

## **GVHS REGISTRATION POLICY and PROCEDURES**

The Gypsy Vanner Horse Society[GVHS] maintains the studbooks of purebred Gypsy Vanner Horses. A horse cannot be called a Gypsy Vanner Horse until it has met all the criteria for registration with the GVHS studbooks as it is from time to time amended. There will be two separate studbooks maintained by the GVHS, The Gypsy Vanner Studbook and The Gypsy Vanner Pre Studbook. All horse registered prior to April 1, 2009 are in The Gypsy Vanner Studbook.

### **I. REGISTRATION FOR HORSES WITH VERIFIABLE PARENTAGE**

- A. All horses who are sired by a registered purebred GVHS Gypsy Vanner stallion out of a purebred registered GVHS Gypsy Vanner mare, are eligible for registration upon receipt of a completed application, official DNA report, appropriate photographs, fees and all other registration requirements to satisfy entry into the GVHS Gypsy Vanner Studbook.
- B. All horses that are not sired by a GVHS Registered Gypsy Vanner sire and dam, but have verifiable parentage by DNA analysis conducted by an approved GVHS genetics laboratory, will be reviewed by the GVHS registration committee, and upon review and approval by the GVHS registration committee the eligible horse will be registered in the Gypsy Vanner Studbook maintained by the GVHS.
- C. To apply for registration to the Gypsy Vanner Studbook:
  - 1. Complete an official GVHS registration application
  - 2. Provide photographs as specified on the registration application
  - 3. Submit the proper fee[s]
  - 4. Submit the DNA sample suitable for official processing
  - 5. All other information as may be required to verify eligibility for registration

### **II. REGISTRATION FOR HORSES WITHOUT VERIFIABLE PARENTAGE**

- A. Any horse claiming to be a horse with Gypsy Vanner ancestry, yet with unverifiable DNA on either horse's sire or dam, or both, may apply for registration in the GVHS Pre-Studbook. A horse who has met the registration eligibility requirements and approved by the GVHS registration committee may be registered, and placed in the GVHS Pre Studbook until one of the following occur:
  - 1. Official DNA parentage verification is confirmed, at which time the horse is eligible to be advanced to the Gypsy Vanner Studbook.
  - OR
  - 2. The eligible horse must be 36 months or older, and be presented for an official GVHS Evaluation, receiving acceptable conformation and movement scores, is approved for transfer from the GVHS Pre Studbook into the Gypsy

Vanner Studbook. (this registration option is only available until 01/01/2014. See C below.)

- B. After 01/01/2014 (rev.03/21/2011) no offspring will be registered from any stallion that is exclusively registered in the GVHS Pre Studbook, unless or until the registered stallion advances to the Gypsy Vanner Studbook, under the prescribed qualifications for registrations. Retro-active registration of a stallion's get will be considered on a case by case basis, while applying the GVHS requirements for registration in the appropriate GVHS studbook.
- C. Effective January 1, 2014 (rev.03/21/2011) no horse with unverifiable DNA for parentage verification of their sire and/or dam, will be moved from the GVHS Pre Studbook into the Gypsy Vanner Studbook.
- D. An offspring from a mare in the GVHS Pre Studbook, sired by a stallion in the Gypsy Vanner Studbook may be eligible for registration in the GVHS Gypsy Vanner Studbook with confirmed DNA parentage verification and approval through the registration committee procedure.
- E. To be eligible to apply for advancement of registration from the GVHS Pre Studbook to the Gypsy Vanner Studbook the following minimum requirements must be met:
  - 1. Complete an official studbook advancement application
  - 2. Provide photographs as specified on the application
  - 3. Satisfactory rating at an official GVHS conformation/movement evaluation .
  - 4. Submit the proper fee[s]
  - 5. Return the Pre Studbook Certificate
- F. Upon receipt of the complete application, the Registrar will communicate the registration photographs to Registration Committee members. The Registration Committee members will only see the photos and assigned number, and information regarding the sire and dam of the horse if known. The Registration Committee will not be provided information such as, owner, importer, or name of the horse. The Registrar will receive written confirmation of the Registration Committee members accepting or denying studbook transfer. If the horse is approved, the Registrar will prepare and record the registration in the purebred Gypsy Vanner Studbook and issue the new certificate to the recorded owner.
- G. Effective 01/01/2011 any horse under the age of 3 years, with one or both parents not qualified by DNA, will be issued a Temporary Certificate of Registration. Upon reaching 3 years of age the horse can apply for permanent registration into the Pre-Stud Book. If DNA becomes available to prove parentage the horse can apply for immediate permanent registration into the Gypsy Vanner Stud book. Any temporary registration will expire on the horses fifth birthday if they have

not applied for permanent registration. To go from temporary to permanent registration, the temporary registration certificate, temporary to permanent registration form, and fee must be submitted, and the horse must be approved by the registration committee. (rev.02/27/10)

### **III. Artificial Insemination (AI) and Transported Semen**

- A. Types.** On-Premise and Off-Premise (Transported Semen) Artificial Insemination includes the use of fresh extended, fresh cooled, and/or frozen semen.
- B. Transported Semen.** Breeding by the use of transported semen refers to any breeding by artificial insemination that takes place at a location other than the premises where the stallion whose semen is used is standing
- C. Frozen Semen of Deceased Stallion Use Permitted.** The use of frozen semen of a deceased stallion will be permitted indefinitely after the stallion is deceased. The stallion must be registered in the Gypsy Vanner Studbook, with official DNA recorded before his death. The owner of the stallion must provide the date of death of the stallion along with the original Certificate of Registration to the Society. The original Certificate of Registration will be returned to the owner of the deceased stallion after the front of the certificate is marked "Deceased".

1. **Only GVHS Registered Mares May be Used.** Only GVHS registered mares at the time of breeding will be eligible for breeding with frozen semen from a deceased stallion.
2. **Owner of Stallion at Death Responsible for Stallion Breeding Reports Involving Frozen Semen.** The recorded owner of the stallion at the time of death is responsible for the filing, and the fees associated with, the Stallion Breeding Report for any breeding in which frozen semen is used. All other rules governing Stallion Breeding Reports apply.
3. **Signature of Breeder's Certificate Involving Use of Deceased Stallion's Frozen Semen.** The signature of the recorded owner or authorized agent of the recorded owner of the stallion at the time of death will be required on the Breeder's Certificate. The recorded owner or authorized agent of the recorded owner of the stallion at the time of death is the only person allowed to sign the Stallion Breeding Reports.
4. **Signature Genetic Information on File; Qualification of Offspring.** Genetic DNA profile information must be on file for the deceased stallion and any mare bred using the frozen semen of the deceased stallion. An applicant horse must qualify as an offspring of the both the reported sire and dam as determined by a laboratory approved by the Association.

### **IV Frozen Semen of Gelding.**

- A. Use Permitted.** The use of frozen semen of geldings will be permitted indefinitely after the date of castration. The gelding must be registered in the Gypsy Vanner Studbook before castration. The original Certificate of Registration along with the date of castration must be submitted to the

Society. Proper notation will be made to the Certificate of Registration without charge and returned to the recorded owner showing the horse as a gelding.

- B. **Only Registered Mares May be used.** Only mares registered with the Society at the time of breeding will be eligible for breeding with frozen semen from a gelding.
- C. **Owner of Semen Responsible for Stallion Breeding Reports Involving Frozen Semen.** The recorded owner of the frozen semen will be responsible for the filing and fees of the Stallion Breeding Reports. A separate Stallion Breeding Report will be required of each owner/purchaser of the semen. Each Stallion Breeding Report filed by different owners/purchasers of the frozen semen will be treated individually. If a Stallion Breeding Report is filed late, the late fee will be charged to the person filing the report. All other rules governing Stallion Breeding Reports will apply.
- D. **Recorded Owner of Gelding Responsible for Stallion Breeding Reports Involving Frozen Semen.** The recorded owner at of the gelding at the time of breeding will be responsible for the filling and fees of the Stallion Breeding Reports. If a Stallion Breeding Report is not filed on time, the late fees will be the responsibility of the recorded owner of the gelding at the time of breeding.
- E. **Signature of Breeder's Certificate Involving use of Gelding's Frozen Semen.** The signature of the recorded owner or authorized agent of the gelding at the time of breeding will be required on the Stallion Breeding Report and Breeder's Certificate portion of a Registration Application.
- F. **Genetic Information on File; Qualification of Offspring.** Genetic DNA profile information must be on file for the gelding and any mares bred using frozen semen. All applicant offspring of the gelding must qualify as an offspring of both the reported "sire" and dam as determined by a laboratory approved by the Society.

## V Embryo Transfer

**General Definition.** Embryo transfer is the transfer of an embryo from its genetic dam, known as the donor mare, to another mare, known as the recipient mare that acts as the host and carries the foal.

- a. **Status Noted on Certificate of Registration.** If the applicant horse is the result of an embryo transfer it may be noted on the registration certificate.
- b. **Use of Frozen Ovum Permitted.** The use of a frozen ovum, or egg, of a deceased mare will be permitted indefinitely after the mare is deceased. The deceased mare must have been registered with the Society at time of death. The recorded owner of the mare must provide the date of death of the mare along with the original Certificate of Registration to the Society. The original Certificate of Registration will be returned to the owner of the deceased mare after the front of the certificate is marked "Deceased".
- c. **Only Registered Stallions May be used.** Only stallions registered in the Gypsy Vanner Horse Studbook at the time of breeding are eligible for breeding with the frozen ovum of a deceased mare.

- d. **A permit** must be obtained from the GVHS prior to each embryo transfer. A fee will be charged for each embryo transfer permit after the first permit is issued. If a permit is not obtained prior to the embryo transfer and prior to submitting the registration application, the permit fee will be doubled. Permits will only be issued through 12/31/2011, after that time ET enrollment is required, during 2011 the mare owner can choose either permit or enrollment (rev. 11/2010).
- e. **ET Enrollment** Effective 01/01/2011 Mares to be used for Embryo Transfer must be enrolled with the GVHS, using the Embryo Transfer Enrollment Form, prior to collection of an embryo. One enrollment per mare, per year is required regardless of the number of embryos to be collected. Both the genetic sire and dam must be registered in the Gypsy Vanner studbook in order to be registered.
- f. **Signature of Breeder's Certificate Involving Use of Frozen Ovum.** The signature of the recorded owner of the deceased genetic dam at the time of breeding will be required on the Breeder's Certificate portion and Ownership section of a Registration Application. If there is a Transfer of Ownership of the foal at the time of registration, the recorded owner of the deceased genetic dam will be required in the Transfer section of the Registration Application.
- g. **Genetic Information on File; Qualification of Offspring.** Genetic DNA information must be on file with the Society for the deceased mare and any stallion breeding to the frozen ovum of the deceased mare. All applicant horses must qualify as an offspring of both the reported sire and dam as determined by a laboratory approved by the Society.

**VI. Cloned Foals.** Cloned horses are not eligible for registration.

**VII Cryptorchid Stallions.** The use of cryptorchid[mono and bilateral cryptorchid] stallions for breeding is prohibited. No offspring from a cryptorchid stallion will be accepted for registration.

### **VIII Registered Names**

- A. The complete name of a horse must not exceed thirty-five (35) spaces, inclusive of prefix, letters, punctuation marks, and blanks.
- B. A complete name which has been previously recorded for a registered Gypsy Vanner Horse cannot be used.
- C. No names will be accepted that are deemed to be offensive.
- D. The Registrar may refuse to accept a name that it deems to be confusingly similar to a name or prefix previously recorded or to be otherwise unsuitable
- E. A previously used name followed by "Second," "Third," or "Junior," etc., can be used.
- F. Numerical symbols cannot be used in the name of a horse.
- G. A horse's name may not be changed once the horse has been registered except as allowed in section XII below.

- H. If the application is for an imported horse the name submitted can be different from the name on the passport or other import documents. If there is a passport for the imported horse a copy of it must be submitted with the registration application. If no passport was required for import, a copy of other importation paperwork can be submitted.

## **IX. REGISTERED PREFIXES**

A registered prefix is a name, word, letters, or combinations of these, preceding a name, recorded with the Registrar and used exclusively by the owners of Gypsy Vanner Horses for the purpose of distinguishing horses bred by them from those of other Gypsy Vanner Horse breeders.

The Gypsy Vanner Horse Society will record and recognize exclusive use of a prefix for registration purposes providing:

- A. The word(s) selected as a proposed prefix cannot be the complete name of a registered Gypsy Vanner Horse.
- B. The prefix applicant shall not have another registered prefix on record with the Registrar.
- C. The prefix application has been correctly completed and submitted with the appropriate fee.
- D. The Registrar does not deem the prefix to be confusingly similar to a name or prefix previously recorded or otherwise unsuitable.
- E. The prefix will be included in the 35 character limit that can be used in the name on the registration.
- F. A prefix can only be owned by one person or farm and cannot be transferred.
- G. A prefix must be unique and must not be too similar to one already in use. The Gypsy Vanner Horse Society reserves the right to approve or deny registration or use of any prefix.
- H. No prefix considered offensive in anyway will be approved.
- I. Registration of a prefix by The Gypsy Vanner Horse Society protects it from being used by others when registering Gypsy Vanner horses. It does not protect the name beyond the Gypsy Vanner Horse Society use.
- J. The registration of a prefix does not supersede the US laws concerning trademarks or certification marks.
- K. A name, word, letter, or combination of these, preceding a name, not recorded as a prefix with the Registrar, may be used by other breeders, until registered for the exclusive use of one breeder.
- L. A registered prefix can only be used by the recorded owner of that prefix. The recorded owner of a prefix may grant permission, in writing and on file with the Registrar, to designated person(s) to allow use of that prefix.
- M. If a person (or Farm) purchases a prefix it then must be used as the prefix of the name when registering all foals bred by the person (or Farm).

## **X. CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION**

- A. The original Certificate of Registration will be issued in the name of the person who was the recorded owner or recorded lessee of the dam at the time of foaling or in the name of the person designated by the recorded owner or the recorded lessee.
- B. Foals pre-sold in utero, or sold as embryo transfers, will still be considered owned and bred by the owner of the dam, and a transfer of ownership must be made.
- C. A Certificate of Registration is a certification of information contained in the records of the Registrar.
- D. The Registrar will issue registration numbers in consecutive order, based upon the order in which the applications are processed by the Registrar.

## **XI. TRANSFER OF RECORD OF OWNERSHIP**

To transfer the recorded ownership of a registered horse, the original certificate of registration shall be returned and a transfer form correctly completed, properly signed and the appropriate fee must be submitted to the Registrar upon every change of ownership of the horse.

Whenever legal title of a registered horse passes to another person by reason of death of the recorded owner, foreclosure of any lien, by any order or decree of court, or otherwise by operation of law, the Registrar may transfer the registration of the subject horse to the new owner:

- A. Upon court order of competent jurisdiction or other satisfactory proof of authority for the transfer.
- B. Upon payment of the transfer fee.
- C. Upon satisfaction of such other requirements as may be required by the GVHS Board of Directors.

## **XII DUPLICATE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES**

Duplicate Registration Certificates may be issued, providing:

- A. Satisfactory proof of loss, destruction, or other reason for the unavailability of the original Certificate is provided.
- B. An official Register application for a Duplicate Registration Certificate has been correctly completed and submitted by the owner to the Registrar.
- C. Clear, discernible color photographs of the horse individually labeled with the name, registration number, date of birth, coat color, sex, markings, and date the photograph was taken. Photographs must show:
  - Full views of the left, right, front, and rear of the horse. In order to show all markings, photographs must include all four legs, left and right side views of the body, front view of the head, and rear view of the hindquarters.
- D. By the issuance of a Duplicate Registration Certificate all prior certificates of the horse are declared null and void.

### **XIII NAME CHANGE**

A horse's name may be changed one time per the life of the horse by the recorded owner if:

1. The horse has not been shown in a sanctioned GVHS show.
2. The horse has no registered offspring.
3. A registered prefix is not removed or added.
4. The horse has not been previously registered with another registry
5. The original Certificate of Registration is returned along with the name change request, applicable fee, and a letter from the original owner/breeder agreeing to the name change.
6. The new name must meet the requirement of subsection VII above.
7. Pay the name change fee.

### **XIV. BREEDING RECORDS**

- A. All stallion owners must submit a stallion breeding report to the Registrar on the form provided by the Gypsy Vanner Horse Society. This record must be postmarked by January 31 (rev. 02/2010) of each year or a late fee will be charged.
- B. The stallion owner must provide to the owner of each mare bred a breeding certificate as provided by the Gypsy Vanner Horse Society.
- C. Frozen semen can be used while the stallion is alive and for an unlimited time after stallions death.

### **XV. DEATH**

Upon the death of a registered Gypsy Vanner Horse the original registration certificate must be returned to the registrar within 90 days. The certificate will be recorded with the date of death and returned to the final owner of the deceased animal. The date will also be recorded in the permanent records of the registry.

### **XVI. LEASE AGREEMENTS**

A copy of all lease agreements must be filed with the Registrar with the following:

- A. Registration name and number of the horse being leased.
- B. Names and addresses of lessor(s) and lessee(s) clearly typed or printed.
- C. Beginning and termination dates of the lease. If termination date is "until further notice," so state.
- D. The personal signatures of the lessor(s) and lessee(s).

**XVII. APPLICATION DENIAL**

- A. Any application for registration or transfer may be denied if it is not established to the satisfaction of the Registrar that all matters relating to the registration or transfer are in proper order.
- B. For any situation in which it appears that there may have been irregularities in connection with the registration or transfer of any horse, the Registrar may require the recorded owner(s) or recorded lessee(s) of that horse to furnish such blood type or DNA analysis reports and other documents relating to the circumstances of the registration or transfer. In the event of failure to furnish this information, the registration or transfer, as well as all entries that may have been made with respect to the descendants of that horse, may be expunged by the Board of Directors of the GVHS.
- C. The burden of proof for the registration or transfer of a horse is the responsibility of the applicant.
- D. If the registration or transfer is denied, the Registrar will send a notice to the owner in writing via mail or email, the reason for the denial. The Registration or Transfer process should result in the owner receiving an approval or denial letter within 60 days. Regardless if a horse is accepted for registration or denied, the fees are non refundable. A horse can be resubmitted for registration or transfer if the reasons for denial are resolved. In a re-application the fees will not have to be paid again.

**Registration Fee Schedule Effective April 1, 2009**

	Member	Non Member
Foaling date to 6 month birthday	\$ 100 *	\$ 150 *
After 6m birthday to 36 month birthday	\$ 125 *	\$ 175 *
After 36 month birthday	\$ 150 *	\$ 200 *
Apply for Studbook Transfer age 3 or older	\$ 50	\$ 100
Nominate mare for Embryo Transfer for the year. Effective 01/01/2011	\$ 100	\$ 150
Subsequent Embryo Transfer permits		
through 12/31/2011	\$ 25	\$ 50
	\$ 50	\$ 100

Change the name of a registered horse

\*All original registration fees are less \$25 if a DNA report is already on file with U K and is submitted with the registration application.