

5 THINGS EVERY BREEDER SHOULD KNOW

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As the deadline nears for stallion breeding reports, make sure your paperwork is in order with these five tips.

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AS SUMMER DRAWS TO A CLOSE, THE DEADLINE FOR STALLION breeding reports at the end of November is approaching quickly.

We asked AQHA Director of Registration Operations Tammy Canida for a few tips to ensure the breeding and registration process goes smoothly for you this year and next. Here are Tammy's suggestions:

- 1. List all your mares.** Stallion breeding reports tell AQHA which mares your stallion has bred during that breeding season. When you fill out this form, be sure to include all mares whose foals will be eligible for registration with AQHA, including AQHA mares, AQHA Appendix mares and Thoroughbred mares. To complete the report, log in to the member section of www.AQHA.com and select "Stallion Breeding Report" under the ownership tab. Click "Enter Stallion Breeding Report," and follow the instructions.

Breeders who would prefer to submit a hard copy can print a form from www.AQHA.com/forms. The form must be received in the AQHA office by November 30 or the breeder will be charged a \$30 late fee. The address is P.O. Box 200, Amarillo, TX 79168.

- 2. Conduct a breeding soundness exam.** Conducting a formal breeding soundness evaluation on your stallion could help prevent potential issues. This analysis generally includes a basic physical examination, behavioral observation and collection of important data related to the stallion's breeding ability. Although this procedure is often used only for stallions that are new to the breeding shed, this simple check-up can ensure your stallion is ready to successfully produce another crop of foals.

- 3. File a test report.** Before you breed, ensure your stallion has a DNA type and genetic panel test on file with AQHA. The five-panel test, which is valid for the horse's lifetime, determines whether a stallion is a carrier of five common genetic abnormalities. Order a test online through Member Services or by calling AQHA Customer Service at 806-376-4811. Breeders who request this test will receive a kit that can be mailed directly to the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory at the University of California-Davis.

- 4. Sign an embryo permit.** One recent update to the AQHA Rulebook (REG112) provides an avenue for stallion owners to sign embryo and oocyte permit applications without releasing a breeder's certificate. This tool protects breeders by making the wording of rules regarding oocyte and embryo permits as transparent and clear as possible. Separate permits are available for embryos and oocytes to avoid confusion for registration of foals produced through one of these methods.

- 5. Get your Thoroughbred registration in order.**

Starting with the 2018 foal crop, The Jockey Club began issuing electronic registrations for Thoroughbreds and stopped issuing printed certificates. In response, AQHA has approved revisions to two rules (REG102.3 and REG110.5) to allow breeders to provide an alternative proof of registration with The Jockey Club for sires and dams born after 2018. Stay tuned for more updates as AQHA accompanies The Jockey Club in this step toward the future of registration. This rule was passed during the 2018 AQHA Convention. Read more about Convention happenings at www.aqha.com/convention. 📖