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MHAA® Strong and getting stronger now leading the way as the FIRST and ONLY exclusive Miniature / Small Horse Registry, proudly in our 31st year servicing the needs of Members around Australia and beyond !

Dear Members,

Thankfully things are starting to slowly return to some sort of normality with some restrictions being gradually lifted in some States. At the current time we still have no idea when we will be able to resume having Shows and it is most likely that States will vary when they can commence Shows again and we will keep Members up to date with this via state Facebook pages, websites and E-News. So if you know any Member who does not receive E-News, please get them to contact us to be added to the email list.

Therefore as Shows are on hold, so that you can be ready for when they start again, this is an ideal time to catch up on paperwork and make sure all your Horse Registrations are up to date and with this in mind, we have been contacted by Members who are wishing to upgrade their Horses, but with the current movement restrictions and safe distance regulations that are still in place, it is not feasible or sensible to have anyone come on to their property to measure their Horses for upgrade.

Therefore as National Committee want to relieve as much stress as we can for Members, we will allow ALL Members to measure their own Horse/s that need to be upgraded and/or registered. At this stage, this procedure will be in place until 31 July, 2020; so all Members need to do is send the necessary paperwork to the office and it will be processed in the normal way.

As we wish to assist Members with regards to their Horses that are overdue being upgraded, due to having so much going on with the stress of the past 12 months or so; **National Committee have introduced an Amnesty on Revoked Horses until 31 July, 2020 which is effective immediately.** This means that when you upgrade or register any Horse that is over 4 years 6 months old and not upgraded to Adult Registration; Members can upgrade or register their Horse without having to pay the Revoked Fee.

If any Member has any other issues with regards registrations or upgrades, or for that matter anything you think we may be able to assist with, or want to discuss an issue you are having with your Horse registration, please do not hesitate to contact us, as we will do everything we can to assist Members through this very stressful period. Members are often surprised to find out that we can assist them with an issue that they thought was just not possible to resolve. So, with this in mind, you have nothing to lose in asking for assistance and Members can direct any queries to the National Secretary, Barb Voysey, via email admin@mhaa.com.au or mobile 0418 821100.

Stallion Breeding Reports (Stallion Returns) may be sent in at any time and we recommend that as soon as you have finished mating your Mares, send the Stallion Breeding Report (Stallion Return) to the office.

It is also timely to remind Members that Stallion Breeding Reports (Stallion Returns) MUST be printed in LANDSCAPE format, NOT portrait format. Stallion Breeding Reports (Stallion Returns) submitted in portrait format will not be accepted and will be returned. The Report can be filled in on line and then printed off in landscape to post to the office. If you are unsure about this, please do not hesitate to contact the National Secretary or email admin@mhaa.com.au

With regard to your **Stallion Breeding Reports (Stallion Returns)**: always remember to include all outside Mares, as well as every Mare served, even if they are not registered MHAA® and remember to **keep a copy for your records**. A Tax Invoice/Receipt is always sent from the office on receipt of your Stallion Return. If you do not receive one within 21 days of posting your Return, contact the National Secretary or email the admin@mhaa.com.au, to make sure it has been received.

As a reminder, Stallion Breeding Reports (Stallion Returns) must be received in the Office by 1 August, 2020.

It is also timely to remind Members that if your Mare has been served by another Member's Stallion, or you purchased a Mare in Foal, make sure that you get a Service Certificate from the Stallion owner to cover the mating.

Changes of address or email: Please remember if you change your postal or email address, you need to notify the office by using the change of address form, which is on the website. Please note that when you send in your Membership Renewal Form and your details have changed from those in the data base; these will automatically be updated.

Membership Renewals will be coming due soon and Members will receive their Membership Renewal Form towards the end of the month.

With regard to Membership Renewals, in unprecedented times like these, your continued support is extremely important in maintaining the Association, which as a Not For Profit Member based organization, needs your support and commitment as a Member, as this is vital to assist the Association in remaining strong and financially viable into the future.

National Committee hope you and your Families are all coping in a very different world ... remember, we are still all in this together ... so need to look out for each other, as now more than ever we still need to comply with State restrictions ... so please ... TAKE CARE & STAY SAFE ... our thoughts are with you all !!

***National Committee of Management
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