



## IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

### INSPECTION PROCESS FOR PUREBRED STALLIONS

#### NOTES FOR OWNERS

#### **Irish Draught Stallion Path to Inspection**

The process for approving a purebred Irish Draught stallion for breeding privileges is a rigorous one. Before inspection, the stallion must submit 20 x-ray views to a centralized veterinarian for approval and complete a full pre-veterinary health exam which includes endoscope, EVA and Coggins. Details of the pre-veterinary health exam are captured below. At inspection, purebred stallions will be seen by the veterinarian for identification, measurement and jogging for soundness, followed by evaluation by the Irish inspectors.

#### **Registered with IDHSNA**

The horse must be fully registered with IDHSNA to be eligible for inspection. DNA collection for verification of parentage is a part of the registration process.

#### **Digital X-rays**

Every stallion presented for inspection must have an official set of x-rays which have been approved by the IDHSNA designated veterinarian. X-rays may be taken at any time after January 1 of the stallion's 3-year-old year. The x-rays must be officially evaluated *within one year* of when they were taken. Once evaluated, the x-rays remain usable for inspection for the life of the stallion. Stallion owners may wish to have their x-rays evaluated prior to registering their stallion for inspection.

Stallion owners may also opt to have a pre-reading of the stallion's digital x-rays, prior to and separate from the official reading but utilizing the same IDHSNA designated veterinarian at the owner's expense. The pre-reading provides the stallion owner with valuable information on how the x-rays will be officially read for inspection. For a pre-reading, contact the designated veterinarian's office directly to inquire about current costs (paid directly to the veterinary practice) and submission information. *Only the stallion owner* will receive the results for the pre-reading of x-rays. The pre-reading is independent of the IDHSNA process and *is not required*.

This approval must be received in the IDHSNA Registrar's office and **postmarked by August 1<sup>st</sup>** of the inspection year directly from the approved veterinarian. If you don't proceed with your x-rays in the horse's three-year-old year, be sure to submit x-rays for evaluation early in the year you anticipate inspecting as it can take up to 1 month for your x-rays to be viewed. It is suggested x-rays be provided to the IDHSNA designated veterinarian no later than early July of the inspection year. Note that on occasion the official veterinarian may request better images for some view(s) so allow sufficient time for retaking images if required. X-rays must be approved at least 3 weeks before inspection. See the ID Stallion X-ray Package for complete information and forms. The 4-page form is available for download from the Society website or from the registrar upon request.

A total of 20 digital x-rays (also called radiographs) are required. For the official reading, digital x-rays should be sent to IDHSNA's designated veterinarian. You will receive results from the IDHSNA registrar.

#### **Pre-Inspection Veterinary Exam**

The Pre-inspection Veterinary Exam **may be completed 90 days prior to inspection and must be submitted and postmarked no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>**. A four-page package for the examining veterinarian is available for download from the Society website or from the registrar upon request. See the ID Stallion Vet Pre-Inspection Package for more information and forms. Note the exam requires both endoscope and Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) results. The results are to be submitted to the IDHSNA Registrar's Office directly from the veterinarian completing the examination.



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#### **EIA / Coggins test**

A Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) must be provided and taken within 6 months of the inspection – or less if required by the state where the inspection is to be held. The results will be required at the inspection site. A copy of the results must be provided to the registrar 3 weeks before inspection.

#### **Inspection Application and Payment of Fees**

The completed inspection application along with all fees must be postmarked by IDHSNA by the date designated by the IDHSNA Board of Directors. Watch for updates on the IDHSNA website and the Registrar's Facebook page for inspection deadlines for full payment to avoid late fees.

#### **Inspection Process**

- Stallions must be fit to be handled during the inspection, including by the on-site veterinarian.
- Stallions must be adequately trained and fit for the inspection process which includes free movement and loose jumping.
- Further information may be found in the [Inspection Expectations](#) document available for download from the Society website or from the registrar upon request.
- IDHSNA reserves the right to terminate any inspections for health/safety reasons.

#### **Inspection On-site Veterinary examination**

Stallions will undergo soundness trot-up on the day of inspection by a veterinarian appointed by IDHSNA.

All stallions will be measured at the inspection and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of stallion classification in the Purebred Irish Draught Studbook.

All stallions will be photographed at the inspection. These photographs will be used by IDHSNA on the website and publications. It is the owner's responsibility to inquire to the steward to ensure official photographs have been secured.

Blood samples may be taken on the day of the veterinary examination and may be subject to screening for substances listed on the FEI 'Equine Prohibited Substances List' (see [www.feicleansport.org](http://www.feicleansport.org)).

#### **Findings At Inspection**

*Note: It is the intention of the IDHSNA that the lowest a purebred stallion would receive after passing the pre-vetting including x-ray portion, would be Class 1 or 2. However, the horse must trot up sound at inspections, in order to be inspected on the day of inspection.*

Any obvious veterinary issues noticed on inspection day by the on-site veterinarian or the inspectors will be written up. The inspection will still take place with results *pending* further diagnosis from a veterinary college or other equine expert as prescribed by the IDHSNA Board of Directors. See "Appeals" below for additional information.



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**Appeals:**

**Stallions that do not meet the X-Ray Requirements:**

Owners of stallions that do not meet the radiograph requirements, following the examination of radiographs by the IDHSNA Designated Veterinarian, may appeal the findings of the examination. The conditions of the appeal are as follows:

- The owner of the stallion must apply to IDHSNA to appeal the findings of the x-ray examination, within one month of the original examination results being communicated to them.
- The appeal will involve the examination of the original x-rays by the IDHSNA Designated Appeals Veterinarian.
- The re-examination shall only be carried out in respect to the condition for which the horse originally failed.
- If deemed necessary by the IDHSNA Designated Appeals Veterinarian, new x-rays may be taken by a licensed equine veterinarian.
- The full costs of the re-examination must be borne by the owner of the stallion.
- The decision of the IDHSNA shall be final.

**Horses that do not meet the Clinical Veterinary Requirements:**

Owners of horses that do not meet the clinical veterinary requirements may appeal the findings of the veterinary examination. The conditions of the appeal are as follows:

- Inform the IDHSNA Registrar of their intention to have the horse re-examined within one month of inspection. The IDHSNA Registrar will contact the owner with further information on how to proceed with the appeal process. The owner can secure inspection veterinary forms at the IDHSNA website.
- Arrange at their own expense to have the horse examined by an accredited college of veterinary medicine or board-certified equine veterinarian for examination by a board certified equine veterinary medicine specialist.
- The re-examination shall only be carried out in respect to the condition for which the horse originally failed the clinical veterinary examination.
- Results of the re-examination must be presented directly to the IDHSNA Registrar by the board-certified equine veterinarian completing the evaluation.
- If results are not received within 90 days, the horse will not be approved for breeding.
- The decision of the IDHSNA shall be final.