

Australasian Gypsy Horse Society

Information on Stallion services

After putting in a substantial amount of time and effort picking a stallion, then getting an initial commitment from the stallion owner, it is tempting simply to give the breeding agreement a cursory reading, sign it, and drop the document in the mail.

BUT... haste often truly makes waste in situations like these, and time spent familiarising yourself with the terms of the contract before you sign will be well spent.

The intent of this article is to present to you an overview of some, but certainly not all, of the important provisions and concepts you might encounter in a breeding agreement.

The AGHS is not a legal body that can intervene between parties. It is the responsibility of the mare owner to verify that the Stallion they have chosen is correctly represented and registered. The association can assist in determining the status of a horse's registration and can provide information on the approval status of a breeding animal that has been presented for breeding approval in the past.

Both Stallion Owners and Clients have responsibilities when agreeing to the terms of Breeding. These terms and conditions are outlined in "Breeding agreements". Once agreed upon, this is signed by both parties and becomes a legally binding agreement.

Please ensure you have one

Don't allow emails and messages to be the only evidence you have. Don't rely on neighbours or friends doing you a favour service. Neighbours move, friends fall out and having your rights and responsibilities outlined in a legally binding agreement protects both parties in these circumstances.

These are some (but certainly not all) of the matters that you should check to see are included in the agreement:

- Complete identification of the stallion, mare, mare owner, and stallion owner
- Stallion service fee, when it is due and exactly what this entitles you to
- Which societies the stallion is registered with and copies of these attached to the document
- When a service certificate will be issued (this may be upon a positive pregnancy scan, or on the birth of a live foal, or on the gelding of a colt)
- Medical information about the stallion (this could be genetic test results or colour test results to confirm in writing what has been advertised)
- The earliest and latest dates on which a mare can be bred
- If there is a LFG (Live Foal Guarantee) and any conditions around this
- Who is responsible for collection fees and transport fees if using AI
- Estimated expenses, collection fees, agistment costs and vet fees if applicable
- Waivers of liability for the stallion owner or manager in the event the mare is injured

Did you know that all stallions over 2 years of age are required to have a "Stallion Soundness Certificate" completed by a qualified veterinarian? This is to help minimise the incidence of breed related disorders.



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Gelding Clauses

Be aware that some stallion owners may require you to agree to a "Gelding Clause" which simply put is that you agree that any male offspring from your mare bred to their stallion will be gelded. In this case you will find that some or all of the following are included in the Stallion Service agreement:

- Any male offspring from this contracted mating must be gelded
- All Breeders Certificates and/or Service Certificates will be held by the Stallion owner, until presented with evidence of gelding
- Mare Owner understands that the foal will be ineligible for registration until Service Certificates are released
- Acceptable evidence of gelding/castration must be in the form of a Signed Certificate of Gelding by the operating veterinarian

To be eligible to register your purebred Gypsy horse with AGHS you will require:

- The sire and dam registered as a Gypsy Cob with the AGHS, APSB or other recognised society prior to registration. (including Overseas Societies)
- Applications to foal record male foals and adult record females from birth must be accompanied by an AGHS or APSB Stallion Service Certificate
- 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.
- The DNA Profile and Parentage Report may be supplied or members can submit the DNA Analysis Form and Sample to AGHS to be sent for verification.
- Verification must be received prior to registration.

For a full comprehensive list of the requirements to register Pure, Part-bred or Drum horses please see the AGHS website – Rules and Regulations

<http://www.gypsyhorsesociety.com.au/fees-and-forms.html>

Remember: without a signed and dated

"Stallion Service Certificate"

you will not be able to register your foal.

Ensure your breeding agreement outlines when you will be provided with one.

