



Welcome to the e-Newsletter
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Hi Members;

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Dear Members,

A few timely reminders:

DNA for breeding Stallions: Some Members have contacted us concerned that they haven't had their Stallion DNA tested as yet and worried as they thought they couldn't register Foals born this current season. So we thought it would be timely to remind Members that they do NOT have to have their Stallion's DNA lodged until they wish to register Foals born next season. However it is suggested that Members have their Stallion's DNA lodged sooner, rather than later.

Members are also reminded that if they have previously had their Stallion's DNA tested but haven't sent it into the office to record on the data base, then this should be done. Please remember to send in your Registration Certificate with the copy of the DNA results, so that the data base and the Registration Certificate can both be noted; as whatever is recorded on the data base should also be recorded on the Registration Certificate.

Measuring Horses: Please ensure that the person you get to measure your Horse for its upgrade is a current Financial Member and do not be embarrassed to ask to see their current Membership Card. Also as a reminder, don't ask the Breeder of the Horse you want measured to measure it, nor one of your own Family members, even if they are a financial Member.

Upgrades, Foal Registrations etc: As previously advised Fees are increasing on Monday 14 January, 2013 so any upgrades or Foal Registrations should be sent to the office well before that date, as all mail received on that day will be processed at the new prices, which will have been loaded into the computer during the weekend of 12 and 14 January, 2013.

Also as a reminder, any revoked Horses maybe upgraded without the additional revoked fee being added, up until the date the fee increases take effect.

Office Closure for Christmas/New Year: Members should also note that the office will be closed from close of business on Friday 21 December, 2012 and not reopen until Wednesday 2 January, 2013 and take into account these closure dates when sending registration work into the office. Mail will not be collected during the closure.

Direct Deposits: We are regularly asked if we can accept direct deposits for registration work and although we realize that many people like to pay via the internet these days, due to the fact that Members must sign their paperwork as a declaration, we regret that at this point in time we are not able to offer direct deposits as an alternative payment method.

Respecting Member's Privacy: With regards to Registry transactions, Members are reminded that the Association can only take instructions from the person whose name is in our data base as the registered owner of a particular Horse. Irrespective if that person has sold the Horse, we can only process upgrades or transfers etc with the appropriate documents signed by the person who is recorded as the last registered owner, as these transactions must appear on their account in our books.

Sending in Paperwork for processing: Just a few simple tips to assist Members sending paperwork in to the Registry Office.

1. When you have completed your paperwork, check through to make sure you have all the appropriate sections marked and all necessary enclosures, i.e. pictures etc.
2. Keep a copy of ALL paperwork sent to the Registry Office.
3. Send to the Registry Office via Express Post, so that it can be tracked.
4. Thoroughly check all paperwork when it is received back.

2013 National Show: Plans are well underway for the highlight of Member's year and judging by the feedback and suggestions from Members they are looking forward to the event. We have had a lot of fantastic ideas from Members and will be trying to incorporate their ideas where possible. Member feedback and input is vital to the success of any event and we are very grateful to the number of Members who have taken the time to contact us and submit their ideas and suggestions.

Don't forget if you are planning to attend that you need to book your Campsite and/or Stables, particularly if you want a specific location. We will endeavour to comply with Member's requests in this area, but must stress that it is on a first come first served basis, as that is the only way we believe is fair to all. Members are also assured that their request to be position near to, or not near to, any particular person is kept in the strictest confidence.

With regards Cabins, if you have booked one, by now you would have received a Cabin Deposit Form, which we urge you to attend to by 7 December, 2012, so that your Cabin can be reserved. If you want to be put on the waiting list in case a Cabin comes available, please contact Margaret Lawson immediately.

Members are also reminded of the pre-payments system and that if they wish to make any advance payments towards their Show entries, they can download a form from the website.

The Show Schedule of Classes and National Show Information Booklet, is being finalized and will be distributed to Members as soon as possible, in order to give Members as much time as possible to plan their entries. Thank you to all the Members who have contacted the Committee with ideas and suggestions with regards the Show Schedule, your input in this regard is also appreciated and we hope that Members will be happy to see that we have been able to incorporate some of their suggestions.

If you have any queries with regards the National Show, please do not hesitate to contact Barb Voysey.

E-News: If you know of any Members who do not receive the E-News, but would like to, please pass this one on to them and get them to download the form from the website and send to the office. We have found in the past that Members have changed their email addresses and forgotten to advise the Office, then wondered why they were missing E-News. Again in line with privacy regulations only the Member can advise a change of address or email address.

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