

Mating Behavior (Estrus signs)

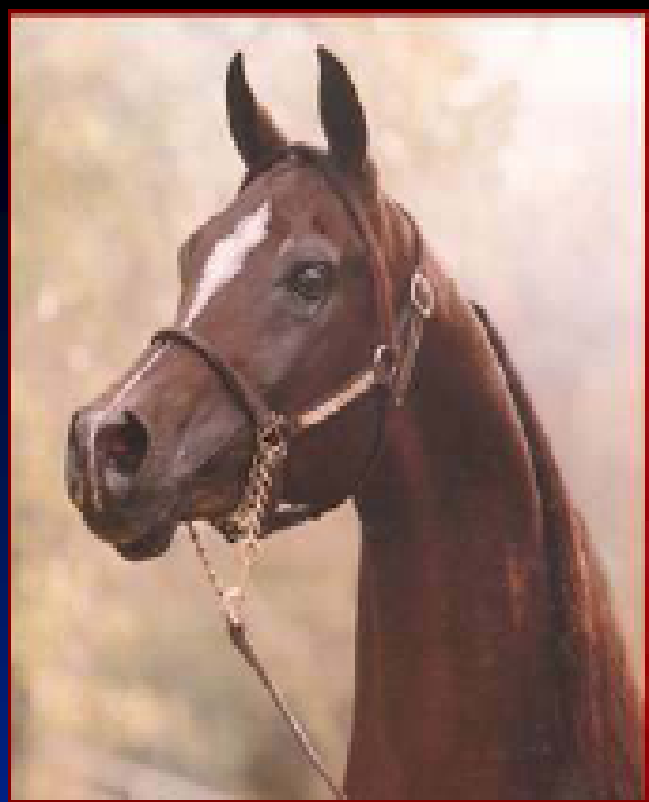
- The mare will allow the stallion to **smell and bite**.
- She will
 - extend her hind legs,
 - lift her tail to the side and
 - lower her rump.
 - The erect clitoris will be exposed frequently by contractions (**winking**) of the labia.
 - The **vulva will be elongate** and swollen, with the labia partly everted.
- The mare should be teased by a stallion for accurate detection.
 - Attempts to fight the stallion indicate she is not in estrus even though some other signs of estrus are apparent.



Signs of Estrus

- Most consistent
 - Elevated tail raise
 - Winking
- Other supporting signs
 - Leaning
 - Squatting
 - Standing still
 - Urinating





Oestrus detection

- Observation of behaviour and clinical signs
- „winking” motion of vulva, mucus
- Contact with stallion: standing reflex (teasing!)
- Rectal palpation, ultrasonography
- Progesterone test (<1 ng/ml)





