

Registry Report

August 2015

A number of changes to the Registry system were approved at the September meeting of the Board of Directors many of these flowing on from previous changes.

As Hair Storage for Arabian gelding registration will no longer be available after the end of 2015 this means that all Purebred Arabians will require full **parentage verification** to sire and dam prior to registration. As all Arabians will be parentage verified there is no need for the Society to receive pre-birth notification so many members will be very pleased to realise that Stallion and Stud Returns (in their present form) are no longer required.

Pre-birth notification is no longer required for Derivative foals either however the Society will be organising random parentage verification checks on horses to be registered. It has also been resolved that **Arabian Derivative stallions** to be stallion registered (not Foal Recorded) as from 1/1/2016 will need a DNA on file with AHSA Ltd and that any Arabian Derivative stallion born after 1/8/2000 will need a DNA on file with AHSA Ltd in order to be nominated for use at stud as from 1/8/2017. The DNA does not need to have been done through AHSA Ltd, any result held at University of Qld for another breed Society will be accepted as long as AHSA is authorised to use it in parentage verifications.

The 'hot topic' at the 2014 AGM was whether the Society should introduce mandatory testing for SCID, CA & LFS and mandatory disclosure of the results. **Stallion testing** has already been phased in with Purebred Stallions to be used at stud this year having SCID, CA & LFS results recorded with AHSA Ltd in order to be approved for nomination if they were born on or after 1/8/2000. If the stallion was born prior to 1/8/2000 the results must also be recorded if they are to serve any outside mares and no foals born as a result of matings by these stallions after 1/8/2014 out of mares not owned by the owner of the stallion will be registered until test results are lodged.

SCID, CA & LFS testing for Arabian mares is also being phased in for Arabian mares born after 1/8/2000. Before any foal born after 1/8/2016 out of an Arabian mare can be registered with the Society the mare must have SCID, CA & LFS results recorded by the Society if her registration number ends in 1-5. Before any foal born after 1/8/2017 out of an Arabian mare can be registered with the Society the mare must have SCID, CA & LFS results recorded by the Society if her registration number ends in 6-0. It is strongly recommended that the mares be tested prior to breeding, it is too late if you end up with an affected foal. If you choose to leave the testing until the foal is born please remember to take a hair sample before you sell the mare or if she dies before she is buried and immediately after death as the DNA degenerates very quickly.

Mandatory disclosure is not required at the moment however members are encouraged to disclose the results of genetic testing on the website.

A number of Australian Ponies have recently been tested as being CA carriers. Some of these are high percentage but some are quite low. CA has even been found in an Icelandic Pony with a minute amount of Arabian blood. Please do not assume when breeding an Arabian to a non-Arabian that the non-Arabian is not a carrier of SCID, CA or LFS. The lower the percentage of Arabian the less likely an animal is to be a carrier but it can still occur.

As a result of numerous request the Board has resolved to introduce a Half Arabian Registry and an Arabian Performance Index.

The **Half Arabian Registry** is for horses that are a minimum of 50% Arabian blood and less than 100% that have one Purebred parent. Breeders decide whether they wish to register their foals in one of the existing Derivative Registries (Partbred, Arabian Pony, Arabian Riding Pony, Anglo Arabian, Arabian Warmblood, Arabian Stock Horse, Quarab) or in the Half Arabian Registry. The Registration Certificate for Half Arabians will be marked as 'Arabian Pony breeding', 'Partbred Arabian breeding' etc and where Half Arabian classes are not provided the horse will be eligible to show in the class it 'fits' on breeding. The big difference is that Half Arabians will be judged on Arabian type as well as conformation and movement which should suit those breeders wishing to breed high percentage very typey Derivatives. If a Half Arabian is bred to something other than a Purebred the resulting foal will be registered in one of the existing Derivative Registries and if that is then bred back to a Purebred the foal will be eligible for Half Arabian registration again. The Board is aware that a number of members may wish to transfer their Arabian Derivatives into the new Half Arabian registry, this can be done for a fee of \$10 per member per time to cover processing and postage ie 1 horse to be changed =\$10 and 7 horses to be changed at the same time =\$70.

The **Arabian Performance Index** is a recording for Performance horses with less than 12.45% Arabian blood. Eligible horses must be at least 3 years of age and not eligible for registration with the Society in any of the existing Registries. Horses shall be recorded in the Arabian Performance Index upon receipt of an Application for Registration accompanied by proof of Arabian ancestry in the form of another breed society registration certificate or service certificate and the appropriate fee. Applications for Registration shall be accepted from the owner of the horse as recorded with another breed society or where proof of ownership acceptable to the Society is provided and where the owner is a member of the Society.

Horses recorded in the Arabian Performance Index shall be eligible for competition in classes specifically provided for horses recorded in the Arabian Performance Index, in performance classes defined as being for all Arabian Derivatives and in Arabian Derivative led classes which are combined for all derivatives and split on height rather than gender.

As the Arabian Performance Index is not a breeding Registry horses entered in the Index will be considered in the same way as geldings for the purpose of membership and fees.

A reminder - SCID testing is now available in Australia with two laboratories offering this service. Forms and fees are on the Society website and in some cases fees for testing have actually been reduced. The most economical way to test is at the time of registration and initial DNA as the testing for all three disorders will only be an additional \$50, much cheaper than the resultant vet bill should you breed an affected foal. No horse returning a carrier status will be discriminated against in any way, these are healthy individuals and they will never produce an affected foal unless mated to a carrier partner and even then only 25% of foals will be affected. A number of Arabian derivatives have now been proven to be CA carriers, some of these are quite low percentage, so it would be worth owners of Derivative stallions to consider testing as well.

Vet Certificates for stallion registration – these must be completed by the vet, if completed by the owner and just signed by the vet they are deemed invalid. Please ensure that the vet carefully completes all markings and notes any brands and microchip number. If the colt was originally registered as branded and this has never been done please include a note to this effect and have the vet include the microchip number on the form.