

AUSTRALASIAN GYPSY HORSE SOCIETY BREED REGULATIONS



The current Rules and Regulations of the Australasian Gypsy Horse Society will apply to all Registrations.

1. GYPSY COB

A Gypsy Cob is defined as;

- [a]** A horse or pony whose sire and dam is recorded as a Gypsy Cob with the AGHS, APSB or other recognized society.

OR in the case of imported horses:

- [b]** A horse or pony imported to Australia from overseas.

[i] For registered horses or ponies, proof of a valid and recognized registration as a purebred Gypsy Cob with a recognized society.

[ii] For unregistered horses or ponies, proof of importation/passport must be lodged with each application.

[iii] DNA verification to Gypsy Cob parentage is encouraged but horses and ponies will not be refused registration without it if all other criteria are met.

- [c]** Regardless of country of origin, a copy of all importation documents/passport must be provided, plus DNA number or DNA Analysis Form & Sample, microchip number, and other registrations pertaining to the animal to accompany any application.

- [d]** Colour photographs clearly showing front, back and both sides of the animal must also accompany any application. [** See How_To_Take_Photos_for_Registration.pdf*]

- [e]** Each purebred Gypsy Cob foal bred in Australia or New Zealand must have the sire and dam registered as a Gypsy Cob with the AGHS, APSB or other recognised society prior to registration.

- [f]** The sire of those imported in utero (in dam) from overseas must be registered with a recognised society, with registration and DNA details provided for parentage verification.

[i] All foals imported in utero (in dam) must either be by a purebred Gypsy Cob that is approved as such by the AGHS Committee or if no sire information is available then the unregistered foal can be approved for registration as in **[c]** above.

[ii] Hairs from the sire for DNA typing and foal parentage verification should, if available, accompany all applications for registration.

- [g] All Gypsy Cobs imported or bred in Australia or New Zealand must be DNA typed and those bred in Australia or New Zealand must be parentage verified prior to registration as a Gypsy Cob.
 - [i] DNA Profile and Parentage Report may be supplied or submit the DNA Analysis Form & Sample to AGHS to be sent to the University of Kentucky for verification. Verification must be received prior to registration.
- [h] Applications to foal record male foals and adult record females from birth must be accompanied by an AGHS or APSB Stallion Service Certificate.
 - [i] In the event a Stallion Service Certificate cannot be obtained, DNA verification may be used upon application to the AGHS committee with the Stallion owner's written or verbal confirmation made directly to the committee of the Stallion Service.
- [i] All Gypsy Cob stallion registrations or adult upgrade forms for colts must be accompanied by a Certificate of Soundness completed by a qualified veterinarian.
- [j] All Gypsy Cobs imported or bred in Australia or New Zealand must be microchipped for identification. If bred in Australia or New Zealand all applications must include the breeders AGHS recorded prefix if one is recorded. Microchip number to be included on the registration certificate.
- [k] Application to register must be made on AGHS Application for Gypsy Cob Registration forms and forwarded with the appropriate fees and all paperwork [*See Form Checklist*] to the Secretary. Application to register will only be accepted from current financial members of the AGHS.
- [l] The Gypsy Cob will be allocated the prefix **GC** preceding their registration number.
- [m] There is no upper or lower height of the Gypsy Cob. They can be between 11 to 16 hands with the average height being 13.2.h.h to 15.2.h.h.
- [n] All colours and coat patterns are acceptable for a Gypsy Cob.

2. PART BRED GYPSY COB

A Part Bred Gypsy Cob is defined as;

- [a] A horse or pony with one parent recorded as a Gypsy Cob with the AGHS, APSB or other recognized society. *Colts, stallions, geldings, mares and fillies* are eligible for recording as an AGHS Part Bred Gypsy Cob.
- [b] Gypsy Cob Part Breds must have a minimum of **twenty –five per cent [25%]** Gypsy Cob blood through one parent recorded with the AGHS, APSB or other recognized society.
- [c] Colour photographs clearly showing front, back and both sides of the animal must also accompany any application. [** See How_To_Take_Photos_for_Registration.pdf*]

- [d]** Applications to record Part Bred Gypsy Cobs must be accompanied by an AGHS or APSB Stallion Service Certificate or other recognized society if the sire is of Gypsy Cob blood.
 - [i]** If the Gypsy Cob parentage is through the mare, a copy of the mare's registration from the AGHS, APSB or other recognized society must accompany the application.
 - [ii]** In the event a Stallion Service Certificate cannot be obtained, DNA verification may be used upon application to the AGHS committee with the Stallion owner's written or verbal confirmation made directly to the committee of the Stallion Service.
- [e]** All Part Bred Gypsy Cob stallion registrations or adult upgrade forms for colts must be accompanied by a Certificate of Soundness completed by a qualified veterinarian.
- [f]** All Part Bred Gypsy Cobs must be microchipped for identification. If bred in Australia or New Zealand all applications must include the breeders AGHS recorded prefix if one is recorded. Microchip number to be included on the registration certificate.
- [g]** Application to register must be made on AGHS Application for Part Bred Registration forms and forwarded with the appropriate fees and all paperwork *[See Form Checklist]* to the Secretary. Application to register will only be accepted from current financial members of the AGHS.
- [e]** The AGHS Part Bred Gypsy Cob will be allocated the prefix **GCX** preceding their registration number.
- [f]** There is no upper or lower height of the Part Bred Gypsy Cob.
- [g]** All colours and coat patterns are acceptable for a Part Bred Gypsy Cob.

3. Drum Horse

A Drum Horse is defined as;

- [a]** A horse whose sire and dam is registered as a Drum Horse with the AGHS or other recognized society.
- [b]** A horse whose sire and dam are registered Appendix Drum or Foundation Drum [Gypsy Cob, Clydesdale or Shire] with the AGHS and has a mature height of 16hh or taller, verified by a qualified veterinarian.

OR in the case of imported horses:
- [c]** A horse imported to Australia from overseas.
 - [i]** For registered horses, proof of a valid and recognized registration as a Drum Horse with a recognized society.

- [ii]** For unregistered Drum Horses, proof of importation/passport must be lodged with each application and a copy of parents' registrations from a recognized society.
 - [iii]** DNA verification to Drum Horse/Shire/Clydesdale/Gypsy Cob parentage.
 - [iv]** Meets all AGHS Drum Requirements
- [d]** Regardless of country of origin, a copy of all importation documents/passport must be provided, plus DNA number or DNA Analysis Form & Sample, microchip number, and other registrations pertaining to the animal to accompany any application.
- [e]** Drum Horses must have a minimum of **twelve and a half per cent** [12.5%] Gypsy Cob blood and a maximum of **seventy –five per cent** [75%] Gypsy Cob blood through one or both parents recorded with the AGHS, APSB or other recognized society.
 - [i]** Drum Horses may be registered as either Drum Horse or Part Bred Gypsy Cob but not both concurrently. A Part Bred Gypsy Cob that meets Drum Horse requirements can be transferred back to the Drum Horse registry using the appropriate paperwork.
- [f]** Colour photographs clearly showing front, back and both sides of the animal must also accompany any application. [** See How_To_Take_Photos_for_Registration.pdf*]
- [g]** The sire of those imported in utero (in dam) from overseas must be registered with a recognised society, with registration and DNA details provided for parentage verification.
 - [i]** All foals imported in utero (in dam) must meet Drum Horse /Appendix Drum/Foundation Drum requirements of the AGHS as in **[c]** above.
 - [ii]** Hairs from the sire for DNA typing and foal parentage verification must accompany all applications for registration.
- [h]** All Drum Horses imported or bred in Australia or New Zealand must be DNA typed and those bred in Australia or New Zealand must be parentage verified prior to registration as a Drum Horse.
 - [i]** DNA Profile and Parentage Report may be supplied or submit the DNA Analysis Form & Sample to AGHS to be sent to the University of Kentucky for verification. Verification must be received prior to registration.
- [i]** Applications to foal record male foals and adult record females from birth must be accompanied by an AGHS or other recognized society Stallion Service Certificate.
 - [i]** In the event a Stallion Service Certificate cannot be obtained, DNA verification may be used upon application to the AGHS committee with the Stallion owner's written or verbal confirmation made directly to the committee of the Stallion Service.
- [j]** All Drum Horse stallion registrations or adult upgrade forms for colts must be accompanied by a Certificate of Soundness completed by a qualified veterinarian.

- [k]** All Drum Horses imported or bred in Australia or New Zealand must be microchipped for identification. If bred in Australia or New Zealand all applications must include the breeders AGHS recorded prefix if one is recorded. Microchip number to be included on the registration certificate.
- [l]** Application to register must be made on AGHS Application for Appendix and Drum Horse Registration forms and forwarded with the appropriate fees and all paperwork [*See Form Checklist*] to the Secretary. Application to register will only be accepted from current financial members of the AGHS.
- [m]** Colts, stallions, geldings, mares and fillies are eligible for recording as an AGHS Drum Horse.
- [n]** The Drum Horse will be allocated the prefix **DH** preceding their registration number.
- [o]** A Drum Horse must have a minimum mature height of 16hh confirmed by a qualified veterinarian, there is no upper height limit.
- [p]** All colours and coat patterns are acceptable for a Drum Horse.

4. Appendix Drum Horse

An Appendix Drum Horse is defined as;

- [a]** A horse whose sire and dam are registered Appendix Drum or Foundation Drum [Gypsy Cob, Clydesdale or Shire] with the AGHS and has not yet made or will not make the mature height of 16hh or taller.

OR in the case of imported horses:

- [c]** A horse imported to Australia from overseas.
 - [i]** For registered horses, proof of a valid and recognized registration as a Drum Horse with a recognized society.
 - [ii]** For unregistered Drum Horses, proof of importation/passport must be lodged with each application and a copy of parents' registrations from a recognized society.
 - [iii]** DNA verification to Drum Horse/Shire/Clydesdale/Gypsy Cob parentage.
 - [iv]** Meets all AGHS Drum Requirements but has not yet made or will not make the mature height of 16hh or taller.
- [d]** Regardless of country of origin, a copy of all importation documents/passport must be provided, plus DNA number or DNA Analysis Form & Sample, microchip number, and other registrations pertaining to the animal to accompany any application.
- [e]** Appendix Drum Horses must have a minimum of **twelve and a half per cent [12.5%]** Gypsy

Cob blood and a maximum of **seventy –five per cent [75%]** Gypsy Cob blood through one or both parents recorded with the AGHS, APSB or other recognized society.

- [i] Appendix Drum Horses may be registered as either Appendix Drum Horse or Part Bred Gypsy Cob but not both concurrently. A Part Bred Gypsy Cob that meets Appendix Drum Horse requirements can be transferred back to the Appendix Drum Horse registry using the appropriate paperwork.
- [f] Colour photographs clearly showing front, back and both sides of the animal must also accompany any application. [** See How_To_Take_Photos_for_Registration.pdf*]
- [g] The sire of those imported in utero (in dam) from overseas must be registered with a recognised society, with registration and DNA details provided for parentage verification.

 - [i] All foals imported in utero (in dam) must meet Appendix Drum/Foundation Drum requirements of the AGHS as in [c] above.
 - [ii] Hairs from the sire for DNA typing and foal parentage verification must accompany all applications for registration.
- [h] All Appendix Drum Horses imported or bred in Australia or New Zealand must be DNA typed and those bred in Australia or New Zealand must be parentage verified prior to registration as a Drum Horse.

 - [i] DNA Profile and Parentage Report may be supplied or submit the DNA Analysis Form & Sample to AGHS to be sent to the University of Kentucky for verification. Verification must be received prior to registration.
- [i] Applications to foal record male foals and adult record females from birth must be accompanied by an AGHS or other recognized society Stallion Service Certificate.

 - [i] In the event a Stallion Service Certificate cannot be obtained, DNA verification may be used upon application to the AGHS committee with the Stallion owner's written or verbal confirmation made directly to the committee of the Stallion Service.
- [j] All Appendix Drum Horse stallion registrations or adult upgrade forms for colts must be accompanied by a Certificate of Soundness completed by a qualified veterinarian.
- [k] All Appendix Drum Horses imported or bred in Australia or New Zealand must be microchipped for identification. If bred in Australia or New Zealand all applications must include the breeders AGHS recorded prefix if one is recorded. Microchip number to be included on the registration certificate.
- [l] Application to register must be made on AGHS Application for Appendix and Drum Horse Registration forms and forwarded with the appropriate fees and all paperwork [*See Form Checklist*] to the Secretary. Application to register will only be accepted from current financial members of the AGHS.

- [m] Colts, stallions, geldings, mares and fillies are eligible for recording as an AGHS Appendix Drum Horse.
- [n] The Appendix Drum Horse will be allocated the prefix **DHA** preceding their registration number.
- [o] An Appendix Drum Horse must have a minimum mature height of 14.2hh confirmed by a qualified veterinarian, there is no upper height limit.
 - [i] If a registered Appendix Drum Horse matures to 16hh and is confirmed by a qualified veterinarian send the confirmation to the AGHS secretary and it will be transferred the Drum Horse registry. No fees will apply.
 - [i] If a registered Appendix Drum Horse matures under 14.2hh it will be transferred to the Part Bred Gypsy Cob registry. No fees will apply.
- [p] All colours and coat patterns are acceptable for a Drum Horse.

4. Foundation Drum Horse

A Foundation Drum Horse is defined as;

- [a] A horse who is registered Gypsy Cob, Clydesdale or Shire with the AGHS or other recognized society.
 - [i] Proof of a valid and recognized registration as a Gypsy Cob, Clydesdale or Shire with a recognized society.
- [b] Pure Bred Gypsy Cobs may be registered as both Pure Bred Gypsy Cob **and** Foundation Drum Horse with the AGHS.
 - [i] Pure Bred Gypsy Cobs must have a minimum height of 14.2hh verified by a qualified veterinarian to be eligible as a Foundation Drum Horse.
 - [ii] A registered Gypsy Cob may be registered Foundation Drum Horse using the appropriate paperwork as in [f]. There is no extra fee or requirement to resubmit Stallion Soundness Certificate to register as Foundation Drum Horse if already registered with the AGHS.
 - [iii] For Gypsy Cob stallions not currently registered with the AGHS the Stallion Soundness Certificate will need to accompany the appropriate paperwork and fees as in [f].
- [c] A Pure Bred Clydesdale or Shire may be registered as a Foundation Drum Horse with the AGHS.
 - [i] Pure Bred Clydesdales or Shires must have a minimum height of 16hh verified by a qualified veterinarian to be eligible as a Foundation Drum Horse.

- [ii]** A registered Clydesdale or Shire may be registered Foundation Drum Horse using the appropriate paperwork as in **[f]** and proof of a valid and recognized registration as a purebred Clydesdale or Shire with a recognized society.
- [d]** Colour photographs clearly showing front, back and both sides of the animal must also accompany any application. [** See How_To_Take_Photos_for_Registration.pdf*]
- [e]** All stallion registrations must be accompanied by a Certificate of Soundness completed by a qualified veterinarian.
 - [i]** Registered Gypsy Cob stallions with the AGHS will only require height verification by a qualified veterinarian.
- [f]** Application to register must be made on AGHS Application for Foundation Drum Stock forms and forwarded with the appropriate fees and all paperwork [*See Form Checklist*] to the Secretary. Application to register will only be accepted from current financial members of the AGHS.
- [g]** Stallions and mares are eligible for recording as AGHS Foundation Drum Horse.
- [h]** The Appendix Drum Horse will be allocated the prefix **DHF** preceding their registration number.
- [i]** A Foundation Drum Horse must have a minimum height of 14.2hh for Gypsy Cobs, or 16hh for Clydedales or Shires.
 - [i]** In the event the gypsy cob parent is over 16hh, the Clydesdale or Shire may be under 16hh but over 14.2hh. An application can be made to the committee for Foundation registration in this instance, but Gypsy Cob parentage would always need to be over 16hh in this situation.
- [j]** All colours and coat patterns are acceptable for a Drum Horse.

5. Embryo Transfer Regulations for Gypsy Cobs/Drum Horses

- [a]** Before a foal born as a result of Embryo Transfer may be registered with the AGHS, all the AGHS current rules for Registration will apply and in addition;
 - [i]** The stallion and mare used must be registered with the AGHS, the APSB or other recognized society and DNA typed before the commencement of any flushing. Cost to borne by the owner/lessee. If the stallion to be used is a resident outside Australia the stallion's DNA Profile must be provided to the AGHS.
 - [ii]** Before the commencement of any program, applications must be made to the AGHS Registrar for the official Embryo Transfer Record. This application must be made in writing, stating the animal's name, sire and dam, colour and date of birth [Forms available on application]

- [iii]** The Embryo Transfer Form must be duly completed by the Vet/Technician at the time of Embryo transfer and it is the responsibility of the mare owner to ensure a copy of the record is forwarded to the AGHS Secretary within 90 days of the Embryo Transfer.
- [iv]** Notation of any pregnancy result must be included on each Embryo Transfer Record.
- [v]** Embryos may be sold. Transfer of Embryo Form must be completed, together with a fee and forwarded to the AGHS secretary.
- [vi]** Only one successful Embryo to be registered from any one mare per year and one natural foal. In the event the mare is unable to carry a foal to term it will be permitted to register two Embryo Transfer foals from said mare. Verification of the mare's condition by a qualified veterinarian must accompany the Embryo Transfer Form in this instance.
- [vii]** The stallion and mare must be at least 24 months of age at the time of the Embryo Transfer.
- [b]** Application for registration of a resultant foal must be accompanied by mare owner's copy of the Embryo Transfer Record signed and completed by the Veterinary Officer or the Certified A.I Technician.
- [c]** A DNA Analysis Form & Sample must accompany the AGHS Application for Gypsy Cob Registration / AGHS Application for Appendix and Drum Horse Registration form and forward with the appropriate fees and all paperwork [*See Form Checklist*] to the Secretary. Application to register will only be accepted from current financial members of the AGHS.
- [d]** The Embryo Transfer foal must be registered by 4 to 6 months.
- [e]** The only prefix which may be applied to a foal that is born as a result of Embryo Transfer shall be deemed to be that of the owner of the embryo / foetus at birth.
- [f]** Should either of the parties involved wish to lodge an objection concerning the parentage of a resultant foal, they should do so in writing to the Registrar of the AGHS. At the same time they shall deposit the sum of \$220.00 [GST incl]. If on investigation, the objection is not sustained, the cost of the DNA typing will be deducted.

6. Registration of Horses Without Transfer

- [a]** In special circumstances, a horse owner may apply to the Executive Committee of the Australasian Gypsy Horse Society for the registration/transfer of a horse without the need for a transfer of ownership.

- [b]** To be eligible for this provision, the horse owner must
 - i. Be a current and financial member of the Australasian Gypsy Horse Society.
 - ii. Provide a statutory declaration confirming ownership and the date of purchase (date of final payment for the horse).
 - iii. Provide sufficient proof of purchase, which may include, but is not limited to, a bill of sale, invoice, or other documentation that clearly indicates the horse's previous ownership and the date of purchase.
 - iv. Evidence must be provided that the seller had agreed to provide registration papers to the new owner.

- [c]** The horse must also meet all eligibility requirements as outlined in the Society's breed regulations

- [d]** The Executive Committee shall review all applications submitted under this clause and reserves the right to approve or deny the application based on the provided documentation and the horse's eligibility.

- [e]** The decision of the Executive Committee is final and shall be communicated to the applicant in writing.