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**THE SOCIETY RULES COVERING
REGISTRATION AND PASSPORTING OF
WELSH PART-BRED EQUINES.**

The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook

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Before submitting an application to the Society, all applicants must read the Rules Covering Registration and Passporting. By signing any application form and/or making a submission for a service to the Society, the applicant is confirming that they have read and understood the Rules of Registration and Passporting and will abide by these rules at all times. The Society reserves the right to refuse any applications where errors are preventing the processing of this and return the application to the applicant without processing the request(s) or refuse any application where the rules in this document have not been followed correctly.

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1 - RULES COVERING ALL REGISTRATIONS

- i. All applications for registration must be applied for on a fully completed current registration form, supplied by the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook. It must be signed by the breeder (the breeder is the owner or lessee of the mare at the time of foaling) and the breeding details must be verified by the breeder, with the declarations signed confirming that the details are correct. Knowingly falsifying the registration information is considered fraud. Forms can be downloaded from the website or can be requested by contacting the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook Office. **Please ensure that you are using the correct and most up to date version of the forms. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook reserves the right to change application forms as and when it sees fit, and will refuse applications on older, obsolete versions of registration forms where forms have now been updated or amended. Applicants are advised to check the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook website or contact the office to ensure they are using the correct forms.** The registration fees are subject to annual change at the discretion of the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook. Please check current price lists for a full list of current service fees.
- ii. **All applications must be completed on Welsh Part-Bred Studbook forms. We cannot accept applications made on forms produced by other Passport Issuing Offices.** The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook offers all application forms bilingually and welcomes applications made in the Welsh language. Breeders wishing to complete their application in the Welsh language can contact the office for advice on the terminology for the markings and description, and translations of the acceptable colours are available in the section on colour in this document.
- iii. Incomplete or incorrect applications received will be rejected and returned to the sender to enable corrections to be made. A £10 administration fee will be applied to forms containing **three or more errors**, which must be paid upon the resubmission of the corrected form to the Office. An administration fee will also be applied to any registration form received in the office where that animal has **not been microchipped by a veterinary surgeon, or where the microchip number has not been recorded on the form**. If an administration fee is required for incorrect or incomplete submission, then the registration will **NOT** be processed until the administration fee has been paid.
- iv. The details of the sire and the dam must be clearly supplied on the registration form. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook cannot register animals with no known breeding i.e., both Sire and Dam noted as unknown. In cases where there is an animal with no known breeding, the Society can offer a basic ID-only passport via the EquiCymru passport service (www.equicymru.co.uk). See section on EquiCymru in this document for more information.
- v. Mares **must be 3 years of age or over** at the time of foaling. Age is calculated from the 1st of January. It is recommended that a mare should not be covered until it is 3 years of age for welfare reasons.

- vi. Colts must be two years old or over at the time of covering. Age is calculated from the 1st of January. All colts and stallions involved in breeding programmes must be in possession of a Welsh Part-Bred Studbook licence or an equivalent licence issued by the Studbook Society with which they are registered. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook strongly recommends that the colt or stallion is licenced **before** he covers any mares. In the event that the colt/stallion dies; is gelded; or is sold on and he is not in possession of a Society licence or recognised equivalent, including him being DNA profiled and his parentage fully verified, then resultant offspring will not be eligible for registration.
- vii. All registrations requiring a passport to be printed must have the markings diagram and the written description **fully completed**. The 'description taken by' box must be signed by whoever took the description. A veterinary surgeon **MUST** microchip the animal and mark the location where the microchip was implanted with 'M' in a circle on the silhouette. The veterinary surgeon must also include the date and place of examination, and then sign, include their qualifications, and stamp the form with their practice stamp in the required places.
- viii. Prefixes registered with the Welsh Pony and Cob Society, Welsh Part-Bred Studbook and the Central Prefix Register can only be used by the owner of that prefix; prefixes can be extended to family members with written confirmation from the owner of the prefix. As a default rule, all prefixes registered with the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook cannot be used as a second name. However, it is at the discretion of the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook whether a prefix already registered with the Welsh Pony & Cob Society and Welsh Part-Bred Studbook, or one being applied for, can be used as a second name. See the website for a full list of prefixes that are allowed to be used as second names. Breeders may register an animal with an 'unregistered prefix' in one instance. If the breeder wishes to use the same 'unregistered prefix' again, they must apply to register it as an official prefix with the Welsh Pony and Cob Society, Welsh Part-Bred Studbook and the Central Prefix Register. This does not guarantee that another breeder may register that prefix in the meantime, or that this choice will be available with the Society or CPR. If the breeder does not wish to register a prefix, then they must change the name that they use every time.
- ix. If a name has already been used for a registered animal, then it cannot be used again. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will ask breeders to supply a different name, which must sound suitably different to any pre-existing names already registered in combination with that breeder's prefix, or if no prefix is used, it must sound suitably different to any other name already used. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will not allow the addition of an 's' or hyphen to change a name from one that has already been used before, for example if 'May Day' has been used by that breeder before, this name **CANNOT** be changed to Mayday, May-Day or Maydays. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook reserves the right to refuse any name of an animal that could be seen as derogatory, insulting, or offensive. Breeders are welcome to contact the Office if they would like to check if a name is unacceptable before submitting their application form or ask for name suggestions, especially in the Welsh language. The office can also advise on the correct pronunciation of Welsh names.

- x. Once the studbook for that year has closed to registrations, the name of an animal cannot be changed. Only the breeder of the pony is allowed to request to change the name of their foal, providing the studbook for that year has not yet closed.
- xi. In order to record a person, or persons, as breeder of an animal, the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook requires that person, or persons, to be recorded as the owner of the dam at the time of foaling or be recorded as having the dam on lease/loan at the time of foaling. Ownership records must be kept up to date, otherwise the offspring cannot be registered. If more than one person is to be recorded as a joint breeder of an animal, and that additional person(s) is not currently recorded as a joint owner/lessee of the mare, then a transfer of ownership or lease to include the additional person(s) must be completed. Lease forms must be signed by the owner of the animal, with the correct period of lease specified. A lease form is available to download from the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook website. Please see the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook website or contact the office regarding current prices to update or add a lease.
- xii. If the covering stallion is owned/leased by the breeder, then the 'service certificate' part of the registration application form must be signed by the breeder, or they must supply a separate covering certificate. If the breeder of the foal is different from the owner/lessee of the stallion at the time of covering, then a signed and dated service certificate is required to confirm the covering or the 'service certificate' part of the registration application form must be signed and dated by the owner of the covering stallion. **In any case, the owner/lessee of the stallion at the time of covering must sign either the section on the form or a separate service certificate which must accompany the registration form.**
- xiii. Do not send multiple signed covering certificates to the office ahead of registrations. Any certificate received in this manner may be rejected and the registration form returned if the details contained on the registration form cannot be matched to a service certificate that is received as a previous submission. If the service certificate has not been submitted alongside the application form or the 'service certificate' part of the form has not been signed, then the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will not be able to register the foal and will return the form to request that the service certificate is supplied.
- xiv. If the foal is sold before submitting the registration, then the breeder can request that the transfer of ownership is completed to the new owner at the point the passport is issued. To do this, the breeder will need to complete a transfer of ownership form which can be downloaded from the website or requested from the office – this must be submitted along with the registration application form for that animal for the transfer to be carried out at the point of registration. Thereafter, the usual transfer process and fee will apply.
- xv. **DO NOT release a sold animal or its passport until you have received the payment in full from the buyer for the animal. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook cannot get involved in third party disputes between buyers and sellers where it has no power to act.**
- xvi. **All foal passports are issued to the breeder by default, as a foal should not leave the**

premises of the breeder unless accompanied by its passport.

xvii. **The age of all equines is calculated from the 1st of January.**

🐾 2 - CHECKLIST: BEFORE SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION FORM

Please check the following before submitting your registration form:

- i. Payment
 - 🐾 Payment for registrations are invoiced to the breeder upon receipt of the application. Invoices will be issued via Xero with a payment link, and the recipient can either pay by credit/debit card via the Stripe secure payment system, or via bank transfer with GoCardless. Alternatively, a cheque made out for the correct amount can be supplied alongside the application forms. If the Society calls you to take the payment and is unable to reach you to collect this payment, then the Society will return the forms.
- ii. Registration Form. Page 1.
 - 🐾 The sire and dam are named on the form
 - 🐾 Conception type is included on the form (Natural Service (N.S) Artificial Insemination (A.I.), or Embryo Transfer (E. T.))
 - 🐾 Sign and print name as stallion owner/agent or have the stallion owner/agent sign the form or provide a covering certificate
 - 🐾 Include the period of covering
 - 🐾 The dam is owned/leased by the breeder
 - 🐾 The sire is licensed
 - 🐾 The sire is owned or leased by the person signing the covering certificate
 - 🐾 If this is the mares first pure bred foal, the mare will need a DNA profile
 - 🐾 You have the right to use the prefix
 - 🐾 You have named the animal
 - 🐾 The exact date of birth is noted
 - 🐾 The sex of the animal has been included
 - 🐾 Breeders' details and declaration are completed and signed
 - 🐾 If you wish to have the foal transferred at the point the passport is issued, then please complete a transfer of ownership form.
 - 🐾 You have included the pedigree information, and the name and UELN at least of any non-Welsh Pony & Cob Society or Welsh Part-Bred Studbook registered sire/dam.
- iii. Registration Form. Page 2 - Markings Sheet
 - 🐾 You have noted the correct section (i.e. 'WPBR' or Welsh Part-Bred) and colour
 - 🐾 You have included the sex of the animal (Male, Female or Gelding) and this matches the sex specified on the previous page
 - 🐾 All sections of the description are completed clearly
 - 🐾 If the animal has no markings to note in any section, please write 'none' rather than leave it blank
 - 🐾 The 'description taken by' section is completed
 - 🐾 The microchip sticker is attached, or the number written in place of a sticker if the sticker is not available
 - 🐾 The location of the microchip has been marked with M in a circle on the diagram

- 🐾 All markings are clearly drawn
- 🐾 Leg markings are all filled in and correlate correctly to the written description
- 🐾 The rear-view leg markings have been filled in correctly
- 🐾 A veterinary surgeon has signed, dated and stamped the form to confirm the markings and verify that they have implanted a microchip or confirmed an existing microchip
- 🐾 Please ensure that the markings sheet has been completed legibly and that no ink transfer has occurred, and that the printer has not cut off any of the markings diagram. In cases such as this, the Society may have to return forms with a new markings sheet in order for this to be completed again.

🐾 3 - MAIN SECTION

All rules in sections 1 and 2 apply to registration applications for the main section of the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook. To qualify as eligible for registration in the main section of the studbook the equine must contain a minimum of 75% of registered and verifiable Welsh breeding within the pedigree.

- i. To register an animal into the main section of the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook, both parents must be registered in the main section of either the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook or another studbook. The registered names and numbers of both sire and dam must be clearly written on the registration form. The sire and dam must have a verified pedigree with the Studbook Society in which they are registered.
- ii. Where one or both of the parents are not already recorded in the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook, or the Welsh Pony & Cob Society Studbook:
 - a. A Zootechnical Certificate must be supplied for the sire - either by way of copies of the Zootechnical certificate inside the passport or as a separate Zootechnical Certificate document issued by the Studbook Society where he is registered. This also applies to sires of stock conceived via the use of Artificial Insemination.
 - b. Or the sire and dam may be overstamped by the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook - see Section on overstamping.
 - c. Or the sire dam may be entered into the supplementary section of the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook. See Section on supplementary section.
- iii. Applications must be received by the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook office on or before the 30th of November in the year of foaling. **This is a Welsh Government set deadline.** Applications that have been received after this time will be classed as late and will incur additional costs.
- iv. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook requires late applications for main studbook colts and fillies received after 1st of January in their yearling year to have a full DNA parentage report, confirming that both the sire and dam are correct, before registering the animal. This will also incur a late entry fee. DNA testing kits can be obtained from the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook office.
- v. Since the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook transitioned to a new type of DNA testing known as SNPs, some parentage tests may require the purchase of additional DNA kits for dual

profiling. **See section on DNA Testing for more information.**

- vi. **It is not possible to register into the main section of the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook animal with an unknown sire or dam.** If there is an issue with the sire or dam preventing the registration of the foal in the main section of the studbook, it may be possible to register the foal in the supplementary section of the studbook, or, you are able to obtain an ID-only “EquiPassport” from EquiCymru (www.equicymru.co.uk), but this is not a breed society passport and no pedigree will be recorded inside an ID-only passport. On EquiCymru for more information.
- vii. If the markings on the application form are unclear, the Society can request confirmation of the markings with photographs. These will be scanned and lodged on the animals’ record in the database for future reference. The Society has a list of acceptable colours in which breeders can choose from when registering their stock. See section on colour for more information.
- viii. Main studbook geldings can be registered at any age without late entry penalties or full DNA parentage tests.
- ix. For applications for registration of a gelding, the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook requires a castration certificate to be completed by a veterinary surgeon to confirm that the animal has either been castrated or that the animal has been examined and verified to be a gelding, in order for the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook to register the animal as a gelding. The certificate of castration must be submitted alongside the registration application form. The certificate of castration form can be downloaded from the website or requested from the office.
- x. If an animal that was previously registered as a colt is castrated, then there is a requirement to update the passport to denote that the animal has been castrated. The castration section of the passport must be completed by the veterinary surgeon, **and the passport must be returned to the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook to be marked as ‘Gelding’.** Please see the website for current details and fees.

4 – SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION

All rules in sections 1 and 2 also apply to registration applications for the supplementary section of the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook. The supplementary section allows for animals to be registered that meet the breed characteristics as outlined in the breeding programme, but do not fully meet the pedigree requirements, i.e. do not contain more than 75% Welsh blood. A passport would also be issued including the known pedigree in the non-statutory pages and a passport (minus the zootechnical information). This equine would be considered a Welsh Part-Bred by the Society and as such would still be eligible for competitions. To qualify as eligible for registration as a Welsh Part-Bred in the supplementary section of the studbook an animal requires a minimum of 25%, but no more than 74.99%, of registered and verifiable Welsh breeding within the pedigree.

- i. Applications must be received by the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook office on or before the 30th of November in the year of foaling. **This is a Welsh Government set deadline.** Applications that have been received after this time will be classed as late and will incur additional costs.
- ii. Applications received after 1st January in their yearling year will incur a late entry fee.
- iii. DNA parentage testing is not required for Welsh Part-Bred animals being entered into the supplementary section unless they are a foal being registered which was conceived by Artificial Insemination (A.I.) frozen semen (unless the foal is being registered as a gelding), or if the foal was bred by Embryo Transfer (all), in which case they will require a **full parentage test**. See section on DNA testing for more information.
- iv. Details of both sire and dam must be supplied. Any sire/dam that is not registered with the Welsh Pony and Cob Society or the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will need to be added to a separate register. Therefore, please provide the name and breeding (where available) and the UELN of the non-Welsh sire/dam. For entry into the supplementary section of an equine with one non-Welsh parent, the other parent must contribute a minimum of 50% of registered and verifiable Welsh breeding in order that the offspring meets the minimum 25% Welsh threshold.
- v. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook cannot register animals with no known breeding i.e., both Sire and Dam noted as unknown. In cases where there is an animal with no known breeding, you are able to obtain an ID-only "EquiPassport" from EquiCymru (www.equicymru.co.uk), but this is not a breed society passport and no pedigree will be recorded inside an ID-only passport. See EquiCymru section of this document.
- vi. If an equine registered in the supplementary section was then to go on and breed and the steps in the previous point (Main Section Studbook) could be met, the foal could then be eligible for registration into the main section of the Studbook. If not, they would again be registered in the supplementary section until there was such progeny that would be eligible.

5 – SEPARATE REGISTER

The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will maintain a separate register for Welsh Part-Bred animals that are between 12.5% and 25% registered and verifiable Welsh breeding.

- i. These equines can **ONLY** be overstamped by the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook and will not be issued with passports. This is for competition purposes only and the animal must be registered and passported with another Studbook Society under Zootechnical legislation, have a full pedigree printed inside and meet the Welsh breeding percentage threshold of a minimum of 12.5%.
- ii. Offspring of animals entered into the separate register may be eligible for entry into the supplementary section of the studbook in the first generation as long as they contain at least 25% registered and verifiable Welsh breeding and meet the other criteria for entry

into the supplementary section.

6 - OVERSTAMPING OF AN EXISTING BREED SOCIETY PASSPORT WITH A PEDIGREE PRINTED INSIDE

All rules in sections 1, 3 and 4 also apply to overstamp applications for the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook. To qualify as eligible for registration as a Welsh Part-Bred an animal requires a minimum of 12.5% of registered and verifiable Welsh breeding within the pedigree. It will be entered into the relevant section or supplementary section as is determined by the percentage of registered and verifiable Welsh breeding contained within the pedigree.

- i. If an animal eligible for registration with the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook already holds a passport from a different Stud Book Organisation **with the full verified breeding details printed inside**, and is resident in the UK (including NI) or outside of the EU, it is possible for the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook to overstamp the passport with a Welsh Part-Bred Studbook registration number subject to certain conditions being met.
- ii. Please note that an 'application for overstamp form' is required in order to overstamp passports. Incomplete or incorrect applications received will be rejected and returned to the sender to enable corrections to be made. The original passport must be sent to the Society along with the application for overstamp form, so the Society registration number can be recorded in the passport.
- iii. The ownership records **MUST** be up to date with the Studbook Society that produced the passport in the case of over stamping. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook cannot overstamp the animal if the ownership is not up to date with the original studbook. When an animal that is over stamped with the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook is sold, a transfer of ownership must be made with the studbook that produced the passport in the first instance but also must be made with the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook, to enable us to update our records. The passport does not need to be sent to the office in this case, but the fee is required and a copy of the transfer of ownership pages within the passport showing the new owners name, address, and the Issuing Studbook Society's Official Stamp. This can be supplied as a scan/photo and emailed to the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook.
- iv. Where the sires and dams of animals being over stamped with the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook are registered or over stamped already with the Welsh Pony & Cob Society or Welsh Part-Bred Studbook, these sires/dams' ownership records must be up to date. The Welsh Pony & Cob Society or Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will require the ownership of that sire or dam to be up to date before processing the overstamp for the animal by or out of these sires/dams, as we would for a normal first-passport registration.
- v. A sire and/or dam may need to be over stamped into the main or supplementary section of the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook in order for its offspring to be entered into the main or supplementary section of the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook. Animals containing 75% or more registered and verifiable Welsh breeding will be eligible for the main section of the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook. Animals containing 25% but not more than 75% registered and verifiable Welsh breeding will be eligible for the supplementary section of the Welsh

- vi. An animal eligible for overamping with the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook that contains at least 12.5% registered and verifiable Welsh breeding but not more than 25% can be overamped for competition purposes only.

7 - COLOUR

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society and Welsh Part-Bred Studbook has a definitive list of colours which have been approved by the Council, from which you can select when completing your registrations. Additional colour descriptions to those on the list will be accepted upon the lodging of a DNA colour test from a recognised colour genetics testing laboratory. The colour list provided below has been completed bilingually for convenience to those members who wish to complete their registrations in the Welsh language.

Buckskin/Lliw llaeth a chwrw	Brown Roan/ Broc-frown	Grey Roan/ Llwyd-froc
Brown/Chestnut (Liver)/Castan-ddu	Blue Roan/ Broc-las	Chestnut (light)/ Castan (Golau)
Albino/albino	Chestnut/ Castan, Melyn	Palomino/ Palomino
Bay/ Gwinau, Coch	Chestnut Roan/ Castan-froc	Perlino/Perlino
Bay Dun/ Llwyd-ddu Gwinau	Cream/ Hufen	Red Roan/ Broc-goch
Bay Roan/ Broc-winau	Cream dun/ Hufenddu	Roan/ Broc
Black/ Du	Cream Roan/ Hufenfroc	Rose Grey/ Rhoslwyd
Black Roan/ Broc-ddu	Cremello/Cremelo	Strawberry Roan/ Brithgoch
Black/Brown / Du/Brown	Grey/ Llwyd / glas	White/ Gwyn
Piebald/ Brith	Skewbald/ Gwyn a darnau, brown neu liw arall ar wahan l ddu	'Smokey'*

*Foals may be registered as 'Smokey' without the need for a DNA colour verification test if one of the parents is registered as double dilute (cremello/perlino). If neither sire nor dam are double dilute, then to register 'Smokey', DNA colour verification from a recognised colour testing laboratory.

8 – INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATIONS

Since Brexit, all U.K. Studbook Societies and Passport Issuing Offices are no longer allowed to issue passports for equines domiciled within the European Union. All Welsh Part-Bred animals bred and living within the EU must be registered with a stud book Society authorised to operate and issue passports within the Union.

The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook does not wish for any animals bred overseas to be ‘lost’ from the Mother Studbook; therefore, several options are available in order to recognise these animals with the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook and ensure the continuation of these valuable bloodlines. Over the following section, several different methods of recognition, registration and passporting are outlined depending on the location, registration status and percentage of Welsh breeding of the animal.

To be eligible for the Main Section of the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook the animal must have no less than 75% registered and verifiable Welsh breeding. To be eligible for the Supplementary Section the animal must have at least 25% up to 75% registered and verifiable Welsh breeding. Animals with 12.5% up to 25% registered and verifiable Welsh breeding may be over stamped for competition purposes.

The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will enter in its Studbook, animals of the same breed, that are eligible for entry under the Society’s breeding regulations, without discrimination on account of their country of origin.

Import of Welsh Part-Bred equines into the U.K.

- i. If an animal bred outside of the U.K. and NI, (including those bred within the EU) is imported (sold or leased) to the U.K. & NI for more than 90 days then it should be registered with a U.K. Studbook within 30 days of arrival. If it is a Welsh Part-Bred equine, then this application should be made to the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook.
- ii. The animal can only be registered if:
 - a. It has an existing passport issued by a recognised Welsh Pony & Cob Society or Welsh Part-Bred Studbook Overseas Daughter Society, or (within the EU) by a recognised Studbook Society that operates under the Zootechnic regulations, and where that passport/registration document complies with U.K. passport requirements and contains a fully verified pedigree.
 - b. In the case of Part-breds, all equines contributing Welsh blood to the overall percentage of Welsh blood must be able to be traced back to correctly registered and exported Welsh Pure-bred or Part-Bred equines registered with the Society.
- iii. The process to register animals will follow the Overstamping procedure as set out in the overstamping section of this document.

Registration of Welsh Part-Bred equines into the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook which are domiciled outside of the U.K. and EU.

- i. For animals that are domiciled outside of the United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland (NI)) and the European Union (EU), if an animal is registered with a recognised daughter Society of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society and Welsh Part-Bred Studbook, then that

animal can be overstamped with the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook as long as the breeding can be traced back fully to Pure or Part-Bred registered animals in the Stud Book who were exported overseas. In all cases, a completed overstamping form supplied by the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook is required and the normal procedures on overstamping as are set out in the overstamping section of this document.

- ii. The WPCS can also produce first passports for eligible equines that are bred overseas (outside of the U.K. (including Northern Ireland (NI)) and the European Union (EU)). The Society's normal procedures on registrations will apply as are set out in this document.

Registration of Welsh Part-Bred equines into the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook (U.K.) Stud Book which are domiciled inside the EU.

Following the UK's departure from the EU, post Brexit, the Welsh Pony and Cob Society and Welsh Part-Bred Studbook is now unable to legally produce passports for Welsh Part-Bred Studbook bred and domiciled in EU member state countries that descend from correctly exported and registered Welsh and Welsh Part-Bred animals originally entered into the Welsh Pony and Cob Society Studbook. The Society stud book has since the 1950's included a section for 'Overseas Registrations (OS)'. This has enabled breeders from outside the UK to register their stock from animals imported originally from the UK in that section on a level playing field with those home registered animals, thereby ensuring that those bloodlines are not lost to the gene pool.

- i. With the advent of the new Overseas Register, the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will continue to register these animals which are passported in EU Countries, by issuing Welsh Part-Bred Studbook Official Registration Documents - as we cannot now issue passports for animals that are domiciled in the EU. The process is as follows:
 - ✎ A passport is produced by the EU country containing a Zootechnic certificate. These documents are for identification, travel, traceability, health and germinal purposes.
 - ✎ The breeder/owner applies to the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook to have the animal entered into the Overseas Register by providing photographic copies of the required pages including a clear markings diagram from the passport, by email and pay the current fee (check with the office or see current price list).
 - ✎ The Overseas Registration Document is then issued as a printed hard copy bound into a Welsh Part-Bred Studbook sleeve, and the document details the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook Pedigree, and other information such as the original PIO, UELN, Microchip number, Welsh Breed Section, Breeder and Owner name and address as well as the markings description and diagram. This is only available to Welsh Part-Bred animals **born outside of the UK and NI but within the EU** and which comply with the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook rules for eligibility. Please note: This document is not a passport or identity document of the equine named within. It is an official document of recognition for the equine and its status as a pedigree Welsh Part-Bred equine by the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook.

How will this work?

1. The breeder/owner obtains a passport for their animal in the EU country of their

choice (ideally from a Welsh Pony and Cob Society daughter Society in that country)

2. The breeder/owner scans the following passport pages clearly:
 - 🐾 Front details page to include the registration number in their stud book and UELN, microchip, date of issue, date of birth
 - 🐾 Zootechnic certificate including pedigree page with registration numbers
 - 🐾 Diagram page and markings description (the applicant will need to complete a WPCS Markings form to submit as part of this application)
 - 🐾 DNA profiles for the sire and dam (if required – you will be informed by the staff member processing the application if DNA is needed)

If it is **not passported by a Daughter Society of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society**, the breeder/owner would also have to scan and send (If the Society does not already have these records - you will be informed by the staff member processing the application if these are needed):

 - 🐾 Confirmation of ownership/ lease of the dam
 - 🐾 Confirmation of ownership/ lease of the sire or a valid service certificate signed by the stallion owner
 - 🐾 Confirmation of the Stallion's licence number
3. The breeder/owner emails the scans to the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook and pays the fee.
4. The application is checked by a staff member. Once checked and validated, a Welsh Part-Bred Studbook record is created for the animal and the animal will be allocated a Welsh Part-Bred Studbook registration code and corresponding number based on the registration status of the parents. See table within this section for a full breakdown.
5. This bespoke Welsh Part-Bred Studbook **Overseas Registration Document** is signed and validated by the Society.
6. It is then printed and bound into a sleeve. The document will then be posted out or available for collection from the Society.
7. The animal is now recorded in the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook Overseas Register.

🐾 9 - DNA TESTING

Microsatellite is the present system of testing DNA and will become obsolete in the future so we, like other breed societies, are transitioning to the use of Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNPs) for testing DNA.

DNA testing and parentage verification has been a part of the annual breeding cycle for many years. With the developments of technology, the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook is currently undergoing a transition over to SNPs (Single Nucleotide Polymorphism) testing in line with other Societies. The main factor for this consideration was the availability and life span of the present system of Microsatellite testing which will in time become discontinued by the service providers. Alongside this there are many benefits of transitioning to SNPs, which can enhance the level of accuracy of DNA profiling and can also provide additional insights into the animal's genetics in time as the database builds.

- i. The DNA kits will be sent directly to the nominated veterinary surgeon's office. Please ensure you are providing this when ordering the DNA kits.
- ii. The stallion licensing process has been reviewed as part of this transition, and you will now be required to apply for a licence kit nominating your chosen veterinary surgeon. The kit will then be supplied directly to the veterinary surgeon's office. The licensing process will now involve two hair samples being required and further details will be provided when a kit is purchased. **Colt foals born after the 1st of January 2025 will require a full parentage test prior to being accepted as a licenced stallion** (alongside the licensing paperwork completed by the veterinary surgeon). **There will be no exceptions made for colts born after this date.** When purchasing or breeding a colt with the intention of licensing him in the future as a stallion, it is your responsibility to make sure both the sire and dam are DNA tested to suitable ends that the parentage test can be enacted by the Society laboratory.
Where DNA profiles are held by the Society already for both sire and dam, then the DNA parentage verification will automatically be completed as part of the process.
- iii. **In the case of optional parentage testing, compulsory parentage testing where an animal is classed as a late registration, or an animal requiring parentage testing as it was produced by Artificial Insemination (frozen semen) or Embryo transfer, at this present time you can either obtain a SNPs profile for all required equines (when ownership allows), or if the sire and dam already hold a Microsatellite profile you may choose to dual profile the equine you are parentage testing - this will mean applicants MUST purchase TWO parentage hair sample kits.** This is in order that both a Microsatellite profile be obtained to confirm parentage and a SNPs profile to be obtained for comparison against any future progeny. In the case of stallion licences, it will be optional (at this present time) to either obtain a SNPs profile for the sire (when ownership allows) or to dual profile to Microsatellite and SNPs, allowing for a microsatellite profile to confirm the parentage to the sire/dam that already hold an MS profile, and then a SNPs profile for comparison against any future progeny. It is up to the owner to consider and discuss this on a case-by-case basis.
- iv. Where dual profiling is required, then multiple kits will need to be purchased. One kit at the current price (see pricelist for current fees) will equate to one DNA profile.

What do I do if my mare or stallion has a Microsatellite DNA profile: do I need to retest to SNPs?

If you have a Welsh or Welsh-Part-Bred equine who has been DNA tested using the Microsatellite technology and is actively involved in the breeding program, **the Society strongly recommends that you consider also obtaining a SNPs profile for this animal.** Stallions actively breeding who also have a SNPs profile will reduce the turnaround times for offspring to receive their licences and mare who has a SNPs profile and becomes a parent of an animal requiring a full parentage test (late entries, A. I. or E. T. foals) will then already hold a profile and not delay the process of registration. **It is of course in the breeder/owner's choice if they wish to obtain a SNPs profile, but if an animal dies and the ability to use Microsatellite testing has reached its end of life, then this may result in an animal being unable to be registered in the main studbook.**

Late Registrations?

The Society would discourage members from leaving registrations until they are classed as late registrations. Late registrations of animals being entered into the main section of the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will incur a full parentage DNA test. In these instances, the late equine being registered would either be required to have a dual profile while available (at an additional cost to the breeder/owner) or the parents would need to hold a SNPs profile or have SNPs profiles completed prior to the late registration's parentage test being completed.

DNA General Requirements

The laboratory advises a time of between 6 and 12 weeks to complete DNA profiling/parentage verification and to return the result to the Society.

- i. It is recommended that breeders/owners apply for a parentage test and/or stallion licence and associated DNA as soon as possible to allow ample time for the completion of the profiling and parentage testing by the laboratory. The Society is not responsible for any delays in issuing passports for foals awaiting DNA profiling, for animals awaiting parentage verification, and colts/stallions awaiting parentage testing when being licensed.
- ii. When requesting a DNA kit or stallion licence you will need to provide details of the veterinary surgeon carrying out the test and the relevant paperwork and sample bag will be posted directly to the veterinary surgeon's office. No kits will be issued to breeders or owners. Vets will be required to take a hair sample and sign the relevant documents supplied and the sample will need to include sufficient hair follicles. Your vet should check the quality of the sample before submitting it. A good clean sample is one of approximately 50 clean, intact hairs which have been pulled from the root and not cut. These hairs must include the follicle/hair bulb. Please refrain from using soap or products on the hair prior to the vet pulling the hair as this can lead to a repeat sample request being required which will lead to additional costs for the breeder/owner.
- iii. **The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will not be liable for any retest requests or costs. Any hair samples that the laboratory is unable to obtain a suitable DNA profile from will be subject to resampling. The applicant will be responsible for purchasing a new DNA profiling kit(s) at the current price from the Society as part of the resampling, and these will be dispatched to the nominated veterinary surgeon who must complete the hair sampling and submit the new sample to the Society.**
- iv. To verify that the Stud Book is as correct as possible, the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will perform random DNA parentage tests. One colt and one filly foal is randomly selected annually for parentage testing. DNA profiling kits are provided free of charge, and the processing and veterinary costs are paid by the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook upon receipt of a valid veterinary practice invoice for the service covering the sampling of that individual animal only. The name of the veterinary practice invoicing for the random sampling request must match the name of the nominated practice given by the owner when contacted by the office informing them of the random sampling request. The costs of harvesting the hair, form filling, and callout fee for this service **ONLY** will be paid.

10 – UPGRADING ID-ONLY PASSPORTS TO FULL BREED SOCIETY PASSPORTS WITH THE WELSH PART-BRED STUDBOOK.

The Society often receives requests from owners of animals who believe their animal could contain Welsh breeding, but which is currently in possession of a non-breed Society passport (ID-only passport). Currently, it is not possible to blindly DNA test animals to see if they contain the correct percentage of Welsh breeding. Because the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook is a Studbook Society, we can only issue passports for animals **with known and verifiable named parentage**. Therefore, if neither the sire/dam are known, then the Society will be unable to offer DNA parentage testing, and unable to offer registration into the Studbook. Additionally, the following stages must be met in order for the process to be completed.

- i. A correctly completed registration form must be completed as per an application for a first-time passport (see guidance in earlier sections in this document). Incomplete or incorrect applications received will be rejected and returned to the sender to enable corrections to be made. All applications must be completed on the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook forms. We cannot accept applications made on forms produced by other Passport Issuing Offices.
- ii. It is only possible to enter animals into the main section of the studbook that contain 75% or more of registered and verifiable Welsh breeding. Animals with between 25% and 74.99% with known breeding will be entered into the supplementary section. Therefore, this criterion must be met and satisfied before proceeding any further with the rescinding of the ID-only passport (see earlier sections in this document). Parents must both also be DNA profiled before the process can be continued.
- iii. The final stage in the process, once all of the necessary payment, forms, covering certification, signatures, and application paperwork is in order, will be the verification of the parentage of the animal. **DNA parentage testing is mandatory in these cases. It is recommended that all other stages of the application process be met BEFORE the owner embarks on the DNA parentage testing.** DNA parentage kits must be purchased via the Society. Please see section on DNA Testing for more information.
- iv. Once the above requirements have all been fulfilled including the parentage verification, the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will then request that the non-breed Society ID-only passport be rescinded (cancelled) by the issuing PIO. Please note that the UELN must remain the same, and the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will ask the PIO to return any vaccination records to be included in the new passport. There may be a charge from the original PIO for this service which the applicant will be asked to cover.

11 - ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (A.I.)

An application for registration for stock got by Artificial Insemination will be accepted by the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook subject to the following conditions. Normal rules of registration apply (see sections 1-4). Additional rules regarding DNA and parentage testing also apply in some instances. Please refer to the DNA Testing for more information.

- i. Mares and stallions to be used in Artificial Insemination **MUST** be DNA profiled before

undertaking the collection and insemination process. In the case of stallions, they must be DNA profiled and licenced in accordance with the rules, and in the case of mares they must be DNA profiled in order that parentage testing of their foals can be effected, if required. See on DNA Testing for more information.

- ii. Parentage testing. Foals conceived through the use of **Frozen Semen** require a full parentage test to be effected to the sire and dam, unless the foal is gelded at the point of registration.
- iii. Stallion owners must obtain a lifetime A.I. permit for the stallion which is used in artificial insemination schemes. The permit must be obtained from the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook, per stallion. Retrospective permits must be applied for stallions already used in A.I. schemes per stallion. There is currently no fee for this. Please request the permit application form from the office.
- iv. Stallion owners must maintain a special Report of Service which will be returned to the office at the end of the covering season. Stallion owners must periodically submit reports of service to the office outlining how many straws of semen have been sold, and the names of the mare owners and full registered names of the mares that were intended for insemination.
- v. If frozen semen is sold in bulk by the owner of the stallion, then the seller and buyer must notify the office in writing stating the nature of the sale, the number of straws transferred, and the buyer of the frozen semen must then produce periodic reports of service which are submitted to the office as per the above.
- vi. The collection of the semen shall be carried out by a Veterinary Surgeon or an approved person, who will complete part one of the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook A. I. form. Insemination shall be carried out by a Veterinary Surgeon or an approved person who will complete part two of the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook A. I. form.
- vii. The foal must be identified by a veterinary surgeon on the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook's registration form. In addition, a stallion covering certificate will be required, and the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook A.I. form as detailed above. The A.I. form can be downloaded from the website or requested from the office. Before the registration of the foal, the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will require a full parentage test to be completed for foals produced by frozen semen A.I. unless the foal is gelded. The mare (if not already DNA typed) and foal must be DNA typed for this. The registration will only be accepted if no exclusion occurs when parentage comparison is effected with the sire and dam.

12 - EMBRYO TRANSFER

Donor Mare: The mare that provides the egg/embryo – this is the GENETIC DAM of the foal.

Host/recipient mare: The mare that the embryo is implanted into, carries the transferred embryo to foaling, and nurses the foal until weaning. This is NOT the genetic dam.

An application for registration for stock produced by Embryo Transfer will be accepted by the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook subject to the following conditions. Normal rules of registration apply (see sections 1-4). Additional rules regarding DNA and parentage testing also apply.

Please refer to the DNA Testing section for more information.

- i. The covering preceding Embryo Transfer should be dealt with by the procedures required for their natural mating or Artificial Insemination, as appropriate. Both stages of the embryo transfer – the extraction from the donor mare and the introduction to the host mare must be carried out by a Veterinary Surgeon, and with appropriately designed certification. Appropriate records should be kept in the same way for Embryo Transfer foalings as for A.I.
- ii. In order to register foals bred via the process of Embryo Transfer (E. T.), the breeder must first obtain a permit for the donor mare from the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook. This must be requested from the office per mare, per year. The permit will name the donor mare and the host mare and must also specify the stallion which will be used to sire the foal. **It must be renewed annually for every year the mare is intended to be used in an E. T. scheme.**
- iii. Mares and stallions to be used in Embryo Transfer schemes **MUST** be DNA profiled before undertaking the Embryo Transfer process. In the case of stallions, they must be DNA profiled and licenced in accordance with the rules, and in the case of mares they must be DNA profiled in order that parentage testing of their foals can be effected. See section on DNA Testing for more information.
- iv. The Embryo Transfer form should be requested from the office. The name of both the donor mare (genetic dam) and host mare must be included, as well as the genetic sire of the foal, and whether the conception was by Artificial Insemination or natural covering. The Veterinary Surgeon or approved person overseeing the extraction of the embryo and implantation into the host mare must complete this form, which must be submitted with the registration form for the foal. If the covering preceding the Embryo Transfer was via A. I., then the relevant rules for A.I. should also be followed, including the use of the Society A. I. form which must also accompany the foal registration.
- v. Before registration of the foal, it must be identified by a veterinary surgeon on the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook's **Embryo Transfer Registration Form**. This should be requested from the office. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will require a full parentage test to be completed for foals conceived by E. T.. The genetic sire and dam must be DNA typed for this, in advance. The registration will only be accepted if no exclusion occurs when parentage comparison is effected with the sire and dam. Both the E. T. form, service certificate (and the A. I. form if applicable) must accompany this registration application. A copy of the E. T. permit for the mare must also accompany this application.
- vi. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook does not allow the sale of the frozen embryos. Mare owners partaking in Embryo Transfer schemes **MUST NOT** sell the frozen embryos from their mares. Additionally, the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook does not permit any host mares carrying transferred embryos, or the donor mare herself to be sold during the pregnancy. If such occurs, then the resultant foal shall be ineligible for registration in the studbook.
- vii. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook imposes a strict limit on the number of Embryo Transfers

and live foals per mare, per year. **No more than one Embryo Transfer, and one live foal are allowed per mare, per year.** If more than two foals are bred from the mare in a year, then the resultant foals shall **all** be ineligible for registration in the studbook.

13 – GENETIC CLONING

Genetic cloning is not allowed or authorised by the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook. Under no circumstances will the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook allow registration or recognition of an animal produced by genetic cloning.

14 – MICROCHIPPING

It is now a legal requirement across the U.K. for all equines to be microchipped, regardless of when they were born and/or registered. Any equine that has not previously been microchipped must have a microchip implanted by a veterinary surgeon, and the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook must be notified.

- i. Equines born and registered before July 2009 were not required to be microchipped at birth but **MUST** now be microchipped by law. Please notify the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook, who will then update it's records on receipt of the correctly completed Microchip Update form which can be downloaded from the website or requested from the office. If an animal born and registered before July 2009 has previously been microchipped, and the barcode sticker attached to the passport and stamped and signed by a veterinary surgeon, then the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook must be notified of this by way of scanning the page(s) in the passport, emailing or posting them to the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook and paying the update fee if this has not already been done. If the owner is unsure if this has previously been done, they can get in touch with the office who can confirm if the microchip number has been recorded. Please see the website for current prices for services.
- ii. If a microchip previously implanted ceases to function, then the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook requires a veterinary surgeon to insert a new microchip, after thoroughly scanning the horse to ensure the microchip has not moved position within the body. If the passport cannot be amended (e.g. for passports issued since 2015 where sections are laminated), the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will require the veterinary surgeon to complete a Passport Amendment form, including the location and barcode sticker of the newly implanted microchip. The existing passport must be sent to the office along with the correctly completed application form and fee. For those passports that cannot be amended (passports issued since 2015 where sections are laminated), then the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will issue a Duplicate passport (if the insertion point of the defunct microchip is not clear on the existing passport), or a New Reissue (retaining previous food chain status) if it is clear.

15 - RE-ISSUING AND RE-PRINTING PASSPORTS

The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook can, upon request re-issue (re-print) passports if the need arises. This can include where a passport becomes damaged or defaced but remains intact and legible, if a passport runs out of transfer of ownership, vaccination or other required pages, the animal is re-microchipped, or if another amendment is required to the passport, such as a change of section owing to height, or if the colour or markings of the animal changes.

- i. **In all cases, the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook requires the correctly completed, current Passport Amendment application form to be submitted. The markings, description, and microchip number must be verified on the form by a veterinary surgeon who should complete the form in the required places. All applications must be completed on the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook forms. We cannot accept applications made on forms produced by other Passport Issuing Offices.** Incomplete or incorrect applications received will be rejected and returned to the sender to enable corrections to be made. Please see the website or get in touch with the office for more details and current prices for this service.
- ii. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook will in all cases produce a new passport and carry over any required pages into the Non-Statutory section of the new passport in order that those records are not lost (e.g. vaccination pages). Regrettably, the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook cannot include previous ownership records due to GDPR. The food chain status on a re-issued passport will match that of the original, so if the animal has already been irreversibly signed out of the food chain, then this will be continued over onto the reprinted passport.

16 - DUPLICATE PASSPORTS.

The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook can, upon request, issue duplicate passports for animals that are registered with the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook when the previous passport has been lost, or damaged beyond the point of clear identification, so long as the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook can match the supplied animal's details to an existing registration record either by the microchip number or by the colour and markings of the animal. If this cannot be accurately verified, then the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook reserves the right to refuse the application and instead instruct the owner to apply for an ID-Only 'Replacement Passport'. See EquiCymru Section for more information.

- i. It is a government-set requirement that the animal's markings **MUST** be verified by a veterinary surgeon for all applications for a duplicate passport. **To issue a duplicate passport, the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook requires the correctly completed, current Duplicate Passport application form to be submitted. The markings, description, and microchip number must be verified on the form by a veterinary surgeon who should complete the form in the required places. All applications must be completed on the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook forms. We cannot accept applications made on forms produced by other Passport Issuing Offices.** Incomplete or incorrect applications received will be rejected and returned to the sender to enable corrections to be made. Please see the website or get in touch with the office for more details and current prices for this service.

- ii. A duplicate passport will also be issued in the case of animals that have been re-microchipped, where the passport cannot be amended and where the insertion point of the previous defunct microchip was not clear.
- iii. Once a duplicate passport has been issued, any previous passport(s) for that animal become invalid, and if subsequently found, must be returned to the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook for invalidation.
- iv. By law, any passport that is produced which is issued more than twelve months after the date of birth of the foal **MUST** be marked as 'duplicate' and the animal irreversibly signed out of the food chain.

17 - TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

It is the responsibility of the **purchaser** to submit the passport to the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook for transfer of ownership **within 30 days of their purchase of the animal**.

- i. To complete a transfer of ownership with the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook, we require you to complete a transfer of ownership form and/or the appropriate section inside the passport:
 - a. If it is a passport issued from 2025 onwards there is a transfer form in the back of the passport that needs to be completed fully by both the seller and the buyer. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook needs both the passport and the transfer form to be sent to the office to complete the transfer. For this style of passport, the new owner does not need to fill in the boxes inside the passport – the Society will do this as part of the transfer of ownership taking your details from the transfer form.
 - b. If the previous owner has not signed the passport or transfer form the buyer should supply alternative written confirmation such as a signed receipt of sale for the purchase.
- ii. For overseas transfers, it is possible to obtain an official embossed Transfer of Ownership Sticker, which is to be placed in the passport on the relevant page. This will be sent to the new owner on payment of the correct transfer of ownership fee, and submission of scans/photographs of the transfer of ownership section of the passport detailing the last recorded owner details, the signature of seller and the date of transfer. The sticker will be embossed with the logo and will include the name, address, and account number of the owner along with the name, UELN and microchip number of the pony and the Society's stamp and date of transfer.
 The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook also works with Welsh Pony & Cob Overseas Daughter Societies to offer this service and can complete the transfer of ownership for Pure and Part-Bred Welsh passported equines by working with the Daughter Society when the owner is registering the equine with that Overseas Society. Please contact the Society for more information or ask your local WPCS Overseas Daughter Society about this.
 This method has been developed as a safer means of completing a transfer of ownership for animals with Welsh Part-Bred Studbook passports that are resident overseas and outside of the U.K. (including NI) only, in light of difficulties arising with

posting equine passports overseas, particularly to Europe since Brexit.

- iii. Please see the website or get in touch with the office for current prices for transfer services. The transfer of ownership form can be downloaded from the website.

18 - POSTING PASSPORTS AND DOCUMENTS

The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook cannot take responsibility for any lost passport that has been despatched from the Office once it is in the hands of the mail service.

- i. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook strongly recommends all customers purchase an additional postage service or provide a self-addressed, pre-paid postage return envelope with all applications for passports, transfer of ownerships, and overstepping; wherever passport(s) need to be posted. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook can offer several services of additional postage (Signed For, Tracked or Special Delivery service) on request and when in receipt of the appropriate payment for these services.
- ii. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook also strongly recommends that customers send all documents and passports to the Welsh Part-Bred Studbook office by Tracked, Signed For, or Special Delivery services. Please ensure that you are sending the item(s) to the correct address. Please check the 'Get In Touch' page on the website for the correct address or confirm the address with the office. The Welsh Part-Bred Studbook cannot take responsibility for passports or documents sent incorrectly to the old address. If a passport is posted to the incorrect address and lost, then a duplicate passport must be applied for by the customer at their cost.

19 – EQUICYMRU ID-ONLY SERVICE

An animal in possession of an ID-only passport is not eligible to compete in affiliated Mountain and Moorland showing competitions, is not eligible to receive Welsh Pony and Cob Society medals and cannot be sold through Official WPCS Society sales.

- i. EquiCymru provides EquiPassports ID-only equine passports for equines who are not pedigree animals, who are bred or reside in the UK. The passport issuing office reports to the Welsh Government and is run under the auspices of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society. All equines must be passported by law and must be done so by 6 months of age or the 30th of November in the year of birth, whichever is the earliest. If you have an older equine who is not currently passported, then it is never too late to comply. Please contact EquiCymru and we will help you with the passporting process.
- ii. Passports are issued in accordance with the Welsh Government and DEFRA rulings. EquiPassports are an ID-Only equine passport.
Details included within the passport are as follows:
 - Registered Owner's Details
 - The Equine's Information
 - Markings and Silhouette
 - Microchip number and its position in the body.

The front of the passport application form may be completed by the owner, **but the back must be completed by a qualified veterinary surgeon.** Incomplete or incorrect applications received will be rejected and returned to the sender to enable corrections to be made.

- iii. **Foal Applications.** A passport application for a foal must be submitted by six months of age, or the 30th of November within its year of birth, whichever is earliest. Foals travelling without their dam or foster mother, being sold at a sale or being sent to slaughter require a passport before they can travel. Foals sold at foot with their dam at a sale must also be passported.
- iv. **Adult Applications.** Any equine with a passport application submitted more than 12 months from birth will by default be marked as a 'Replacement'. The equine will also be irreversibly signed out of the food chain due to the lack of medical records available.
- v. For a list of all services and forms please visit the EquiCymru website at <https://www.equicymru.co.uk>.

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