

## Mees 497

**Date of birth:** 10 April 2012

**Breeder:** M. van Vliet, Koudekerk a/d Rijn

**Owner:** Aftonmora Friesians, Jonstrorp Sweden

**Lineage:** Tymon 456 x Star Perf Dries 421 x Star Pref\*5 Oltman 317 x Star Jakob 302

**Pedigree:** 11

**Kinship:** 17.5%

**Particulars:** none

### General

Mees 497 was approved as a 4-year-old stallion in the autumn of 2016 on the basis of his more than satisfactory lineage, more than satisfactory exterior with a lot of breed expression and good performances in all three disciplines. From his first stud season 48 foals were registered in 2018 with 81% born out of (at minimum) Star mares. Mees 497 completed his Progeny Test in 2023 on the basis of three year collections of 3-, 4- and 5-year-old offspring. By the end of 2023 only 32 of the required 40 offspring had been inspected. So his progeny testing is not yet fully complete.

### Exterior

The Mees 497 offspring are a uniform group of horses that need more breed expression and should be more correct in conformation and legwork. Especially in the topline these horses lack connections and elegant outlines. The heads lack noble expression and they should have lighter head-neck connections and have more feathers. Length of neck is average and neck conformation is vertical. Across the board height at withers is satisfactory. Body shape is downhill. Shoulder conformation is sloping. Back and loins are very weak. Croups are average in terms of conformation and length. The offspring have average quality of legwork. Stance of the hind leg is noticeably too sickle-hocked. Stance of the foreleg is quite toeing-in. The pasterns are long and size of the feet is adequate. For a more detailed description of the exterior please consult the breeding values for exterior.

### Character/training report

In the yard the Mees 497 offspring are calm, pleasant, inquisitive horses who are relaxed but can also be a bit cheeky and dominant when handled. Reliability in the work is satisfactory, the horses are sensitive, a little too easily distracted and should volunteer more zest for work. They have satisfactory perseverance and stamina.

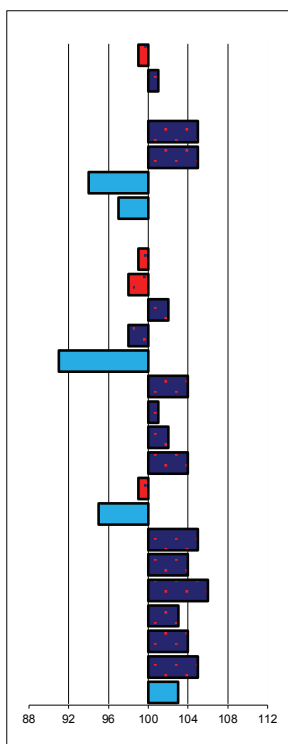
### Movement/performance

From the Mees 497 offspring 20 individuals have taken part in ABFP Tests. The age of the tested horses ranged from three to five years old. Both under saddle as well as in driven work the offspring clearly display below-average performances. One offspring acquired an AAA score. The walk is mostly short and should have more expression and some horses also need to move with more rhythm. The trot is average in terms of scope and strength. The canter shows satisfactory scope and power but they should move with more use of the body and more rise in front. Across the board, the offspring need to display more suppleness and capacity for transitions. Impulsion and rideability of the tested horses are clearly below average. The Mees 497 offspring have little aptitude for showdriving.

### Conclusion

Mees 497 presents a clearly below-average hereditary profile for exterior (breeding value total 97; Star% mares 29; Star% stallions 33%) and a strongly below-average performance test result and is therefore considered to have a negative influence on breeding. His percentage of not accepted mares is remarkably high. The offspring have topline that are too weak and they show too much deviation in stance of legwork. The offspring have calm and reliable stable manners but contact manners tend to be somewhat cheeky and dominant. They show little zest for work and suppleness in ridden- as well as driven work. Due to an unsatisfactory hereditary profile Mees 497 was put on hold in April 2023 after completion of his Performance Test. At that time 24 offspring had been inspected. By the end of December 2023 in total 32 of the required 40 offspring had been inspected. The hereditary profile remains unsatisfactory. Mees 497's stud license remains on hold.

head expression	99	plain
head/neck conn..	101	heavy
neck length	100	short
neck conf.	105	horizontal
shoulder conf.	105	steep
back conf.	94	weak
loin conf.	97	weak
croup conf	100	horizontal
croup length	99	short
body	98	downhill
length forearm	102	short
stance foreleg	98	straight
stance hind leg	91	sickle-hocked
pastern length	104	short
shape feet	101	small
quality legwork	102	puffy
colour	104	faded black
feathers	99	little
correct foreleg	95	toeing-in
length of walk	105	short
expression walk	104	weak
length of trot	106	short
movement expr.	103	weak
balance	104	little
suppleness	105	little
size	103	small



noble
light
long
vertical
sloping
tight
tight
sloping
long
uphill
long
standing unde
steep
long
large
dry
jet-black
abundant
toeing-out
long
powerful
long
powerful
much
much
tall

Rating characteristics exterior

btbh.%	breeding type	conformation	legwork	total
70	102	98	93	97

Movement/sport aptitude

btbh.%	walk	trot	canter	total	showdriving
72	103	104	102	104	101

Kinship

vw%	variation bloodlines
17,5	102

Breeding values character

btbh.%	reliability/predictability	trainability	Zest for work	stamina
61	101	101	103	103

Breeding values sport

btbh.%	Breeding values
37	108

Inspection results:

Stb no premium	Stb 3rd premium	Star 2nd premium	Star 1st premium	Crown	Star%	Not accepted	Gelding Book	Gb Star	Fb Star	Fb not Star	Studbook	Registered mares	Inspected mares	% inspected	Star% compared to registered	% dams minimum Star
Mares						Geldings		Stallions			Mares					
5	5	2	1	1	29%	5	1	0	4	8	0	56	19	34%	7%	84%

Offspring numbers in ABFP Test:

Age			Gender		Predicate			Total	Result		
3	4	5	stallion	mare	Crown	Star	not Star		A	AA	AAA
11	8	1	8	12	1	3	16	20	4	6	1

Results Performance Test:

Under saddle

walk	trot	canter	posture&balance	suppleness	transitions	impulsion	total
6,1	6,5	6,4	6,5	6,4	6,4	6,6	70,3

In-harness

walk	trot	posture&balance	suppleness	transitions	impulsion	total	Showdriving aptitude
6,0	6,6	6,8	6,4	6,5	6,7	71,2	5,9