

BREEDING YOUR MARE

Your Step By Step Guide

With so many Stud & Stallion publications on the news stands, your Society thought it best to create a "How To" page in an attempt to alleviate some of the stresses associated with breeding your mare to an "outside" Australian registered stallion. In this issue, the AHSA would like to go through the step by step process for obtaining Registration of resulting foals with a minimum of fuss. These guidelines should be considered before parting with your hard earned cash:

The prospect of a new foal is an exciting and rewarding experience for any mare owner. Once you have decided to breed your mare, there are certain safeguards which will make the process much easier for all concerned.

Please Note: when using overseas semen, Mares are required to be Nominated for Artificial Insemination. Please contact the Society for full Regulations if not using an authorized agent.

AHSA requires PRE-BIRTH notification of ALL matings resulting in foals eligible for registration with the Society.

STEP 1.

The first step toward registering any new foal is to make sure your stallion of choice has been "Nominated" to stand at stud. The AHSA has specific guidelines which are easy to follow.

Please make certain that the stallion has been nominated for the CORRECT YEAR. This applies to all Arabian and Arabian Derivative stallions. Stallions should be Nominated by July 31st each year.

Only the person whose name appears on the stallion's registration certificate is able to nominate him.

If using a different breed i.e. a Quarter Horse, Australian Stock Horse, Riding Pony etc check that breed's website or contact their office to ensure you know their requirements.

STEP 2.

Ensure your stallion of choice is correctly Registered and shows on the AHSA Online Stud Book in the correct person's name. The person you are dealing with may not necessarily be the owner/lessee of the stallion so you need to ensure they are authorized to "stand" the horse at public stud.

STEP 3.

Next you must check the horse's actual Registration number, for Purebred Arabians the registration will commence with an "S" i.e. S:12345. For Arabian Derivatives, the Registration number will be either "PS", "ARS", "APS", "AS", "AQS", "AWS" or "SHS". You should always ask to sight the stallions Certificate of Registration and Nomination Certificate to check these details are correct.

Please Note that if the Certificate of Registration shows a "C" instead of an "S", the horse is only foal recorded and is NOT eligible to Stand at Stud! The "C" stands for colt so the animal has not been upgraded to stallion status!

STEP 4.

So, you have now chosen your stallion; checked that he is registered in the correct persons name, has been Nominated for the season and has a DNA on file with the AHSA {if Purebred}. You have agreed to a price and terms with the stallion owner and are ready to go.

STEP 5.

You must obtain a SERVICE CERTIFICATE from your stallion's owner. This Rule applies to ALL matings unless using your own Arabian stallion.

If you do own/lease both the stallion {at date of service} and the mare {at date of foaling}, who have Arabian registration, you do not need to submit a Service Certificate.

If you have used another breed, you will still be required to produce a Service Certificate for your foal's registration. You may obtain a "Non-Arab Covering Declaration" from the AHSA office, your stallion's owner will need to complete and sign this Declaration or supply a Service Certificate from that Society.

STEP 6.

You must remember to complete an Annual Stud Return and list the details of your mare's mating. This needs to be completed regardless of if you obtain a positive pregnancy test or not, many mare owners have been caught out by thinking that their mare is not in foal when in fact they were!

If your stallion was AHSA registered, the stallion owner will also complete a Stallion Return listing your mare, the type of service and her covering dates.

These two Returns and/or your Covering Declaration ensure that the Society receives the required PRE-BIRTH notification for the resulting foal. Without this, even Arabian Derivatives may require Parent Verification {via DNA}

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Now all you have to do is wait until your little bundle of joy arrives.

Once you are ready to complete the registration process for your foal, complete your Registration Application including all brands and markings, attach your Service Certificate and completed DNA Application {if applicable} and return, along with payment, to the AHSA office.

The AHSA Scale of Fees for registration works on a sliding scale. The earlier you register your foal, the cheaper it will be!

Please see our "How To" pages for more information on Registration and DNA Applications.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the AHSA on 02 4577 5366 or website www.ahsa.asn.au