

LINEAR DESCRIPTION OF FOALS IN 2023

**INFORMATION ON HERITABILITY OF YOUNG
AND SPECIAL BREED STALLIONS**

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By now, the registered foals are described linearly by Holsteiner Verband for 13 years. The detailed description of the progeny and the heritability of the stallions apparent from it has turned into an important point of reference for our breeders when making decisions on pairings. The strong points of the mare and those of the stallions can be even more specifically improved or weaknesses compensated. Furthermore, the linear description will turn very important regarding genomic selection. A more detailed description of the features 'neck conformation' and 'gait' is new. Both are meant to allow better insights into a sire's heritability and enable more targeted matches.

In 2023, a total of 1,873 foals had been linearly described. The foals described went back to altogether 313 different sires. On average, each stallion had 6,0 offspring. These stallions had more than 30 offspring: Crack (123), Charaktervoll (102), United Way (75),

Keaton (70), Clarimo (68), Vigado (59), Casall (50), Uriko (50), Diarado (38), Chezzaro (35) and Esmeraldo (34).

On the following pages, linear profiles are shown of stallions who have not been described before and who had more than ten offspring in 2023. A description is given for Esmeraldo (34), Vatson Sitte (24), Duplexx (22), Update (22), Eldorado v/d Zeshoek (16), Conthalou (15), Chaccothage Blue (13) and Diaron (10).

Certain traits are especially striking when looking at the average of all Holsteiner foals described in 2023: type, calibre, head, base of neck, incorrect formation of the forelimb, length of pastern, hock joint and gait. Now as ever, the great characteristic of type, noble faces and elastic sequence of movement are distinctively positive in the registered foals. However, a faint top-line, low set neck, toes out conformation, long pastern and the angle of the hindleg have to be seen critically.

Average of all 1.873 linearly described Holsteiner foals

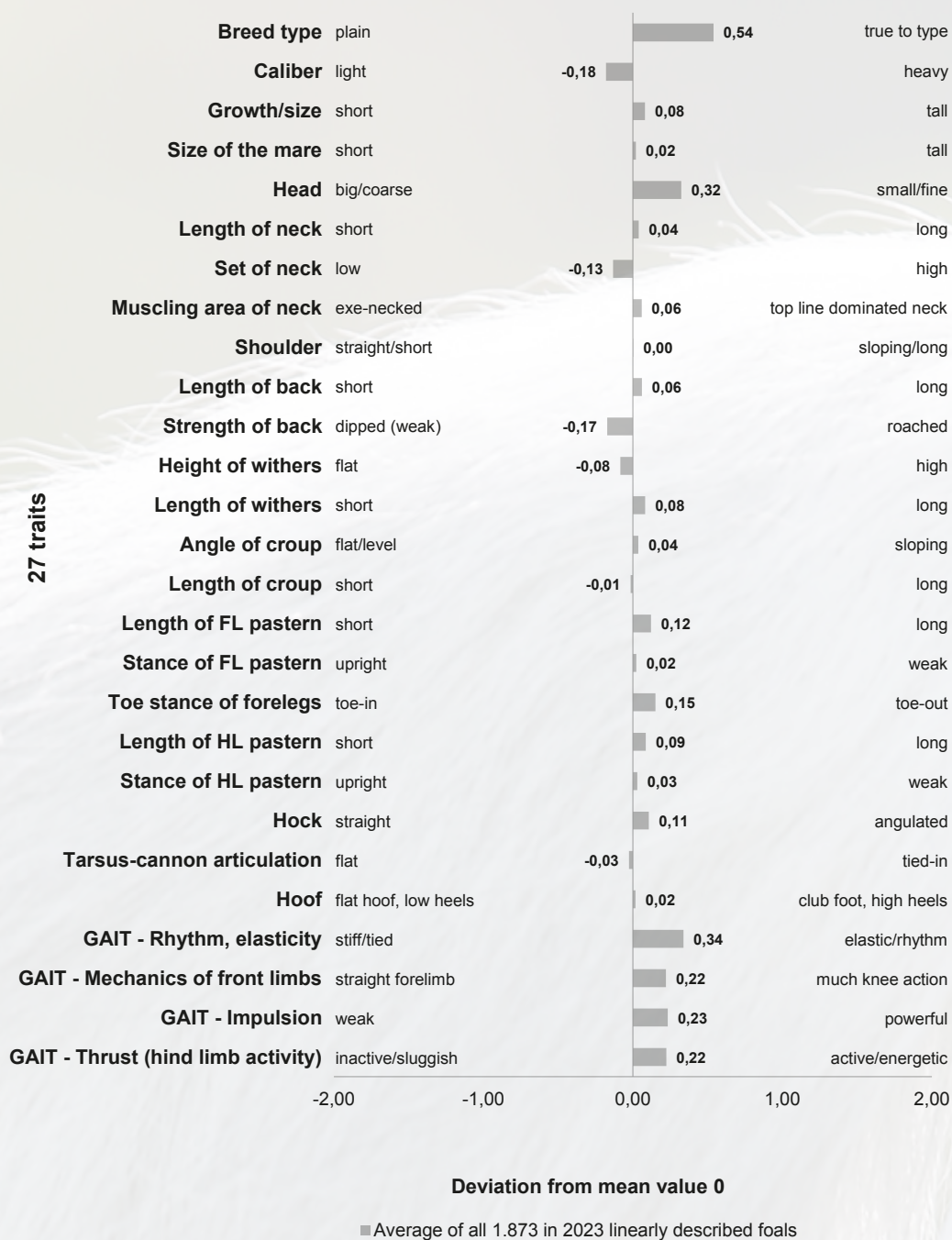




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CHACCOTHAGE BLUE

by Chacco-Blue-Conthargos

13 offspring in 2023

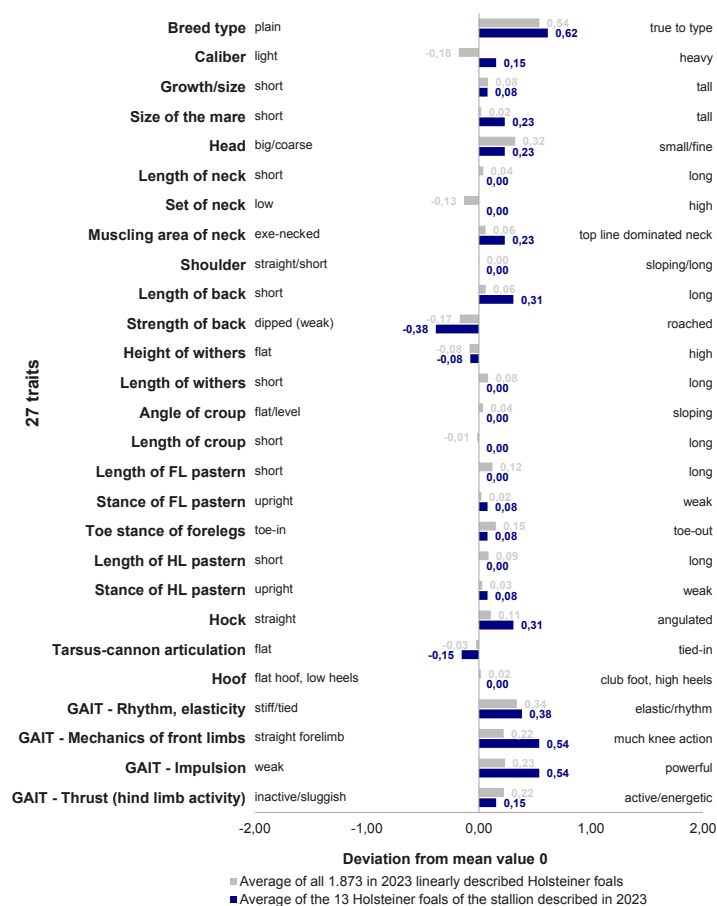
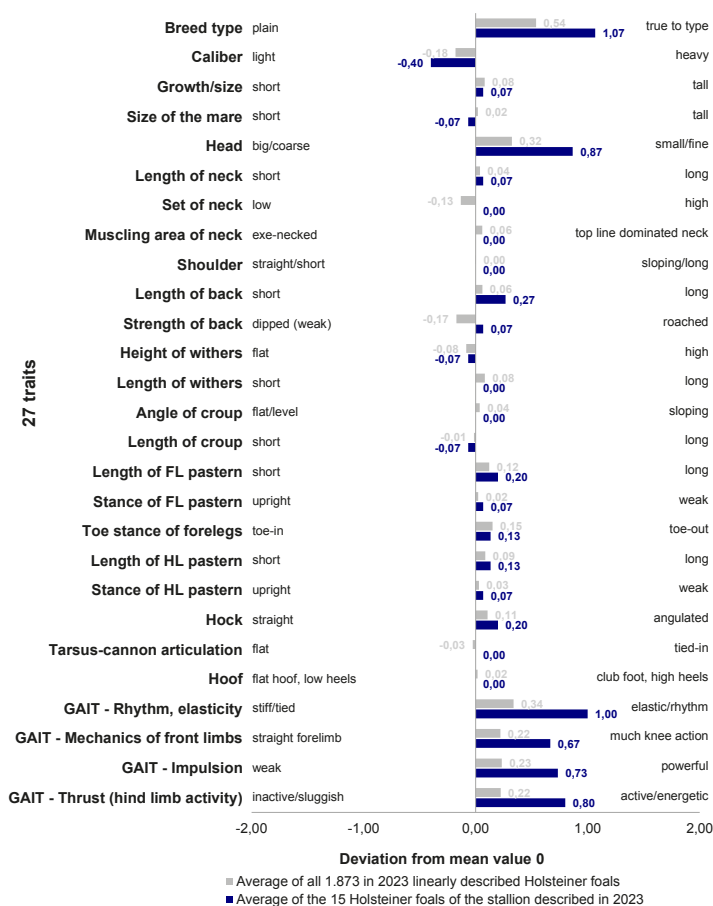


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CONTHALOU

by Conthargos-Balou du Rouet

15 offspring in 2023





DIARON

by Diarado-Come On

10 offspring in 2023



DUPLEXX

by Diarado-Heraldik xx

22 offspring in 2023

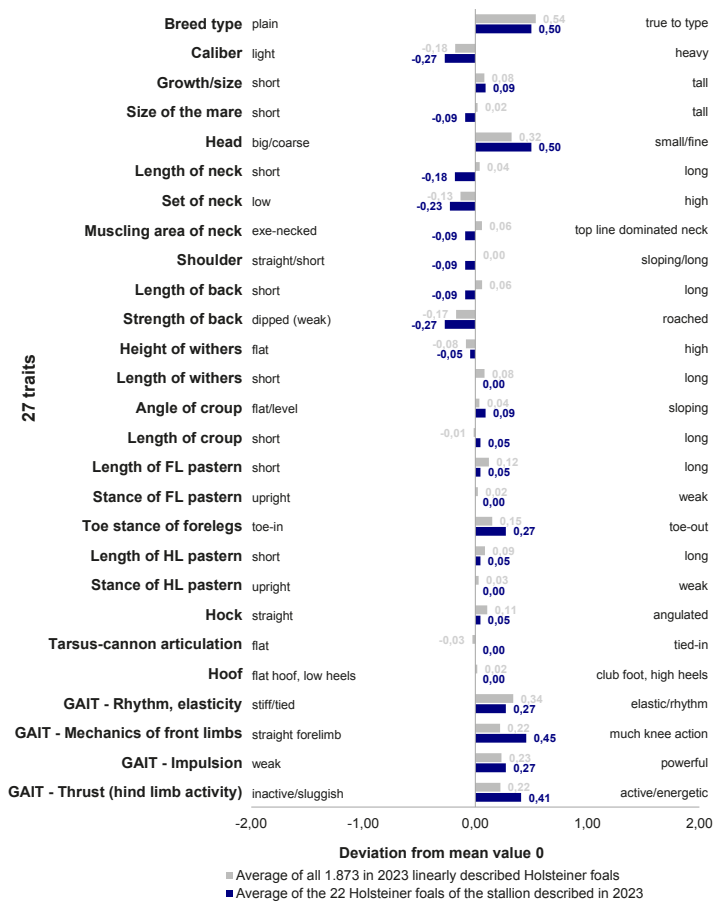


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ELDORADO VAN DE ZESHOEK

by Clinton-Toulon

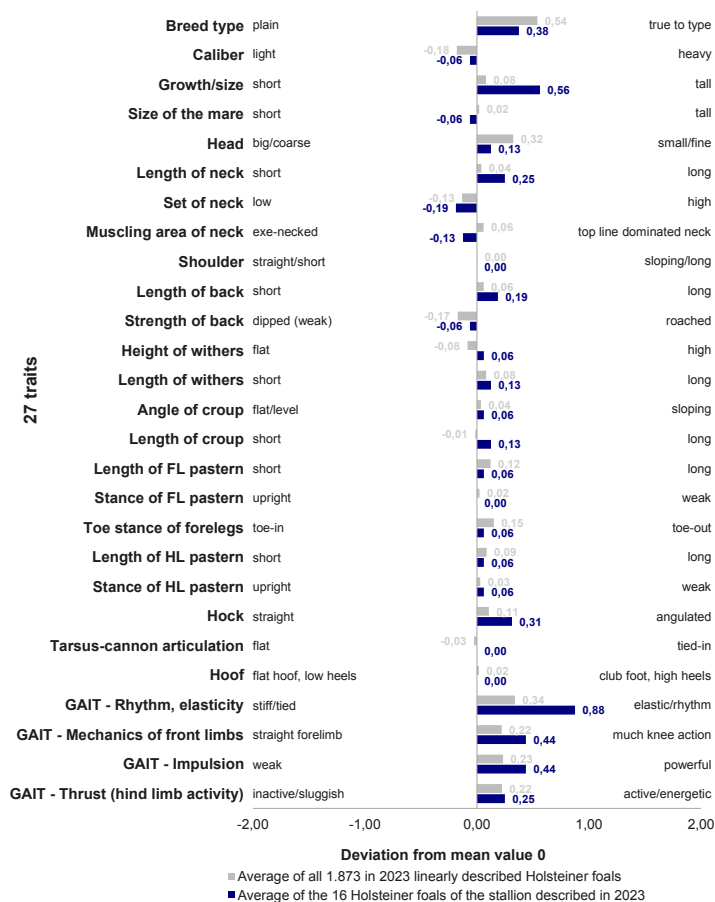
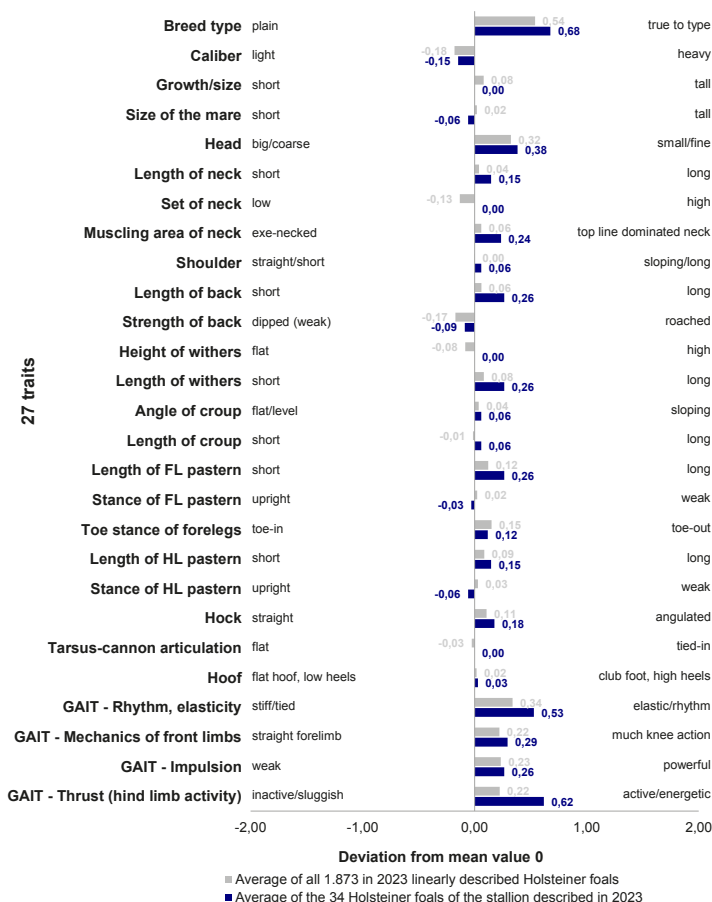
16 offspring in 2023

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ESMERALDO

by Emerald van het Ruytershof-Caretino

34 offspring in 2023



UPDATE

by United Way-Quo Vados I

22 offspring in 2023



VATSON SITTE

by Cardento-Chellano Z

24 offspring in 2023

