## Preparing the mare for covering

## **Before covering**

Planning ahead is important. Early preparations will increase the probability of a positive result.

Your mare must be in good health and in proper nutritional condition (not too thick – not too thin).

Also, an accurate record keeping of your mare's heat cycle will increase conception probability. At the same time it facilitates the work of your veterinarian and may consequently lower expenses.

It is recommended to swab your mare prior to insemination as a possible infection may cause reduced fertility.

The swab must be performed when the mare is in heat to minimize the risk of a misleading result and to minimize the risk of introducing an infection.

Bacterial diseases must be treated prior to insemination.

If your mare arrives early in the heat cycle, you may decide to have your mare swabbed at the insemination station.

Please contact Dyrlægegaarden or your veterinarian when your mare goes into heat to make plans for your mare's optimum breeding chance.

## **Generally:**

Viktor fra Diisa has been tested negative for infection and virus, such as EAV (equine arteritis virus) and Coggins. Semen from Viktor fra Diisa therefore complies with the rules and regulations governing export of semen.

After each collection a microscopic analysis of the semen is performed. An evaluation and a sperm cell count of the semen is carried out, and subsequently the semen is divided into doses. This ensures an optimum sperm cell concentration in each dose resulting in the best possible conception rate.

As insemination and the entire preceding process require considerable experience and expertise, we recommend that your mare is inseminated at Dyrlægegaarden or by another experienced insemination station/veterinarian/inseminator.

## **Denmark:**

Ansager Dyrehospital, http://www.ansagerdyrehospital.dk/

Dyrlægerne Nørhald, http://www.hestedoktor.dk/

Djursland Hestepraksis, <a href="http://www.hesteklinikdjursland.dk/">http://www.hesteklinikdjursland.dk/</a>

Højgård Hestehospital, http://www.hoejgaard-hestehospital.dk/

Dyrlægegaarden will be happy to answer any questions regarding planning the covering, boarding and insemination of your mare. Please call:  $+45\,48\,28\,67\,68$