



THE NATIONAL PONY SOCIETY

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RULES & REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE USE OF AI (ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION)

1. Stallions must be owned by Full Members of the National Pony Society, be registered and licensed by the NPS, or their own Breed Society, and be DNA tested. Thoroughbreds must be licensed or have a Veterinary Certificate issued by the NPS.
2. The Stallion must have an NPS Permit for use in connection with AI, for which a fee will be charged. *Please refer to the website or contact the office for fees.*
3. If frozen semen is taken, a record of which countries the semen is exported to should be forwarded to the National Pony Society at the end of the covering season.
4. If the foal is conceived by AI then a DNA parentage test is required unless either:
 - The insemination took place using chilled semen at a location where both the sire and dam were present, in which case a service certificate signed by the stallion owner is sufficient, or
 - The foal is gelded prior to registration
5. The resulting live foal must be parentage tested between 3–6 months of age. DNA samples from both the foal and the dam are required for the parentage test. DNA testing kits are available on request from the NPS. They cost £50 each, this includes the parentage test. Once a sample has been taken for a dam, additional samples will not be required for subsequent foals. The results of the parentage test should accompany any applications to register the foal with the NPS and replace the Service Certificate.
6. The NPS strongly recommends that the following forms are completed to assist in control of semen, recording insemination and pregnancy testing. These forms are available from the NPS and should accompany the applications to register the foal with the NPS:

FORM A - Certificate of Collection of Semen to be completed by a veterinary surgeon, or BEVA AI Technician, (to accompany the semen in the Equitainer.)

FORM B - Insemination Certificate stating

- (i) Veterinary certified confirmation of the insemination dates and name of inseminator
- (ii) Registered name of mare and breed society registration number
- (iii) If chilled/fresh semen, signed label by veterinary surgeon stating registered name of donor stallion. If frozen semen, code number of collector and code number of straws.
- (iv) Where the insemination was carried out.

FORM C - A pregnancy document stating the confirmed appearance of a pregnancy by Ultrasound Scan, before 42 days, correlating with the estimated age of the stated last date of insemination. All documents must be signed by the veterinary surgeon and stamped with the address.