

Reforms in linear descriptions

INHERITABILITY OF YOUNG STALLIONS AND SPECIAL BREED SIREs

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For twelve years by now, registered foals are linearly described at Holsteiner Verband. The offspring's detailed descriptions and the stallions' heritability performance apparent from it have become an important point of reference for our breeders regarding their pairing decisions. The strong points of the mares and stallions can be improved even further and deficiencies balanced. Additionally, the linear descriptions will gain importance in the context of genomic selection. Four characteristics have been described for the first time this year. The trait 'muscling area of neck' and the more detailed description of the feature 'gait' are meant to give new insights in the stallions' heritability.

In the year 2022, a total of 1,963 foals were linearly described. The foals which have been described had been sired by 336 different stallions which makes the variety larger than ever before. For each stallion an average of 5.8 offspring was listed. Sires with more than 35 offspring are Crack (88), Clarimo (86), Casall (84), United Way (69), Chezzaro (68), Chinchero (62), Keaton (59), Charaktervoll (56), Diarado (49), Corfu de la Vie (47), Cahil (40) and Vigado (35).

The following pages show linear profiles of stallions which haven't been described earlier and who have more than ten offspring in the year 2022. Descriptions are given for Vigado (37), Jasper (26), Asterix de Couleur (23), Diamant van Klapscheut Z (18), Cardentos (13), C-Khatou-S (11) and Casolo (10).

Looking at the average of Holsteiner foals described in 2022, the especially noticeable characteristics are type, head, set of the neck, strength of the back, misalignment of the foreleg, length of pastern, hock and gait. A good manifestation of type, noble faces and elastic sequence of movement are as positive as ever in the registered foals. A weak top-line, a low set neck, splay-footed conformation, long pastern and angle of the hindleg have to be seen critically. Compared to previous years, however, a positive tendency can be noticed regarding stability of the top-line.

AVERAGE OF ALL 1,963 DESCRIBED HOLSTEINER FOALS

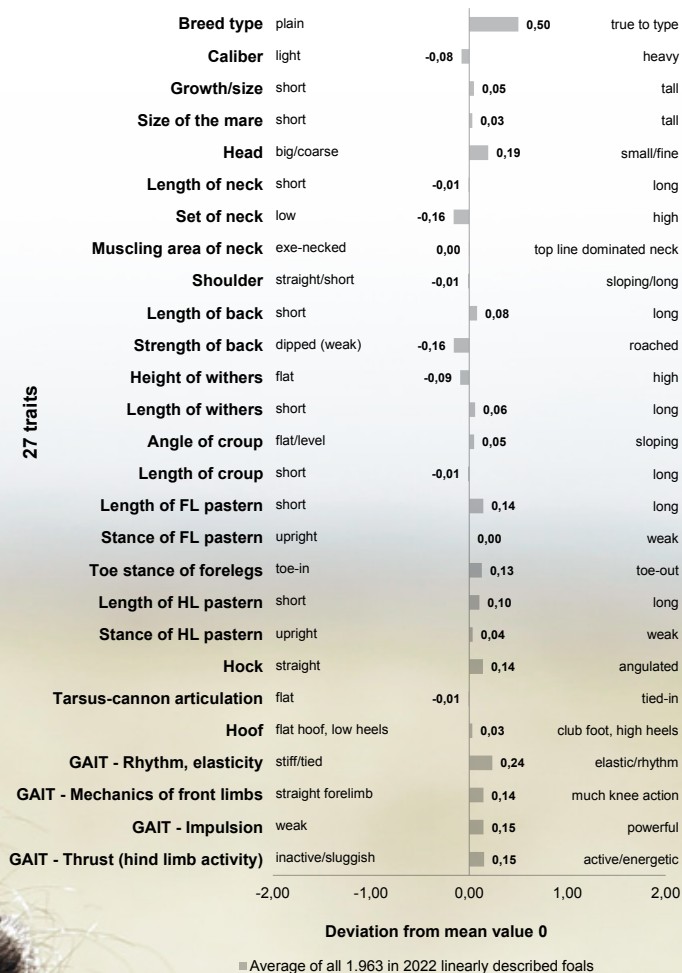


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ASTERIX DE COULEUR

by Aganix de Seigneur-Hickstead

23 offspring in 2022

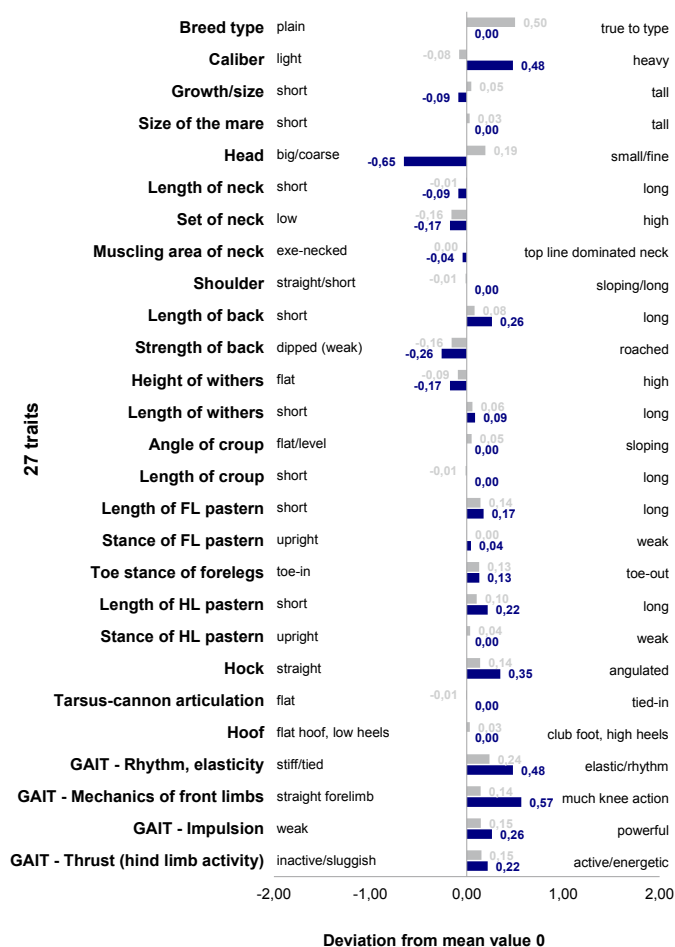




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C-KHATOU-S

by Chaman-Toulon

11 offspring in 2022

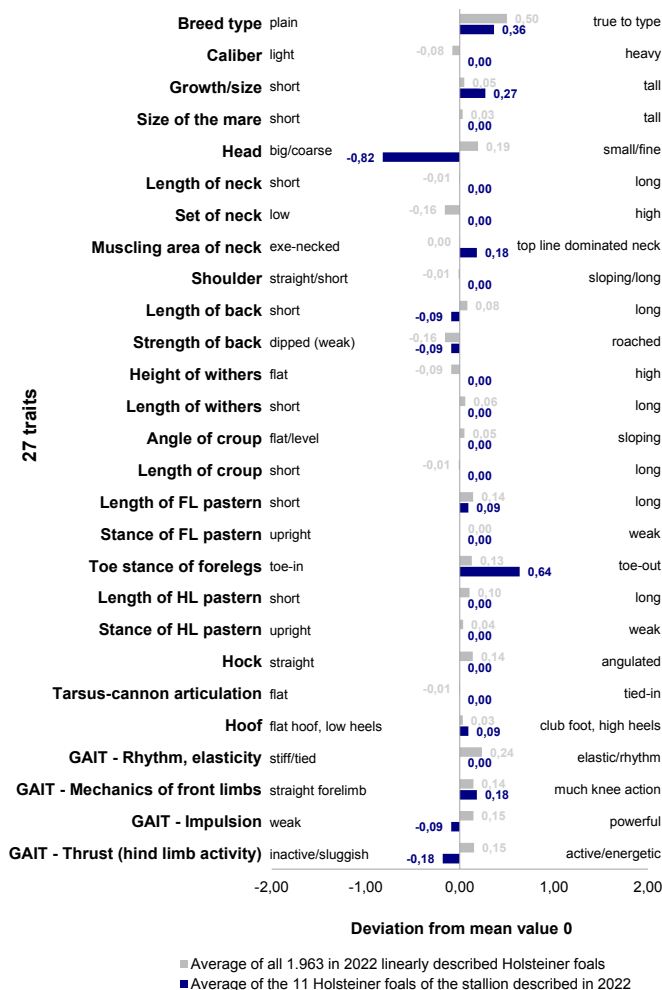


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CARDENTOS

by Cardento-Quo Vados I

13 offspring in 2022

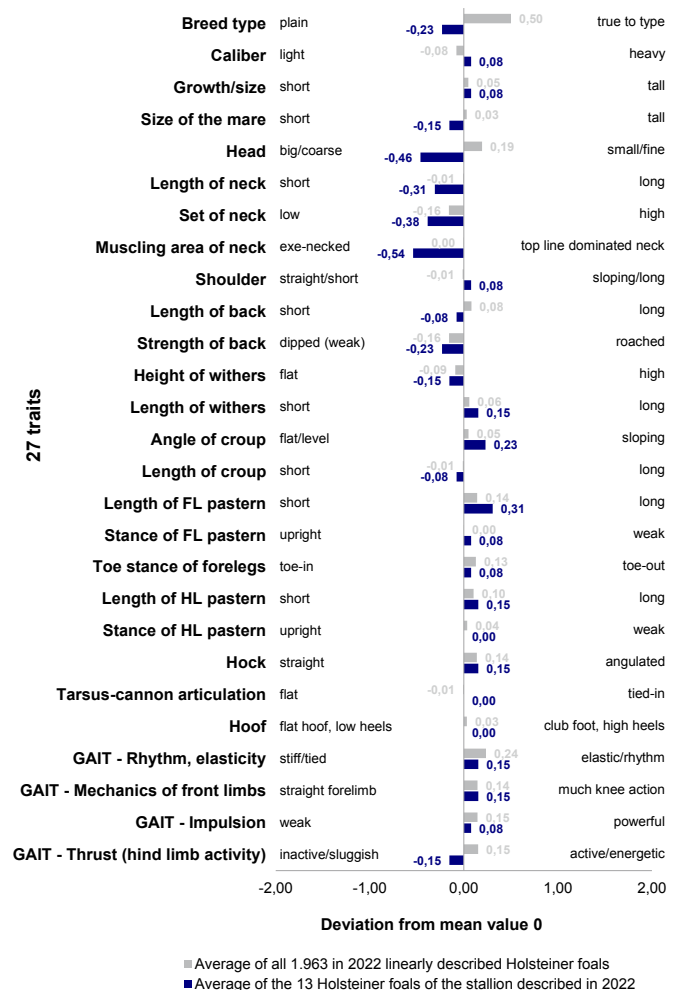




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CASOLO

by Casall-Contender

10 offspring in 2022

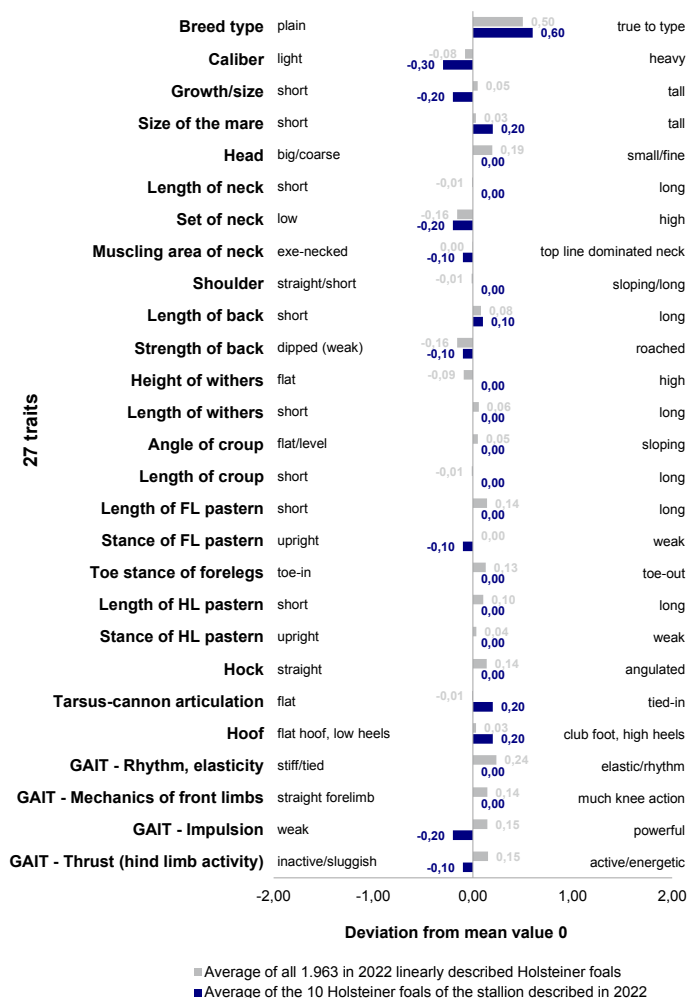


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DIAMANT VAN KLAPSCHEUT Z

by Diamant de Semilly-Cicero van Pamel Z

18 offspring in 2022

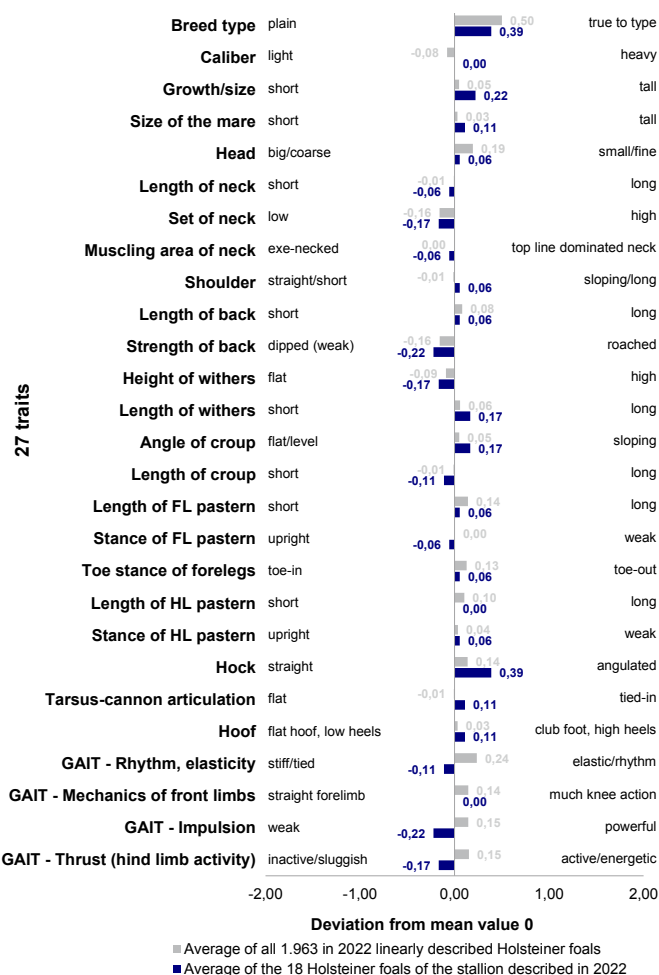




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JASPER

by Heartbreaker-Darco

26 offspring in 2022

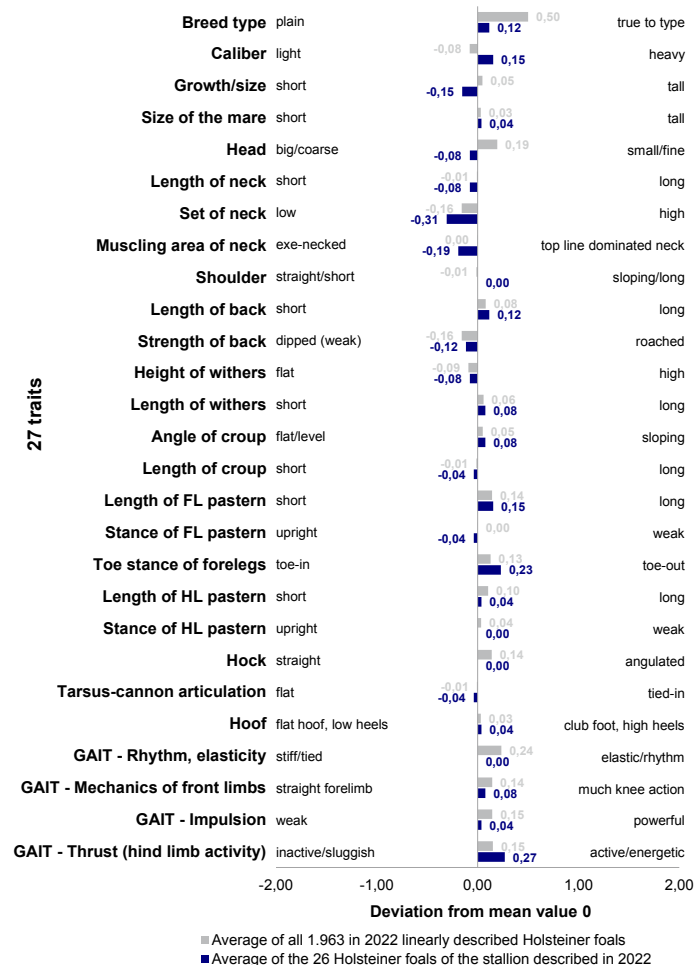


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VIGADO

by Vigo d'Arsouilles-Quo Vados I

37 offspring in 2022

