



Cumann Lucht Capaillíní Chonamara

CONNEMARA PONY BREEDERS' SOCIETY

**STUDBOOK AND INSPECTION
RULES**

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The main objectives of the Connemara pony Breeders Society in relation to Studbook and Inspection rules are.

- To encourage the breeding of Connemara Ponies, their development and maintenance as a distinctive breed.
- To continue and develop the aims and objectives of the said Connemara Pony Breeders Society in Ireland and elsewhere.
- To inspect ponies offered for classification.
- To publish a studbook.

1 General

- 1.1 Only ponies that have both their sire and dam already registered in the Connemara Pony Stud Book are eligible for registration in the studbook.

2. Stallion Returns

- 2.1 Owners of registered stallions must maintain details of all registered mares served by the stallion in that year, showing the registration number of the mare, date of service and dates of repeat services. Mare owners should ensure details of service are recorded by the stallion owner on the mares passport and duly certified.

3 Procedures for foal registration

- 3.1 A parentage testing kit must be applied for within six months of the foal's birth. Late notification to be subject to a late registration fee (as decided by Council).
- 3.2 All foals must be Parentage Tested before registration. Accordingly on receipt of notification of the birth of the foal a Parentage Testing Kit Application Form is forwarded to the breeder.
- 3.3 When the form is returned together with the appropriate fee and covering certificate from the Stallion owner a Parentage Testing Kit and Microchip will be sent to the breeder.
- 3.4 The taking of the blood sample and microchipping of the foal (and the dam if not already Parentage Tested) must be carried out by a Veterinary surgeon who will also take the markings of the foal.
- 3.5 A Lifetime Document will be issued to the owner in respect of a foal for which Parentage Testing has verified its parentage. However a Lifetime Document will not be issued where it has come to the notice of the Society that the owner has declared an incorrect Sire or dam. The society reserves the right, at any time, to verify the parentage through blood typing/DNA tests
- 3.6 The Lifetime Document/foal certificate for a foal entered in the Studbook of the Connemara Pony breeders Society applies to a pony that has not reached the minimum inspection age of two years old. The Lifetime Document remains the property of the Connemara Pony Breeders Society
- 3.7 The Lifetime Document/foal certificate must be returned to the Society upon change of ownership together with a transfer of ownership form duly completed by the purchaser and seller, together with the appropriate fee.

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- 3.8 The Lifetime Document/foal certificate must be returned to the Society where a pony is leased together with details of the name, address of the Leaser & Lessee & the commencement date of lease, the duration of the lease and the appropriate fee.
- 3.9 If a pony dies the Document/foal certificate must be returned to the Connemara Pony Breeders Society with the date of death endorsed.
- 3.10 Where a Lifetime Document/foal certificate is lost/ mislaid or accidentally destroyed, a duplicate Document will only be issued upon receipt of a sworn affidavit, an undertaking of indemnity, proof of pony's identify through DNA sampling and payment of the appropriate fee. If the Lifetime document is subsequently found, the Duplicated Document issued must be returned immediately to the Society
- 3.11 When breeding details of a pony have been submitted to the Society which are subsequently found to be incorrect the Society reserves the right to withdraw the registration and associated documentation, which is the property of the Society, immediately.

4 Lifetime Document / Passports

- 4.1 The passport is the lifetime document of identification for the pony and remains the property of the Connemara Pony Breeders Society. If the document is lost, mislaid or accidentally destroyed a duplicate document will only be issued on confirmation of DNA and/or Microchip number (if microchip was inserted at time of bloodtyping), receipt of a sworn affidavit, an undertaking of indemnity and payment of the appropriate fee.
If the original document is found the duplicate document must be returned to the Society immediately.
- 4.2 All official details relating to the pony viz. height measurements, coverings, vaccinations etc. must be recorded in the passport
- 4.3 The passport must be returned to the Society upon change of ownership together with a transfer of ownership form completed by the seller and the purchaser and the appropriate fee. When the necessary amendments have been made in the Society's records the passport will be returned to the current owner
- 4.4 The Passport must be returned to the Society where a pony is leased together details of the name and address of the Leaser & Lessee, the commencement date of lease, the duration of the lease and the appropriate fee.
- 4.5 Upon the death of a registered pony the Society must be notified immediately and the Lifetime Document/Passport returned with date of decease noted thereon.

6 Studbook

The Studbook is divided into three classes.

6.1 Class 1

Class 1 contains male and female ponies that are a minimum of two years of age. These ponies must meet all of the following five criteria to qualify for Class 1:

- Both parents must have been presented for Inspection
- Both parents must have passed a veterinary Inspection
- Measure 128cms to 148cms inclusive
- Pass a visual Inspection
- Pass a veterinary Inspection

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6.2 **Class 2**

Class 2 contains male and female ponies that are a minimum of two years of age. Ponies must meet the following criteria to qualify for Class 2:

- Both parents must have been presented for Inspection
- Both parents must have passed a veterinary Inspection
- Pass a veterinary Inspection

Ponies must also meet any one of the following criteria:

- Blue Eyed Creams that have been presented for Inspection and pass a veterinary Inspection.
- Measure under 128cms or over 148cms
- Have failed a visual Inspection

6.3 **Class 3**

All foals when parentage tested are entered in Class 3. In order to move to a higher class ponies must be presented for Inspection at a minimum of two years of age subject to both parents having been presented for Inspection and both parents having passed a veterinary Inspection. Ponies that are not presented for Inspection will remain in Class 3 as will their progeny. Also included in this class is any pony that fails the veterinary Inspection.

6.4 The International Section of the studbook contains particulars of ponies from approved overseas societies. This section is divided into stallions, mares, and geldings. These ponies retain their original documents from their country of origin. The progeny of these ponies, on inspection, are eligible for entry into all sections of the studbook.

7 Application for inspection for Classification

7.1 Where a pony has reached the minimum age for inspection for classification and the owner desires to have the pony inspected, he/she should apply to the society's offices prior to inspection for an application form. The Foal certificate/ Lifetime Document for the pony in question must be registered in the owner's name before the closing date for applications. (See: *Procedures for Inspection for Classification* at Appendix A).

8 Inspection Procedure

8.1 No pony will be inspected unless a fully completed application form is received in the Society's office before the closing date for inspections. No application will be accepted unless accompanied by the fee fixed by the Society. The Society will not undertake the inspection of any Connemara unless a fully completed application form has been received and accepted in accordance with the society's Rules of Registration by the Society Secretary or person representing the Secretary.

8.2 The Societies Inspectors will inspect ponies and points will be awarded to each pony for characteristics including Type, Conformation and Athletic Ability, for classification within the Society studbook.

8.3 All colts, that are visually inspected, will have a full Veterinary soundness examination, be sketch marked and measured at the inspection Centre, by the Society's Veterinary Surgeon. The Colt owner is liable for the cost of this examination.

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- 8.4 All fillies & Geldings, that are visually inspected, will be sketch marked and measured at the inspection Centre, by the Society's Veterinary Surgeon.
- 8.5 A copy of the result of the inspection will be issued to the owner on the day of inspection and will include the total points received at the inspection under the categories marked by the inspectors.
- 8.6 Where a pony does not receive sufficient points for entry into Class 1 of the Society studbook at inspection they are entitled to be presented at subsequent inspections.
- 8.7 There is no limit to the number of times a pony may be presented for inspection.
- 8.8 Submission of the application form to the Connemara Pony breeders' Society means that an applicant is willing to abide by the rules and regulations of the Connemara Pony Breeders Society and their inspection team.

9 Inspections

- 9.1 Ponies will be inspected for classification within the Studbook.
- 9.2 The Council shall appoint an Inspection Committee annually who shall be responsible for organising and arranging the classification inspections.
- 9.3 Ponies are inspected at selected centres, nominated by the Council, by the Societies Inspectors. All applicants will be notified of their inspection centre together with date and time of their pony's inspection.
- 9.4 A Foal Certificate/ Lifetime Document must be in the owners name and must be presented to the Chairman at the Inspection centre for each pony.
- 9.5 All ponies presented must be bridled and trained to lead in hand. The Inspectors will, for reasons of safety, refuse to inspect ponies, which are not under proper control.
- 9.6 The society reserve the right to DNA test any pony at the inspection centre to confirm parentage. Only ponies which have applied in accordance with the rules for inspection procedure will be inspected
- 9.7 In general, ponies that have not been passed as suitable for entry into Class 1 of the Society Studbook may be represented in subsequent inspections. The Society's inspectors reserve the right to decide which Class the pony may be entered into in the Society's studbook.
- 9.8 No person in charge of a pony, or associated with a pony at the time of the inspection, or subsequently, shall communicate with any member of the inspection team, their spouses or family members, except when replying to a question put to them by the Chairman of the Inspection team. The Society inspectors reserve the right to defer the Inspection of the pony until such time as the matter has been decided as per section 6.9. A pony that has been deferred will not be entitled to a further inspection until the matter has been fully resolved to the satisfaction of the Council.
- 9.9 No person attending the inspection, or subsequently, shall communicate with any member of the inspection team, their spouses or family members.
- 9.10 Any person who during the course of the inspection or subsequently, attempts to influence or intimidate members of the society inspection team, their spouses or

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family members, will be deemed to have brought the inspection procedure into disrepute and as such will be subject to a report to the Council as per 9.11. Furthermore, if this person is a registered owner of a pony presented for inspection the Inspection of their pony will be suspended until the matter is resolved.

- 9.11 Any person, who in the opinion of the Inspection panel, who is in breach of the Rules of Inspection will be the subject of a report at the next meeting of the Society Council.

10 Right of Appeal

Where an owner at inspection for classification has a query or complaint regarding the inspection procedure he/she should forward the complaint in writing to the Secretary. The Secretary in turn will forward it to the Chairman of the Inspection Committee, who will in conjunction with the Inspection Committee prepare a report for the Council. The Council having considered the report will inform the complainant in writing of the outcome of their deliberations. The complainant may appeal this decision to the Council who will then set up a sub-committee who will report back to Council on the matter. There will be no further appeal to the final decision of the Council. The complainant will be informed in writing of the final decision.

11 Non-Discrimination

- 11.1 The Society shall operate in a non-discriminatory fashion towards its members.

Procedures for Inspection for Classification 2008

1. Application Forms must be completed in Block Capitals (except signature).
2. The Society will inspect Colts of 3 years and over and Fillies and Geldings of 2 years and over.
The Lifetime Document Number **must** be entered on the application form.
3. **The Lifetime Document must be in the name of the owner at the date of application, otherwise the pony will not be inspected. No Pony will be inspected unless the owner has the correct Lifetime Document in his/her name at the inspection.**
4. Application forms must be fully completed and signed. **Applications will not be processed if the appropriate fee does not accompany the application form and/or the form is unsigned.**
[See Application Form for rates].
5. **Applications for Inspection for Classification must reach the Secretary on or before the 7th March 2008. No applications will be accepted after the closing date. Only ponies for which an application form has been received will be inspected.**
6. **Markings on a pony e.g flesh marks, socks etc. should not be concealed or altered.**
7. The Society's Inspectors will inspect each pony and all ponies will have their sketch marks and measurements taken at the inspection centre by the Society's Veterinary Surgeon.
8. A written result of points attained will be given to the owner on the day of the Inspection, as marked by the inspectors at the inspection.
9. All colts will be given a full Veterinary Examination by the Society's Veterinary Surgeon on the day of the inspection. Colts that do not attend the Veterinary Inspection will remain in Class 3. Such Colts will have to re-apply to the Society to have the colt re-classified. Colt owners will be liable for the fee for the Veterinary Inspection of the colt. All colts not previously microchipped will be microchipped by the vet on the day of Inspection at a reduced rate of ten euro per pony.
10. The submission of an application form, for Classification by the Connemara Pony Breeders' Society will be taken to indicate that the owner completing the application form is willing to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Connemara Pony Breeders' Society and the decision of the Inspection Committee.
11. Copies of the full "CPBS Studbook and Inspection Rules 2008" for Connemara Ponies are available from the Secretary at a charge of _10.
12. **PLEASE NOTE –COLTS WILL BE LOOSE JUMPED OVER A 2'9" HIGH JUMP WITH A 2'6" SPREAD TO ASSESS THEIR ATHLETIC ABILITY.**
13. The decision of the Inspection Team will be given to the owners on the day of Inspection and no pony owner can enter into discussion or approach any member of the Inspection Team.