



THE NATIONAL PONY SOCIETY

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BRITISH RIDING PONY - STALLION LICENSING SCHEME

1. **Eligibility**

The National Pony Society will license only stallions which are registered in the British Riding Pony Stud Book or Register and the General Stud Book (small thoroughbreds not to make more than 153 cms (15.0 hh) at maturity). For thoroughbreds over 153 cms (15.0 hh) application may be made for an NPS Veterinary Certificate in place of a Stallion Licence.

2. **Age for Licensing**

Colts should be licensed as soon as they become two years of age. A pony is regarded as being one year old on 1st January after the year in which it was foaled and becomes two years old on the following 1st January.

3. **Registration of Progeny**

The National Pony Society will only accept for registration in the British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register and Appendix the progeny of licensed stallions. In the case of thoroughbreds, progeny conceived before licensing may be accepted for registration following a successful Veterinary inspection leading to the issue of an NPS Veterinary Certificate.

4. **Fees**

Please see the website or contact the office for current fees
Books of 25 Service Certificates are available at £10.00 per book
Neither the cost of DNA testing or the Stallion Licence fee is refundable if a Licence is refused.

5. **Membership of the National Pony Society**

All owners, lessees or agents of NPS British Riding Pony Registered Stallions standing at Stud **must be** Life, Qualifying or Non-Qualifying Members of the National Pony Society.

6. **Examination of Stallions**

- a) When applying for a licence, owners will be required to nominate an equine Veterinary Surgeon to undertake the veterinary examination.
- b) The detailed arrangements for the veterinary examination will be made by the owner direct with the Veterinary surgeon, the amount of the fee being a matter for the two parties concerned.
- c) The Secretary of the National Pony Society will forward the veterinary examination papers direct to the nominated Veterinary Surgeon.
- d) Before a Licence is issued a Veterinary Surgeon must examine the stallion to ensure that it is free from disease and hereditary defects and is of satisfactory conformation.
- e) On completion of his/her examination the Veterinary Surgeon will return the examination papers direct to the Secretary, the National Pony Society.

7. **DNA Testing**

- a) A DNA testing kit will be forwarded to the owner by the NPS upon application and payment of the fee.
- b) Arrangements will be made direct by the owner with the Veterinary Surgeon for the taking of hairs for DNA testing, that fee to be paid direct to the Vet and the amount to be a matter for the two parties concerned.
- c) The DNA sample is to be sent directly to the DNA Typing Unit, Animal Health Trust. An addressed envelope will be supplied.