

Canadian Livestock Records Corporation

CANADIAN FJORD HORSE ASSOCIATION

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

A) A Norwegian Fjord Horse is eligible for registration in the Canadian Fjord Horse Registry if:

- (1) The sire and dam are registered in the CFHA Stud Book, or in a recognized foreign Norwegian Fjord Registry and a three generation pedigree has been supplied to the CFHA Registrar;
 - (2) It is purebred and conforms to Norwegian Fjord breed standard as outlined above;
 - (3) Effective August, 2011, the animal is not inbred. Inbred, and therefore not eligible for registration, is defined for the purposes of this constitution, as an animal which does not have any registration numbers that are the same in its past three generations.
 - (4) It is microchipped.
 - (5) The DNA profile of the sire and dam are on file with the CFHA registry
- B) The registration of any horse produced by cloning, gene splicing or manipulation of the equine genome by techniques of genetic engineering is not permitted.

C) Rules of Artificial Insemination and Embryo Transplant

The CFHA recognizes and approves the use of Artificial Insemination (AI) and Embryo Transplant (ET) provided the following criteria are met:

- (1) **Registration of Animals:** In order to register animals conceived in Canada by artificial insemination, the sire and the dam must be Canadian registered except where semen is imported. All other regulations pertaining to eligibility shall apply.
 - (2) **Artificial insemination within a herd:** When a breeder inseminates or supervises the insemination of mares with semen from a stallion owned by him, no special permission is required. However, such inseminations shall be noted on the Application for Registration of the offspring, or the Application for Transfer of Ownership of a mare which has been inseminated. All other regulations pertaining to eligibility shall apply.
 - (3) **Artificial Insemination between herds:** When the stallion owner is not the owner of the mares intended for insemination, he shall complete an Application for Transfer of Semen, supplied by the CFHA Registrar, recording the number of units transferred and the number of progeny approved for registration as the result of the use of such semen. The Application for Transfer of Semen shall be forwarded to the Registrar with the prescribed fee. A copy of the DNA profile of the sire, dam and a DNA report showing parental verification of offspring must be filed with the Registrar prior to registration of the foal. All other regulations pertaining to eligibility shall apply.
- D) An AI Service Certificate from the CFHA Registry shall in no way be a guarantee of conception, or eligibility for registration of any resulting foal. Fees paid to the registry for an AI Service Certificate are non-refundable.
- E) **Importation of Semen;** Imported semen must be accompanied by a copy of the stallion's Certificate of Registration issued by a recognized foreign Norwegian Fjord registry showing the ownership of the stallion at the time semen was produced. A copy of a DNA report suitable for parental verification must be presented to the CFHA Registrar prior to registration of any offspring.
- F) It is the responsibility of the importer to ensure compliance with all health regulations and with any and all import regulations of Canada.
- G) **Exportation of Semen:** When semen is shipped for export, it is the responsibility of the exporter to ensure compliance with the health regulations of the importing country and with regulations of the foreign purebred Norwegian Fjord registry in the importing country.
- H) **Embryo Transplants:** Anyone intending to register Norwegian Fjord foals that are the result of embryo transplant must submit the following information to the CFHA Registrar:
- (1) Notification of procedure prior to transplant.
 - (2) Names and registration numbers of sire and dam.
- I) **Transfers of Embryos:** Applications for the transfer of embryos are to be handled in the same manner as applications for the transfer of semen.
- J) **Registration of Animals:** A copy of the DNA profile of the sire and dam and a DNA report showing verification of parentage of the offspring must be filed with the CFHA Registry prior to registration of said offspring. All other rules of registration apply.
- K) **Frozen Embryos:** Frozen embryos must be recorded with the CFHA Registry stating the name and registration number of the donor mare, the name and registration number of the sire, the date flushed and frozen, and information on where they are stored.
- L) **Pedigree:** The pedigree of all animals born from the result of embryo transplant shall have the letters ET at the end of their names.
- M) **Death of Stallions Used Artificially:** Foals conceived after the death of a stallion shall be eligible for registration under the same conditions and provisions in place immediately before his death with the following additional requirements.
- (1) The stallion's owner shall report within 90 days in writing to the CFHA Registry the date of death and the number of insemination units in storage from the stallion at the time of death and the location where such semen is stored. No time limit is imposed on the use of semen after the stallion's death, providing the stallion met the regulation for registration of foals via frozen or liquid semen.

(2) Failure on the part of the owner to notify the Registrar in writing within 90 days of a stallion's death shall invalidate an application for registration of foals conceived after the death of said stallion.

IDENTIFICATION

A) All Norwegian Fjord Horses registered in the CFHA Registry shall be microchip implanted for identification purposes. The implantation must be done by a veterinarian who shall sign and submit required documentation to the CFHA Registrar.

B) All Norwegian Fjord Horses registered with the CFHA registry shall have the placement of hair whorls recorded on their registration papers as a means of identification.

REGISTRATION OF PEDIGREES

A) The CLRC shall register Norwegian Fjord Horses, record transfers of ownership, keep pedigrees and provide certificates of registration for all eligible animals on behalf of the CFHA. All documents and certificates shall be in a form designated by the CFHA.

B) **Recognized Foreign Registries:** The Board of Directors of the CFHA may recognize centralized foreign Norwegian Fjord Registries from time to time. Such registries must be governed by established by-laws and rules that are enforced. Their definitions of purebred and breed standards must meet or exceed those of the CFHA.

C) Breed Standard

(1) The five accepted colours are brown dun, white dun, grey dun, red dun and yellow dun.

(2) The Fjord Horse retains primitive markings which include a full length dark dorsal stripe that runs from head to tail. Zebra markings on the legs are common and other mottling or feathering can be present on the face and body. The outer hairs of the mane are white while the centre hair is dark. The ears have dark colouring on the their tips.

(3) The yellow or red dun Fjord Horse may have faint markings.

(4) White markings are unacceptable in stallions. Only a small star is permitted for mares and shall be noted on the Certificate of Registration. A geldings may be registered with a small white star on the face and small white markings on the legs, including on hooves, and these white markings shall be noted on the Certificate of Registration. Other white markings are not acceptable.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

A) Registration Application forms shall be obtained from the CFHA Registrar at the CLRC.

B) Registration of Canadian born animals in all cases will be made in the name of the registered owner or lessee of the dam at the time of birth of the foal. If a change of ownership takes place after birth, the usual transfer shall be filed and applicable fees paid.

C) The application shall be accompanied by a DNA profile of the sire and dam if not already on file with the CFHA registry.

(1) DNA typing shall be by the following process. A DNA typing kit shall be obtained from the Registrar after payment of the application fee. The completed kit shall be mailed to a blood-typing lab approved by the CFHA Board of Directors.

D) Except in the case of a foal produced by artificial insemination, the Registrar will request DNA testing to verify parentage of every tenth application received for registration, costs to be paid by the CFHA.

E) Twin animals must be registered at the same time providing both are living. If one is dead, this must be so stated and the sex of the dead animal given.

F) Application for Registration may be refused where the private records or identification system as practised by a breeder are in such state of confusion as to raise a doubt as to the identity of any animal.

G) Application for Registration of an animal from a recognized foreign registry must be accompanied by a Certificate of Registration from the country of origin. If the animal is in foal, a certificate must be furnished, signed by the owner of the service sire, and certified by the registry of the country of origin, in order to register the resulting foal. 3

TRANSFERS AND DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES

A) Application for Transfer of Ownership must be made to the CLRC on forms supplied by them, and must meet all CLRC requirements.

B) A Duplicate Certificate may be issued if the registered owner or his authorized agent files a witnessed declaration on a form supplied by the CLRC, showing in a satisfactory manner that the original is lost, destroyed or unobtainable.

DEATH OF AN ANIMAL

The CFHA Registry requires that the Registrar be notified in writing in the event of the death of a Norwegian Fjord Horse in order that the registration records remain up-to-date.