

Foal Registration

The below are guidelines for registering and passporting foals with CHAPS(UK)

Firstly, CHAPS will passport ALL equines, coloured or not. All foals should hold a passport before they are six months old or by the end of the calendar year in which they are born, whichever is the latter. However, for verified pedigree to appear in the passport, the following must be completed:

- (a) A CHAPS(UK) covering certificate for a natural covering. If the mare is not CHAPS registered, a copy of her registration and pedigree must be forwarded. Foal to be registered before the end of the calendar year in which it is born; applications received outside of this time window will be required to provide DNA verification.
- (b) A CHAPS(UK) covering certification for AI covering (or any other artificial means) + DNA samples (kits can be purchased from CHAPS(UK), refer to www.chapsuk.com for DNA application form download). CHAPS will accept sire side only DNA verification, but you should be aware that (depending on what you want to do with your foal in future years) some societies will only accept FULL DNA verification.
- (c) A covering certification as issued by any other recognised breed society. In this case, as required by Minimum Operating Standards for UK Approved Passport Issuing Organisations, 6th February 2014, page 9, (3.4.2), "must also include guidance that where an equine is of a specific breed, its owner must be informed about the appropriate breed society". If the owner subsequently agrees in writing to proceed with a CHAPS issued passport, copies of registration/passport and pedigrees of both stallion and mare if she is also not CHAPS registered will be required. As in (a) above, applies to applications received before the end of the calendar year in which it is born; applications received outside of this time window will be required to provide DNA verification, as will any AI (or any other artificial means) coverings.
- (d) In the case where the breed society does not issue passports, but does issue a certificate of registration (i.e. APHA) this will be accepted.
- (e) DNA of all three animals. This might be in situations where the stallion is not recognised breeding stock, but it must hold a passport where the UELN number can be quoted. In such cases, it would be recommended that the mare's breed society be approached first of all if she holds any verified pedigree herself.
- (f) As required by Minimum Operating Standards for UK Approved Passport Issuing Organisations, 6th February 2014, page 9, (3.4.3); "For identification only passports, the PIO cannot verify the breeding of the equine. In these instances the "breed" may only be listed as "breed-type" and other parts of Section II (Certificate of Origin) must NOT be completed." For animals that have been issued an id only passport that may have a lost pedigree, this can be rectified by DNA verification: please contact CHAPS (Admin) for help on this matter. The UELN issued will always remain with that animal, but the passport can be rescinded in favour of a verified pedigree passport.

If none of the above is forwarded, an id only passport will be issued. The above guidelines are in addition to guidelines given on the website for the general issue of passports as required by the Minimum Operating Standards, 6th February 2014. Please contact CHAPS(UK) Administration if you have any doubts or queries about registering your foal!

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