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Linear Description

Challenges for users

Inge Workel

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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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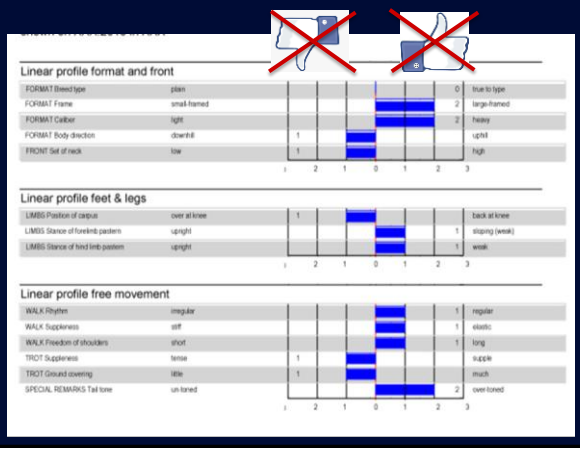
- LEFT IS **NOT** – NEGATIVE/UNDESIRED
- RIGHT IS **NOT** + POSITIVE/DESIRED



Training of judges

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- 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

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Data collection

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- KEEP THE POPULATION AVERAGE (0) IN MIND

- DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JUMPING AND DRESSAGE HORSES?

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Tablet handling

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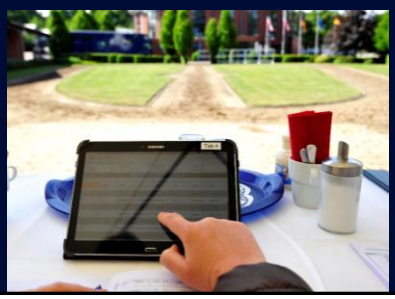
- SELF SERVICE BY THE JUDGE:
  - + KNOWN WHAT'S DOCUMENTED
  - + NO BIAS
  - - STRESSFULL TO JUDGE, COMMENT, TYPE AND WRITE



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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- 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?

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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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