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Hi Members,

There was a Resolution passed last year, introducing a new Rule 20.11, with regard the recording of DNA in our Registry.

This reads:

Rule 20.11

Every entire used to cover a mare/s is to have DNA on file prior to being used. This is to come into effect for the 2012/2013 breeding season.

The wording of this Rule will put the Association in a position of refusing Registration of some foals, with no opportunity to ever have these foals Registered, other than “unknown, unknown” parentage after they reach the age of two years old, if the Stallion’s DNA is not lodged with MHAA, PRIOR to the Stallion SERVING Mare/s. In addition, it could be read that it applies only for the 2012/2013 breeding season.

The National Committee now believe that the Rule as it stands, does not lend itself to the recording of DNA of Stallions into our Registry, without causing major concerns for Members and believe that this would be an unacceptable situation and in no way in the best interest of the Association or its Members.

Having taken advice, the National Committee unanimously agree that this Rule needs to be changed and believe that this is the most sensible and workable way around resolving a situation, which could have been detrimental to the Association.

Therefore, effective immediately, using the powers given to the National Committee of Management, under Article 31.3, we have removed Rule 20.11 (above) and replaced with:-

Rule 20.11

Every entire used to cover a mare/s is to have DNA on file prior to any subsequent Foal registration. This is to come into effect from the 2012/2013 breeding season.

The rewording of Rule 20.11 will enable foals to be registered at any time once the stallion’s DNA is lodged and recorded with MHAA

What does this mean to our Members?

- You must still submit a Stallion return in the same way as always.
- If you are going to register Foals, born any time after August 1st 2013 the sire must have DNA on file with MHAA before the foal can be Registered.
- Where you source your DNA results from is up to the Member.
- Our Registration papers have been modified to include a field specifically to show DNA, parentage qualified, colour Genetics etc.
- Send in your original paperwork with DNA results and you will receive new updated paperwork showing on the paperwork that the horse has DNA on file with MHAA. If you do this before July 31st it will be done at no cost.
- If you send in DNA results for a permanent registered Stallion after July 31st 2012, there will be an \$11.00 fee to update the paperwork.
- If you send in DNA results at an upgrade, temporary adult or permanent adult, it will be recorded and included on the paperwork at no extra charge.
- You can voluntarily send in DNA results for Mares and Fillies, this will be included on paperwork at no charge if done at an upgrade.

This is taking the Stud Book of MHAA to a new and exciting level of professionalism, in line with other breed Registries who truly value the integrity of their breed and we congratulate the Members of MHAA for having the foresight to embrace this change.

Over the next few days, we will email as a separate E-News, information on DNA Typing and Parentage Testing, giving information on alternative labs that can be used, ie the Qld lab through MHAA and also via the American lab. This information will also appear in the next edition of Fine Lines.

If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact the Registrar, Helen Klingberg via Email: rosdayl@bigpond.com or telephone (evenings) 08 8562 2410.

National Committee of Management

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