

CFHA Registration Q&A

Q - I have a 6 month old Fjord foal, how do I register it?

A - If both parents are registered with the CFHA and have DNA on file then it is a simple 2 or 3 step process.

- 1- Order a microchip from the CLRC and have your veterinarian implant the chip and sign the paperwork.
- 2- Fill out the registration application found on the CFHA website (www.CFHA.org) and mail it in with the microchip form and the application fee. If your foal was the product of an outside breeding then you will require a stallion service certificate from the stallion owner.
- 3- DNA parentage verification. This step is optional for registration but mandatory to allow registration of offspring. If there is a chance your foal may be used for breeding in the future now is a great time to submit DNA while you are doing paperwork!

Now sit back and wait and the CLRC will mail out your shiny new papers as soon as they are processed.

Q - I recently bought a Fjord at an auction, how do I tell if it is registered? If it is not, how do I have it registered?

A - This is a common question and one of the more complicated situations to deal with.

Your best bet is to have your veterinarian scan the horse for a microchip. If it was registered it will have a chip. Typically the chip is located in the crest of the horse but they do tend to migrate on occasion so make sure your veterinarian scans the entire horse!

If a chip is found it can be traced through the CLRC database, at that point it would be up to you to ensure your paper trail was complete (bills of sale etc) and then a transfer can be completed.

If there is no chip present there are a few different scenarios.

- 1- The horse is a purebred but was never registered. If you know the horse's parentage then a DNA sample can be run to verify. At that point, as long as you can get all the required paperwork together then the horse can be registered.
- 2- The horse is a crossbred. The Fjord genetics are very dominant and crosses often appear to be pure Fjords. In this situation, unfortunately, the horse does not qualify for registration with the CFHA.

** Whenever registration questions arise it is always best to ask for guidance from the CLRC or the CFHA Board of Directors. It will save everyone time and money, that is what they are there for!**

Q – I recently sold my registered Fjord, how do I transfer the papers to the new owner?

A – There is a spot on the back of your horse’s papers to fill in the new owner’s information. The papers are then submitted to the CLRC by you, the seller, along with the transfer fee. It is the seller’s responsibility to ensure the horse is transferred within SIX months of the sale. The CFHA has recently implemented higher fees for transfers left longer than this. The papers will be processed at the CLRC and new ones issued in the new owner’s name.

If the buyer of your horse is not already a CFHA member, consider gifting them a one year membership as a thank you for purchasing from you! Not only is it a nice gesture but it will keep them connected to our community through the newsletter and it is always great to see new faces!

Q – I recently purchased a Fjord from Mr.X. Mr.X bought it from Mr.Y who bred it but never had it registered. Mr.Y owned the mare but the stallion belonged to Mr.Z down the road. All I know is that the stallion was named “Hank”.

Ack! Don’t laugh, this happens quite frequently. See where DNA might be useful?

A – Welllllllll, the first thing to do is contact the CLRC for help! They are experts in matters like these and know the registration requirements of our association. They will be able to advise you what information you need to gather and, as long as you have the cooperation of Mr. X, Y and Z, you should be able to straighten this mess out.

PLEASE REMEMBER, it is YOUR responsibility to transfer ownership on horses you sell as soon as possible to avoid problems down the road!

All information on registration and CFHA policies can be found on the CFHA website www.CFHA.org