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Hesten ved fjorden - fjordhesten

En tur til kysten er altid en god oplevelse for mig: De fjerne horisonter. Grænsen mellem land og vand. En kyst med sit specielle liv af havfugle samt krebsdyr og andet småkravl på det lave vand.

Denne dag går turen til Limfjorden. Det ligner slet ikke en fjord, men en meget stor flod. Men vandet er salt. Fjorden gør den nordligste del af landsdelen Jylland til en ø. Fjorden forbinder Nordsøen og Kattegat.

Nede ved fjorden står hesten og græsser. Den går på et stykke strandeng alene. Den ænses os overhovedet ikke. Mine høje råb for at få kontakt får kun dens øre til at vibrere, mens den ubekymret græsser videre.

Hesten ved fjorden er en fjordhest. Fjordhest er racens officielle navn. Fjordhesten stammer op-

rindeligt fra Norge, men dens evner som arbejdshest, ridehest og dens tålmodighed har udbredt hesteracen til hele Europa, Nord- og Sydamerika og Australien samt så langt borte som New Zealand.

Da jeg kommer nærmere på den dejlige hest, ser jeg dens imponerende manke. Sikke en hårpragt. Opretstående og med en flot bue.

Fjordhesten, eller nordbaggen, som den blev kaldet, da jeg var barn, har jeg altid kendt. Det var jo den lille bonde eller husmandens trofaste hest. Altid pålidelig, tålmodig og arbejdsom. Nordbaggen er meget mindre end den klassiske ridehest.

I dag fungerer hesten primært som en fritidshest. Den er avlet mere let og smidig end de oprindelige arbejdsheste.

The horse at the fiord - The Fiord Horse

A trip to the coast is always a good experience for me: The Distant horizons. The border between land and water. A coast with its special life of seabirds and crustaceans and other small creeping things in the shallow waters.

This day we go to Limfjorden. It does not look like a fiord at all. It looks like a very large river. But the water is seawater. The fiord makes the northernmost part of Jutland an island. The fiord connects the North Sea and Kattegat.

By the fiord, the horse is grazing. It is alone on a piece of salt meadow. It pays no attention to us. My high yelling for contact only gets the ears to vibrate while the horse unconcerned continues to graze.

The horse at the fiord is a fiord horse. Fiord Horse is the official name of the race. The fiord horse

originates from Norway, but its skills as a work-horse, saddle horse and its patience have spread the horse race to the whole of Europe, North and South America and Australia and as far away as New Zealand.

As I get closer to the lovely horse, I become aware of its impressive mane. What a chevelure. Upright and with a nice bow.

The fiord horse, or Nordbaggen, as it was called, when I was a child, I have always known. It was the little peasant and faithful horse of the smallholder. Always dependable, patient and hard-working. The Nordbaggen is much smaller than the classic saddle horse.

Today, the horse primarily works as a leisure horse. It is bred lighter and suppler than the original work horses.



Limfjorden, øst for Aalborg, september 2018

Limfjorden, east of Aalborg, September 2018



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