

## **UPDATE ON REGISTRY RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **HERDA**

### **MARES**

It is not compulsory for Mares to be tested for HERDA but the AQHA highly recommends that if your mare(s) contains lineage to Poco Bueno, then you might wish to consider having your mare(s) tested.

When breeding with a mare that has tested negative to HERDA, any future progeny out of this mare, that has been bred to a negative sire will not require HERDA testing.

If your mare(s) contains Poco Bueno lineage and you choose not to have the mare tested, then any progeny out of this mare will require HERDA testing prior to the registration being finalised.

### **HERDA RESULTS ON FILE**

If you have had your Stallion or Mares HERDA tested direct with Cornell University and we do not have the results on file, it would be appreciated if you could contact Cornell University and request that they send the results to us direct so that we can update your horses records in the Stud Book.

## **GENETIC TESTINGS**

1. **Update** – As our members are no doubt aware the Queensland University holds our entire database from blood typing to the present DNA data bank and the OLWS testing. Our HERDA and HYPP testing is done at Cornell University and Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute respectively. The AQHA are in the process of organizing a “one stop shop” were as the hair can be pulled and sent off to a central point for DNA, HERDA, HYPP and OLWS processing. As more information comes to light on this, we will continue to keep our members updated.
2. **Pulling the hairs** - For all genetic disorder tests and DNA parent validation testing, the owner/agent is able to pull the hair for testing in the presence of a witness. Where there are discrepancies notified, the horse/s must be retested and the hair/s must be pulled by a veterinarian

**HYPP & HERDA** - As of the 1st January 2009 any new registration applications received at the AQHA office regarding genetic testing for HYPPP & HERDA the following will apply: (this does not apply to Foundation Stock)

**HYPP** – If your horse does not carry the Impressive bloodlines, then your horse does not have to be HYPP tested. (this includes Imported horses)

**HERDA** – If your horse does not carry the Poco Bueno/Miss Taylor bloodlines, then your horse does not have to be HERDA tested. (this includes Imported horses)

All progeny by or out of a HERDA carrier must be tested for HERDA. If the result is N/Hr then that progeny can be registered.

**OLWS** – As of 1st January 2009 all Imported horses that carry excessive white markings must be tested for OLWS. If the result is positive then that horse must be spayed or gelded prior to registration.

Any Foundation Stock applications received where the horse displays excessive white markings, these horses will not be accepted into the AQHA Foundations Stock Records. All other applications for Foundation Recording must be tested for OLWS. If the results are positive then these horses will not be accepted into the Foundation Stock Records.

**GELDINGS** – Geldings who carry excessive white are not required to be OLWS tested if parent validated to two Studbook registered Quarter Horses.

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