

Syme 551

Studbook name: Ray-Ban
Life number: 202104145
Breeder: Pia Frank, Nordborg
Date of birth: 20 April 2021
Height at withers: 1.65 metres
Lineage: Nane 492 x Star Sport Perf AA Jerke 434 x Stb Pref*4 Obe 314 x Star Frans
289 x Star Hearke 254 x Star Ritske 202
Pedigree: 015
Kinship: 18.16 % (average 17.9%)



Photo: Sandra Nieuwendijk

Exterior:

Breeding type: A stallion with ample breed expression and a noble head with a friendly expression. Vertical stance of the neck is satisfactory and has good length but the poll should be a little longer.

Conformation: A stallion with a proportionally strong build. The stallion has an uphill frame with ample length in the foreleg. He has a well-muscled, good topline with correct croup conformation and length.

Legwork: The legwork is fine and dry with generous, well-shaped feet. Stance of the hind leg is a bit sickle-hocked. The stallion has slightly sloping pasterns in the foreleg. In the near fore movement sequence is toeing-in.

Estimated breeding value exterior:

Reliability	Breeding type	Conformation	Legwork	Walk	Trot	Canter
38 - 44%	105	107	106	105	109	103

DNA and veterinary:

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

Dwarfism:	non-carrier status
Hydrocephaly:	non-carrier status
Chestnut factor:	non-carrier status
Veterinary:	no observations
Roaring:	no remarks / good

Character/personality:

Characteristics	description	a	b	c	d	e	description	
Stable manners	<i>difficult</i>					X	<i>pleasant</i>	
	<i>energetic</i>			X			<i>calm</i>	
	<i>frightened</i>				X		<i>inquisitive</i>	
	<i>submissive</i>			X			<i>dominant</i>	
	<i>hesitant</i>			X			<i>cheeky</i>	
	<i>anxious</i>			X			<i>relaxed</i>	(during tacking/hitching up, taking temperature etc.)
Reliability	<i>unreliable</i>					X	<i>reliable</i>	
Sensitivity	<i>little</i>				X		<i>much</i>	
Anxiety	<i>quickly</i>					X	<i>slowly</i>	
Trainability	<i>difficult</i>					X	<i>easy</i>	
Responsiveness to aids	<i>little</i>					X	<i>much</i>	
Willingness to work	<i>little</i>				X		<i>much</i>	
Work ethics	<i>disagreeable</i>					X	<i>happy</i>	
Perseverance	<i>little</i>				X		<i>much</i>	(mental)
Stamina	<i>little</i>					X	<i>much</i>	(physical)
	<i>freezes</i>			X			<i>flighty</i>	
Concentration	<i>distracted</i>					X	<i>focused</i>	
Learning capacity	<i>little</i>					X	<i>much</i>	

Observations stable manager, riders and drivers:

Syme 551 distinguishes himself with his friendly and affectionate character. He is people-minded and always willing to work. His inquisitive, cheerful nature and reliable attitude make him a stallion with a fine temperament, good balance and correct reactions.

Central Examination:

The stallion completed the performance test with good results at the age of four. In the course of the test he has shown evident progress, both under saddle and in driven work. The stallion has a fine mentality, enjoys the work and responds well to training. He always volunteers lots of drive and commitment to work. Both riders and drivers describe the stallion as hardworking, with lots of technique in movement, good balance and strong go.

Training report:

Walk: The stallion possesses a very good walk with ample rhythm, scope and use of the body. In the downward transitions to walk he manages to preserve the rhythm. After the transition the stallion promptly walks on with ample scope, showing good use of the body.

Trot: The trot shows self-carriage with good ground-coverage and good use of the body. The stallion presents a fine forehand, producing good posture and good lift in the withers. Extending the trot comes easy to him, while keeping tact and rhythm. The stallion has good capacity for transitions, he keeps engaging the hind legs and the foreleg reaches far forward. He needs little extra speed when extending the pace. Movement sequence of the foreleg should be a little more correct.

Canter: The canter has clearly improved in the course of the test. The stallion canters well from the hind leg with uphill strides. In canter he displays good balance with easy transitions and responds very well to training.

Riding horse aptitude:

The stallion has natural balance and suppleness and is always enjoying the work. He is good at transitions, showing active use of the hind leg. The canter is uphill with good balance. The stallion responds well to the aids, is very eager to work and has satisfactory forward go.

He proves to be an all-round utility horse with excellent mentality. In trot and canter he demonstrates a natural talent for suppleness, balance and impulsion. He is easy to train and shows lots of willingness to work. Movement sequence of the foreleg remains a point of attention, especially the near fore which is a bit swaying and toeing-in.

Driving horse aptitude

The stallion proves to be an all-round horse with lots of natural aptitude and potential for showdriving. He moves in an uphill frame, makes front and has great zest for work. In trot he moves with good flexion in the hind leg, good rhythm, moment of suspension, suppleness and capacity for transitions. At slower speed he easily comes back on the hind leg and makes the forward transition with good forward reach of the foreleg. The walk is roomy and regular. In the harness the stallion shows good trainability and willingness to work.

Test results riding test:

Walk	Trot	Canter	Balance & posture	Suppleness	Transitions	Impulsion	Total
8.0	7.5	8.0	7.5	8.0	8.0	8.0	86.0

Test results driving test:

Walk	Trot	Balance & posture	Suppleness	Transitions	Impulsion	Total
8.0	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.0	91.5

Test results showdriving test:

Use foreleg	Use hind leg	Suspension	Posture	Front	Suppleness	Impulsion	Total	
8.0	8.5	8.0	9.0	9.0	8.5	8.0	92.5	

Conclusions Central Examination:

The stallion has successfully completed the Central Examination in all three disciplines. During the training sessions he demonstrated lots of drive and forward go. The canter has clearly improved in the course of the test. The trot is characterised by lots of posture, use of the body and technique. The walk is roomy and regular. The stallion needs to develop slightly more correct movement sequence in the foreleg.

Dam report

Fleur fan 'Sweltjes State' is a Studbook Star Sport Performance AA mare from the combination Jerke 434 x Obe 314. The mare was born in the Netherlands in 2009 but is presently stationed in Denmark. In 2018 she completed an IBOP in Denmark which resulted in a 77.5 score.

In total Fleur has given ten offspring (5 stallions and 5 mares), two of which have become Star and one Model. The last foal was a colt foal by Nane 492, the mare was paired five times to this stallion. Ray-Ban is the only stallion (of the two) of 3 years and older who has become Star with an AAA predicate. The mares are all 3 years or older and from these Verona fan 'Sweltjes State Stb Model AA (Epke 474) has been declared Model and one mare is Star AA.

Final conclusion

Syme 551 is an all-round stallion with three correct, functional basic gaits. The walk is roomy and sound with good use of the body. In trot and canter the stallion displays ample balance, suppleness and good use of the body. He enjoys his work and displays lots of aptitude and zest for work both under saddle and in the harness.

Advice for use:

The stallion can be widely used and is expected to improve the topline. He possesses good balance and suppleness and is expected to add strength and flexion to the hind leg. The walk is of a high quality. Additionally, Syme 551 can have a positive influence on attitude and trainability.

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