

# Murk 540



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**Studbook name:** Meneer M. van de Sprong **Life number:** 202003344 **Breeder:** Fleur van Kempen, Rijkevoort **Date of birth:** 07 March 2020 **Height at withers:** 1.65 metres **Lineage:** Teun 505 x Kroon AA Loadewyk 431 x Ster Pref\*5 Jasper 366 x Stb Jorrit 363 x Ster Rypke 321 x Ster Lute 304 **Pedigree:** 115 **Kinship:** 18,0 % (average 17,8%)

### Exterior:

**Breeding type:** Murk 540 possesses satisfactory breed expression. The stallion has a very aristocratic head and satisfactory feathers but would benefit from slightly more poll- and neck length.

**Conformation:** Murk 540 is a classy stallion of slender build with a youthful expression and slightly downhill body conformation. The stallion has a strong topline with a wide loin section and correct croup conformation.

**Legwork:** Murk 540 has elegant and dry legwork with matching feet. Stance in the foreleg is correct but hind legs are slightly sickle-hocked.

### Estimated breeding value exterior:

Reliability .....	31-37%
Breeding type .....	108
Conformation .....	110
Legwork .....	108
Walk .....	105
Trot .....	107
Canter .....	105

### DNA-testen en Veterinary:

The stallion has met the regulatory requirements with regard to X-ray testing, semen quality and roaring.

<b>Dwarfism:</b>	non-carrier status
<b>Hydrocephaly:</b>	non-carrier status
<b>Chestnut factor:</b>	non-carrier status
<b>Veterinary:</b>	no observations
<b>Roaring:</b>	grade 1, good

### Observations stable manager, riders and drivers:

Murk 540 is a people-oriented and well-behaved horse, but at the same time noticeably sensitive too. He likes structure and routine. In the work the stallion shows very good work ethics and he is very keen to give his best, so he is very responsive to the aids. From time to time Murk 540 still struggles with his balance but he is very good at transitions and is easy to train.

### Central Examination:

Murk 540 completed the Central Examination at the age of three.

### Training report:

**Walk:** The stallion has a regular walk with satisfactory scope. When Murk 540 relaxes the walk becomes more ground-covering.

**Trot:** The trot is light-footed with good balance and very strong use of the hind leg. Murk 540 moves with fine reach in the foreleg and has good capacity for transitions.

**Canter:** Murk 540 canters with fine uphill strides and with really good capacity for transitions. Murk 540 already shows good self-carriage in canter and keeps moving in a light-footed and uphill way.

**Riding horse aptitude:**

Murk 540 is a horse demonstrating lots of zest for work and a good mentality under saddle. His movement is of a remarkably light-footed quality with good capacity for transitions. The stallion possesses a strong and active hind leg showing fine, roomy use of the foreleg, but he needs to develop more suppleness in all gaits.

**In-harness aptitude:**

Murk 540 has lots of aptitude for showdriving work and satisfactory aptitude for driving work. He moves with ample reach in the foreleg and very good bend in the hind leg, but sometimes still struggles a bit with self-carriage.

**Test results riding test:**

Walk .....	7.0
Trot.....	8.5
Canter .....	7.5
Balance & posture .....	7.5
Suppleness .....	7.0
Transitions.....	7.5
Impulsion .....	8.0
Total .....	83.5

**Test results driving test:**

Walk .....	6.5
Trot.....	8.0
Balance & posture .....	7.5
Suppleness .....	7.0
Transitions.....	8.0
Impulsion .....	8.0
Total .....	82.0

**Character/personality:**

		a	b	c	d	e	
<b>Stable manners</b>	difficult					x	pleasant
	energetic					x	calm
	frightened					x	inquisitive
	submissive			x			dominant
	hesitant				x		cheeky
	anxious					x	relaxed*
<b>Reliability</b>	unreliable				x		reliable
<b>Sensitivity</b>	little					x	much
<b>Anxiety</b>	quickly				x		slowly
<b>Trainability</b>	difficult				x		easy
<b>Responsiveness to aids</b>	little					x	much
<b>Willingness to work</b>	little					x	much
<b>Work ethics</b>	disagreeable				x		happy
<b>Perseverance</b>	little					x	much**
<b>Stamina</b>	little					x	much***
	freezes				x		flighty
<b>Concentration</b>	distracted				x		focused
<b>Learning capacity</b>	little					x	much

\* during tacking/hitching up, taking temperature etc. \*\* mental \*\*\* physical

**Test results showdriving test:**

Walk .....	6.5
Use foreleg .....	8.0
Use hind leg.....	8.0
Suspension .....	7.0
Posture .....	7.5
Front.....	7.5
Suppleness .....	7.5
Impulsion .....	8.0
Total .....	83.5

**Conclusions Central Examination:**

Murk 540 has completed his Central Examination with good results. During training sessions he shows lots of zest for work and forward go and his performances throughout the Central Examination were consistent.

**Dam line:**

Murk 540's dam is the 11-year-old Meisje P.A. van de Sprong Crown AA (Loadewyk 431). So far this mare has had four offspring with Murk 540 being her only Star offspring. At the age of seven the mare completed an IBOP under saddle with 80 points and four 7.5 scores. She was sold in 2021 and then moved to the United States. Murk 540's granddam is the Preferent Parel Anke March van de Sprong Star (Jasper 366). This 18-year-old mare has ten offspring to her name with five of them having the Star predicate or higher. Parel Anke is the only offspring of Anke

March fan 'e Wigéri Star (Jorrit 363), who died of colic at the age of five.

**Final conclusion:**

Murk 540 is an elegant and youthful, all-round utility horse with great zest for work. The stallion has performed very consistently throughout the Central Examination.

**Advice for use:**

Murk 540 can be used to add light-footedness and elegance. The stallion is best used on mares with a lot of front. He can also have a positive effect on work ethics and trainability.