

#### PREFIX RULES:

1. The word(s) selected as a proposed prefix cannot be the complete name of a registered Gypsy Vanner Horse.
2. The applicant can only have one active prefix.
3. The prefix application has been correctly completed and submitted with the appropriate fee.
4. The Registrar does not deem the prefix to be confusingly similar to a name or prefix previously recorded or otherwise unsuitable.
5. The prefix will be at least 2 spaces and will be included in the 40 character limit that can be used in the name on the registration. A number may be used in a prefix but not in the horses name following.
6. A prefix can only be owned by one person or farm and cannot be transferred, except In instances of herd or dispersal sales where all or a large part of a herd is sold to one purchaser, the herd prefix may be transferred to the new owner(s) upon written permission of the prefix owner and approval of the BOD.
7. The Gypsy Vanner Horse Society reserves the right to approve or deny use of any prefix.
8. No prefix considered offensive in anyway will be approved.
9. 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.
10. The registration of a prefix does not supersede the US laws concerning trademarks or certification marks.
11. 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.
12. 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 allow an immediate family member in the same household to allow use of that prefix.
13. 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).
14. Every animal bred by the prefix owner shall be named using their registered prefix
15. The breeder is considered to be the person who owns or leases the dam at the time of breeding of the mare. (Dec 2020)
16. Animals sold in utero will use the prefix of the owner of the dam. (Dec 2020)
17. The words Vanner, Romany, and Gypsy can not be used alone as a prefix.
18. Horses that were named prior to registration of a prefix can have the prefix added to their current name by submitting a name change form. This includes horses that may already have registered offspring. Name change fee applies. This does not count as the “one time only” name change. (Dec 2020)
19. Horses that are submitted for a name change and the breeder has subsequently registered a prefix, that prefix is required to be added to the new name. (Dec 2020)