

Questionnaire EIP-Project **"Conservation breeding Schleswig Coldblood horses"**



Goal:

- ❖ Record the population size of the Schleswig Coldblood
- ❖ Gather information on husbandry and usage of the horses
- ❖ Collect wishes and ideas for the promotion of the Schleswig Colgblood

General instructions for completing this form:

- ❖ The short questionnaire (parts 1 and 2 only) is intended for unweaned foals at foot of their dam. Otherwise, please complete the full questionnaire (10 parts).
- ❖ Please complete the questionnaire for each horse.
- ❖ Multiple answers are possible for most items (except details on owner, horse and the horse's behavior / personality).
- ❖ Please use the free text fields to specify your answers and / or to note uncommon findings not included in the listed options.

We ask you kindly to complete the questionnaire as correctly and accurately as possible, to support getting realistic impression of the horse population and its variability. All information is of course voluntary and treated as confidential.

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1. Owner

Surname / First name _____

Street / House number _____

Zip code / City _____

Phone number _____

E-mail _____

Member VSP Pferdestammbuch other _____

Breeder

Surname / First name _____

Zip code / City _____

2. Horse

Horse ID (UELN) _____

Name _____

Date of birth _____

Sex stallion mare gelding

Coat color chestnut liver chestnut gray black bay

Horse markings _____

Pedigree (parents, grandparents) S _____ SS _____

SD _____

D _____ DS _____

DD _____

Height at withers [cm] _____

Owned since _____

Number of previous owners _____

3. Use of the horse

- general:

leisure competition commercial breeding therapy

tourism other _____

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- type of use:

driving	riding	groundwork	forestry	agriculture
weddings	show	transportation of goods	performance testing	
parades				

- breeding

- ❖ stallion number of matings / coverings per year _____

type of mating: freely on pasture in hand

- ❖ mare type of mating: freely on pasture in hand

How is the stallion selected?

use of "Optimate" (pairing recommendation)
improvement of the mare's characteristics
distance between stallion and mare owners own stallion
favored stallion bred for color, if yes, which one?
other _____

Pregnancy check-up:

none
1st check-up (veterinary examination at day 16 - 18)
2nd check-up (veterinary examination at day 28)

Total number of foals (so far): _____

Breeding-related problems:

does not get pregnant
stillbirth
twins
other _____

4. Husbandry and feeding of the horse

- summer

open stable	small paddock
loose box	paddock
pasture	

- winter

open stable	small paddock
loose box	paddock
pasture	

- questions about the barn

loose box for one horse

- ground conditions (e.g. concrete, sand etc.) _____
- bedding _____

group housing

- group size _____
- ground conditions (e.g. concrete, sand etc.) _____
- bedding _____
- other _____

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- pasture

owned leased

- pasture characteristics:

coastal moorlands of sandy soil

wetland

other

types of grass

hedge bank surrounding the pasture?

yes

no

Which plants grow there (e.g. willow, apple trees, etc.)?

- pasture management

re-seeding

fertilization

dragging

rolling

mowing

weed control

fence type

- How would you rate the care of your horse on the pasture?

sufficient

satisfactory

very good

too much at times

- supplementary feeding

never

when the grazing situation is difficult

towards the end of the grazing season

always

- type of supplementary feeding:

oats or similar _____
hay _____
haylage _____
mineral feed _____
fresh grass _____
other feed _____

- winter feed

hay _____
haylage _____ haycobs _____
silage _____
carrots _____
beets _____
concentrates: oats barley cereal other _____
other root crops _____
minerals _____
other _____

- water supply

- summer

trough (tap water) _____
water truck _____
automatic water bowl, if yes, which source of water (e.g. house water connection, ground water)? _____
watering hole _____
other _____

- winter

trough (tap water) _____
no-freeze trough _____
regular watering with bucket _____
other _____

- equipment during grazing season

fly blanket _____
eczema blanket _____
fly mask _____
grazing muzzle _____
bell boots _____
other _____

- early rearing period (if known for this horse)
 - Weaning age of the horse as foal? _____
 - At which age did supplementary feeding start? _____
 - What kind of supplementary feed was provided? _____
 - What about minderal feed for the foal? _____
- rearing as yearlings and two-year-olds
 - At which age did supplementary feeding start? _____
 - What kind of supplementary feed was or is provided? _____
 - What about minderal feed for the yearling / 2-year-old? _____
 - measures to strengthen social behavior

group of young horses	own herd of horses
number of horses	_____
age range of the horses	_____

5. Veterinary care / dental treatment / hoof care / care measures by owner

- veterinary care
 - vaccination strategy

foal septicaemia ('sleepy foal disease'; <i>Streptococcus equi</i>)	
tetanus (<i>Clostridium tetani</i>)	
Equine Influenza virus	
Equine Herpes virus	
no vaccination	
other	_____
 - molecular genetic and other laboratory testing

PSSM1 gene test	
Morbus Cushing	
pedigree control	
gene test(s) for coat color	
summer eczema ('sweet itch')	
other	_____
- dental treatment
 - regularly - in which time intervals? _____
 - if required - how often so far? _____
 - By whom (profession / education of the person)? _____

- hoof care

bare hooves

hoof boots

horse shoes

all hooves

front hooves only

year-round

seasonal (if yes, please indicate the season) _____

hoof care

regularly - in which time intervals _____

if required – how often so far? _____

By whom (profession / education of the person)?

- What care measures are carried out by the owner or handler?

deworming

In which time intervals? _____

According to the results of parasitological examination of previously taken
faecal samples? yes no

other

6. Health problems

- gastrointestinal colic yes no

- choke (esophageal obstruction) yes no

- laminitis yes no

- hoof problems

- horn quality yes no

- hoof angle yes no

- sidebone (ossification of
hoof cartilages) yes no

- other _____

- remarks on leg position yes no

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- feathering on the legs yes no
If yes, how much? much medium little

pastern dermatitis (mallenders)

Remarks (e.g. occurring annually, occasionally, other abnormalities):

sallenders

Remarks (e.g. occurring annually, occasionally, other abnormalities):

other

- eczemas yes no
veterinary medical findings yes no

- allergies yes no
veterinary medical findings yes no

- respiratory tract / lungs yes no
veterinary medical findings yes no

- anatomical remarks (e.g. notably weak muscling of shoulders, skewness of hind quarters, etc.)

- further remarks

7. Behavior / Character

Please rate your horse's character and typical behavior on a scale from -3 to +3, where 0 is normal, deviations to the left or right describe remarkable behavior towards the specified extreme.

Behavior		-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	
confidence and temperament	anxious / nervous								confident/calm
eagerness to move / diligence	lazy								diligent
willingness to perform	low								high
learning ability	low								high
cooperativeness in handling with owner	disobedient								cooperative, obedient
cooperativeness in handling with everyone	disobedient								cooperative, obedient

8. What should be done (more extensively) in the future to promote the Schleswig coldblood?

- definition of breeding goals

yes	no	don't know
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- introduction of a linear description (linear profiling)

yes	no	don't know
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- pairing recommendations according to the breeding goal and considering genetic diversity of the breed

yes	no	don't know
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- projects to strengthen health aspects

yes	no	don't know
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e.g. _____
- promotion of the procurement of leased land and/or advice on joining landscape conservation projects

yes	no	don't know
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- advanced training / continuing education in horse breeding

yes	no	don't know
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- support in breeding aspects

yes	no	don't know
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- advanced training / continuing education in horse husbandry and health

yesnodon't know
- support in horse training

yesnodon't know
- promotion of cooperation and exchange of experience across coldblood breeds

yesnodon't know
- other

9. What is your vision of how a Schleswig coldblood should be?

- use
- conformation

10. Do you have any suggestion for what should be added to the questionnaire?

Date: _____