

Faults committed by young half-bred stallions at free jumping

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The jumping ability in 164 half-bred stallions exercised in 100-days performance test, was analysed with regard to the number and type of faults, as well as to the frequency of particular jumping style elements. The stallions were Polish Noble Half-Blood horses, Wielkopolska horses, Malopolska horses with Angloarab horses and of others of foreign origin. In free-jumping, the majority of faults were connected with the lack of proper engaging of the haunches which resulted mainly in knocking-down obstacles or tapping in successive parts of the obstacle jumped. Many faults were committed in jumping over the tentative obstacles and those of the maximum height. Simultaneously, the jumping style was obviously worse. The considerably differentiated estimates of the jumps by stallions belonging to particular breeds confirm the common opinion upon outstanding performance of the West-European horse breeds and deny the conviction that differences among half-bred horses of various breeds gradually become obliterated. Satisfactory results of free jumping obtained by Malopolski stallions indicate their considerable performance potential which may appear in record-seeking sport.