



## 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 veterinary for approval and complete a full pre-veterinary health exam which includes endoscope, EVA and Coggins. Details of the pre-veterinary health exam follow. At inspection the stallion will be trotted for soundness as well as examined by the on-site veterinarian and the Irish inspectors.

#### **Registered with IDHSNA**

The horse must be fully registered with IDHSNA in order to be eligible for inspection. DNA collection for verification of parentage is a part of the registration process. IDHSNA Members registering the foal in the birth year receive a discount on registration fees. See the fee schedule on the website for current cost.

#### **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* at least 3 weeks before the inspection date. X-rays may be taken at any time after January 1 of the stallions 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. 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 (or designated alternate). You will receive results from the IDHSNA registrar.

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 veterinarian. 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 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*.

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

The Pre-inspection Veterinary Exam may be completed 90 days prior to inspection and must be submitted 3 weeks prior to the inspection. 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



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

A Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anaemia (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 also 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 received by IDHSNA at least 3 weeks prior to inspection. Watch for updates on the website 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.*

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**

Horses that do not meet the Clinical Veterinary Requirements:

Owners/custodians 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:

- the owner/custodian of the horse must apply to IDHSNA to have the horse re-examined within one month of the original examination;
- the owner/custodian of the horse shall 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 an equine 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 and the decision of the accredited college of veterinary medicine equine medicine specialist or board certified equine veterinarian , shall be presented to the IDHSNA in writing.
- The decision of the IDHSNA shall be final.

Stallions that do not meet the Radiograph Requirements:

Owners/custodians of stallions that do not meet the radiograph requirements, following the examination of radiographs by the IDHSNA Radiography Veterinary Panel, may appeal the findings of the examination. The conditions of the appeal are as follows:

- the owner/custodian of the stallion must apply to IDHSNA to appeal the findings of the radiographic examination, within one month of the original examination results being communicated to them;
- the appeal will involve the examination of the original radiographs by the IDHSNA Veterinary Appeals Panel. If deemed necessary by the Appeals Panel, a new set of radiographs 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.