE OF ASSISTANTS:
 - + JUDGE CAN CONCENTRATE ON THE HORSE
 - + NO TABLET KNOWLEDGE NEEDED FOR THE JUDGE
- BIAS, DOCUMENTATION GAPS
- REQUIRES MORE, QUALIFIED STAFF

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Tablet handling

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- ASSISTANT HAS TO:
 - BE ABLE TO JUDGE A HORSE AS WELL
 - KNOW ALL THE TRAITS AND WHERE TO FIND ON THE TABLET
 - BE ABLE TO TRANSFER THE JUDGES „LANGUAGE“ TO LD
 - ASK TO CONFIRM



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When linear discription?

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- CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD BE SIMILAR
- DIFFICULT TO COLLECT DATA ON YARD INSPECTIONS:
 - ONLY ONE JUDGE (PRESSURE)
 - NO IDEAL SHOWING CONDITIONS
 - CIRCUMSTANCES DIFFER A LOT FROM YARD TO YARD

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When linear discription?



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- CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD BE SIMILAR
 - DIFFICULT TO COLLECT DATA ON YARD INSPECTIONS:
 - ...
 - AGE/SHOWING CONDITION OF THE HORSE?



Data publication



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- NOW: ONLY TO BREEDER (FOALS, MARES)
 - OPEN DATABASE?
 - PUBLISH STALLION DATA?





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Thank you!

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