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# Vivaldi's Autumn

*Vivaldi's Autumn is a beautiful, impressive and powerful piece of music and both title and characteristic is an appropriate verbal reference to the effort of Stormosen's Vivaldi at the annual performance test for Frederiksborg stallions, which he won after a sublime performance.*

5 Frederiksborg stallions, four at the age of 4 years and one 5 year old checked in on Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> for one month of intensive training and evaluation.

For the second time the annual performance test of Frederiksborg and Danish Oldenburg stallions was in the hands of professional rider Mr. Ulrik Sørensen and his team at the private facilities near Skanderborg.

With 775 points last year's winner of the test, Sargo Vejleby, broke the record of score for Frederiksborg horses, previously set by Kejser af Iglsø, and nobody expected that this fantastic record should stand for only one year.

But it is now a fact. **Stormosen's Vivaldi** by Mistral – Prins stood in the shadow of Smakkerup's Pirat both at the 2½ year and 3½ year stallion selection, but took his revenge at the performance test: 781 points in total, 2 x 9 in ride-ability and 2 x 8.5 in capacity from foreign test rider Ms. Jane Svanevær, who was specifically happy with his jumping talent. Vivaldi stands at a 164 cm and is bred and owned by Mr. Hans Jørgen Dam and Anny Frølund, Kibæk. Vivaldi is one of several full siblings by the mare Ravnholt's Pippi, who has made a good impression at shows the last couple of years.

On a close second place came **Smakkerups Pirat** (by Sargo Vejleby – Sædding's Brutus), who in fact scored 766 points and was thus also very close to the standing record. Performance test leader assessed his rideability to 2x8.5. Right after the final test, Pirat was awarded the wing position at the final FHF selection and was given the incredible note 10 for his type.

Third came **Jedi Søndergård** (by Mistral – Sebastian Skovagerhøj) with 736.5 points, which, compared to earlier tests, also is a fairly high score. Jedi has previously not had too high esteem among the breeders due to the fact that he has shown limited suppleness compared to the previous mentioned stallions, but this month of intensive training did him well and his qualities were done justice at the final examination.

It is worth noticing that also this son of Mistral scored high in ride-ability (2 x 8.5) and capacity (2 x 8) with the foreign rider and of his gaits the canter was outlined.

Also a brown stallion passed the performance test and was awarded final breeding approval. **Palnatoke Vejvad** (Salisbury Vejleby – Mignon Vejvad) passed the performance test with a fair score of 666 p. Palnatoke is full brother to the isabella coloured Valentin Vejvad who has gained access to the 2009 performance test.

5½ year old **Sar Vejleby** passed the test with a fair score of 674 points, the top note being 10 given by the vet upon the cross country test. Sar Vejleby is by Jeopardy Fjord, grand sire is Sargo Vejleby.

Both Smakkerup's Pirat and Jedi Søndergård got the top note 10 from the vet upon completion of the cross country test and Palnatoke Vejvad was the only stallion to achieve 10 for his behavior in the stable. Since the temperament is a property that is very important for selling the Frederiksborg horse, it was good to see that all stallions scored 8 or more for temperament, which counts 8-fold in the total score.



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*Photo: Stormosen's Vivaldi awaiting the cross country test/Private*



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