



THE NATIONAL PONY SOCIETY

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STALLION LICENSING/VETERINARY CERTIFICATE SCHEME

(as applicable to thoroughbred stallions)

1. **Eligibility**

The National Pony Society will license only thoroughbred stallions which are registered in 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 Stud Book or Register the progeny of licensed stallions.

4. **Fees**

The fee must be sent to the National Pony Society with each application.

Please see our website or contact the office for fees

The Stallion Licence fee is not refundable if a licence is refused.

5. **Examination of Stallion**

- 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 Registrations Secretary, The National Pony Society.

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

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