



## **IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE SOCIETY (GB) MARE & GELDING INSPECTIONS FOR GRADING 2021**

### **Conditions of inspection and notes for guidance**

#### **Governance**

The Irish Draught Horse Society (GB) operates two studbooks; the Breed Register and the Sport Horse Register. In terms of the Breed Register, the Society signed a harmonisation agreement with Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) in October 2011. HSI manages the Studbook of Origin for the Irish Draught Horse on behalf of the Irish Department of Agriculture.

These rules comply with HSI's 2010 Breeding Plan for the Irish Draught Horse, as amended by the 2013-2014 Task Force recommendations.

#### **The advantages of inspection**

Inspections for the Breed Register offer owners an evaluation of their breeding stock through linear profiling. This enables direct comparisons to be made between animals and their prospective breeding partners. This has the potential to help mare owners to improve the quality of their foals, which should then be more useful and marketable.

#### **Conditions of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook mare and gelding inspections 2021 (please read before completing your application).**

**Applications for mare and gelding inspections should be returned before the closing date. This year, in view of the COVID-19 situation, the closing date has been revised. This is now 31 May 2021 for ALL venues.**

Venues will depend on the location of the mares, which will be brought together in small groups. We are likely to hold inspections in Scotland, South West Wales, Southern England, East and West Midlands, the North of England and at the Annual Breed Show in Grantham.

The stallion inspections will now be held at Warwickshire College on 2 September 2021. The mare inspections at the same venue (this is the West Midlands venue) will be held the following day, 3 September.

#### **How to apply for the mare inspections:**

Please return your completed application and your horse's performance information (if applicable), together with your fee. Before you apply, please ensure that:

- Your membership is current. Only full members of the Society may have horses inspected.
- The horse has been formally named and that s/he has a passport. Horses without a passport and no means of identification will not be inspected.
- You **MUST** bring the passport with you on the day. If you forget, or cannot locate it, your mare or gelding will only be inspected if she can be identified with a microchip. The grade will be withheld until you have either found the passport or replaced it.

- Animals must correspond to the description in their passports and to their microchip numbers (if they have one). All horses must be microchipped – this is a legal requirement.
- The horse must have been transferred into your ownership through its passport-issuing organisation (which may be Horse Sport Ireland).
- If your horse was born and registered in any other country, it must be over-stamped with the IDHS (GB) before inspection.
- Please do not send the IDHS (GB) passport administrator any passports that require change by another passport issuing organisation – she will only have to send them back to you.
- Irish, American and Canadian-bred Irish Draughts are eligible for inspection in this country, provided that they meet the criteria for inspection in the harmonised Main Studbook. These studbooks are all subject to a harmonisation agreement and follow the same principles of registration and inspection.
- Horse Sport Ireland’s transfer and naming forms are available on their website at [www.horsesportireland.ie](http://www.horsesportireland.ie)
- All horses being presented for inspection must be DNA parentage tested prior to the inspection, if not already tested. This is highly likely to have been done at initial registration, unless the horse is elderly and predates this requirement.
- DNA may be taken and processed at the owner’s expense, if there is any doubt about the animal’s identity, e.g. if two microchips are found.

**PLEASE LEAVE TIME TO COMPLETE ANY NECESSARY PRE-INSPECTION TASKS BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE.**

## Fees

Cheques should be made payable to ‘IDHS (GB)’

Type of inspection	Fees inc VAT
Grading of mares and geldings eligible for Class 1 Re-inspections of previously graded Class 2 animals Sport Horse Register mares eligible for Supplementary Grade Up: Includes linear profile, report, jumping (voluntary, Moreton Morrell only), and full vetting for breeding.	£180
Athleticism assessment of Class 1 and Class 2 mares previously graded (Moreton Morrell spring inspections only)	£100

## For 2021, please email scanned applications to:

Mrs Heather Chaplin, Middle Munty Farm, Churchstanton, Taunton, Somerset TA3 7RH  
Tel. 01823 601625 - calls before 6.30 p.m., please.

Please keep copies of the application in case there is any query, and include the original with your fee if you send this in later.

**Email:** [inspections@idhsgb.org.uk](mailto:inspections@idhsgb.org.uk)

You may pay by Paypal, but if you do, please email to let us know who has made the payment, so that it can be linked with your horse.

**Refunds:** These can normally only be considered if your horse has a confirmed veterinary condition that prevents her from being brought forward, or if we have to cancel a venue (e.g. due to coronavirus, or illness of horses on the yard concerned).

### **Eligibility for Class 1 inspection:**

Irish Draught mares must be registered in the IDHS (GB) Breed Register (main studbook) or in the Main Section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Ireland and be sired by a stallion that is classified as Class 1/RID, or Class 2/Grade 2 ID or Class 4/Uninspected and is out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2, AID or Supplementary Grade Up Register, or Class 4/Uninspected.

2021 could be the last year with progeny of uninspected horses may be brought forward for inspection, as the rule change that permitted this ran for five years. We are seeking clarification from Horse Sport Ireland about whether there is to be an extension.

The progeny of Irish Draught stallions and mares of Class 3 animals in the Irish Draught studbook are **not** currently eligible for inspection. Neither are horses that were inspected previously and classified as Class 3, unless the owner has notified the Society of their intention to appeal on veterinary grounds.

### **Eligibility for Grade Up Register inspection (Sport Horse mares only):**

To be eligible for classification in the Supplementary Grade Up Register of the IDHS (GB) main studbook, mares must be classified in the IDHS (GB) Sport Horse Register or be classified in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook (Ireland).

Mares must have one parent (either the dam or the sire) classified as Class 1 or RID and one parent that is classified in the Sport Horse Register or in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook in Ireland. They must have three grandparents classified as Class 1 or RID.

The remaining grandparent must be classified in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook (Ireland) as an Irish Sport Horse, or have documented Thoroughbred or Connemara pony breeding only. The definition of an Irish Sport Horse in this context is an animal with only these three traditional breeds in its pedigree.

**Please note:** If you have a mare with the correct pedigree requirements for inspection for supplementary grade-up, which is registered in the British main studbook as eligible for the former grade of AID (she will have a green passport with an F-number, stamped 'eligible for AID') please do contact us for advice, because she may be eligible for Supplementary Grade Up.

Mares that are successful in their inspection and classified in the Supplementary Section (Grade up Register) will retain their original classification in the Irish Draught Sport Horse register and their passports will reflect that they are also classified in the Supplementary Section (Grade up Register) of the Irish Draught Horse main studbook.

In terms of showing, fillies and mares **eligible for** inspection for the Supplementary Grade Up Register should have a sport horse number and must therefore be shown in sport horse classes.

Once a mare is inspected and accepted for this grade, she is then part of the **Breed Register** and **must** be shown in purebred classes.

## **Age**

All mares and geldings must be at least rising three years old for the spring inspections (no spring inspections this year, 2021) and for summer venues, they must be at least two years old. Please ensure that two and three year olds are mature enough to do themselves justice on inspection.

## **Measurements**

All horses will be measured by the examining veterinary surgeon immediately before the inspection and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of classification in the Irish Draught Horse studbook and the IDHS (GB) main studbook.

## **Training and preparation**

All horses must be adequately trained and fit to take part in all aspects of the inspection including the athleticism phase, where appropriate. Horses must be able to be handled at the inspection, including handling by the appointed veterinary surgeons, if necessary. Horse owners must have all the necessary equipment at the inspection.

Mares and fillies must wear a bridle, preferably fitted with a snaffle bit, to help to ensure secure and safe handling. Foals at foot must not be allowed to run loose and must be led.

## **Photographs and other media**

All horses will be photographed at the inspection. These pictures may be used in Irish Draught Horse Society (GB) and HSI publications. Please obtain photographs direct from the photographer and always acknowledge them if you use them in your own publicity material.

## **Blood samples**

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

## **Condition and behaviour**

The Irish Draught Horse Society (GB) reserves the right to refuse inspection of any horse which is not in a suitable condition for inspection, or in instances where it may be unsafe to proceed with the inspection.

Failure to satisfy the above conditions will result in a mare or gelding being disqualified from inspection/classification.

## **Classification of Irish Draught mares and geldings following inspections (please read before completing your application).**

1. Classification of all horses will be completed after the inspection. Classification is confirmed once any appeal has been completed and the inspection administration team has checked all the paperwork. The inspection administration manager tries to do this as quickly as possible but this process may take up to four weeks, depending on numbers forward.

2. Results will not appear on the website until this has been done.
3. Under 2021 rules, horses that meet the pedigree and veterinary requirements and achieve minimum required scores in conformation, type and movement will be classified as Class 1 in the Irish Horse Register and in the Irish Draught Horse Society GB breed register.
4. Class 1 mares and geldings that achieve average scores of 80 or higher for both movement and conformation, will be awarded a Bronze Merit in conformation and movement.
5. Horses that meet the pedigree and veterinary requirements but which do not meet the inspection requirements for Class 1, will be classified as Class 2 in the Irish Draught Horse Society GB Breed Register.
6. Horses that do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified as Class 3 in the parent studbook in Ireland and in the Irish Draught Horse Society (GB) Breed Register.
7. 'Uninspected' is the term used for animals registered from 2014 onwards, for uninspected horses in the main studbook (purebreds). These were formerly known as Class 4, a term which will appear on passports for horses born between 2012 and 2014 inclusive.
8. Passports issued since January 2016 (including duplicate passports for older horses) are riveted and cannot be dismantled to change information, including the terminology used for Class 4 horses.

## **Inspection appeals procedures**

### ***Inspection result appeal***

Owners who are not satisfied with the results of the inspection will be given the opportunity to represent the horse for one repeat inspection, under a different inspection team, at a future date. The mare or gelding will have to be vetted again. The full inspection fee is payable.

In addition to the single opportunity for re-inspection described above, the owner may appeal in writing within 28 days of their last inspection date. The IDHS (GB) reserves the right to charge a fee for an appeal inspection outside the normal inspection programme.

### ***Veterinary Examination Appeal***

Owners of horses that do not meet the requirements of the veterinary examination can appeal the results of the examination, providing that they apply to the Society within four weeks of the veterinary examination. The horse may be re-examined by a mutually agreed specialist for a second opinion.

Owners must NOT make their own arrangements for a second veterinary opinion without consulting the Society first, as this examination may not be acceptable.

The second examination will only be carried out in respect of the condition for which the horse was failed at the initial inspection. The cost of the examination must be borne by the owner of the horse.

**The decision of the appeal vet is final.**

*Frequently asked questions: these are not part of the HSI Conditions of Inspection document, but have been included at owners' request.*

### ***What to wear***

Owners and handlers can wear any tidy, comfortable outdoor clothing appropriate to the weather and formality of the event. Many people choose to dress as though for showing in hand.

A hard hat to British Standards specifications is strongly recommended for adults and compulsory for young people under the age of 18 years.

Strong and non-slip shoes or boots are essential, because you will be asked to run out with your horse. Handlers may carry a short cane. Please bring a lungeing whip and rein with you.

If you are unable to run out with your horse due to a medical condition, please let us know at the time of your application and if you have no one who can help, we will find someone who can do this for you.

### ***Turnout for the horse***

Horses must be clean and tidy but do not need to be plaited. Please do not trim heels or hair off the back of the legs, unless you have no choice (e.g. because your horse has been shown in classes where this is an expectation).

The horse should have his or her feet trimmed, but not too close to the inspection day, in case they are feeling the ground and this affects their action. A couple of weeks in advance is usually fine

They may be shod or unshod, but if the former, the shoes must fit the horse properly and be in good condition.

Please do not put oil on the horse's limbs, as it makes it very difficult for the vet to lift them.

Mares and geldings should wear a snaffle bridle, because a double bridle is cumbersome when turning them loose in the arena.

### ***What happens during a mare or gelding inspection?***

These inspections are held at venues around the country and each venue is different in terms of its layout and facilities.

The precise measures to safeguard you and others during the current pandemic will be announced nearer the time, but please do keep updated through the Gov.UK website.

All venues are risk assessed before an inspection is held there. Many of our venues are used year after year, but we are open to using new ones so long as they comply with the following criteria:

- They must all have safe arenas with a suitable surface (not hard, or very soft/wet sand) and a fence of sufficient height (at least 150 cms) to deter jumping out. Arena size should not be too large – 40m x 20m or 30m square is ideal.

- Indoor schools are used when possible, but most venues do not have them. Arenas should be cleared of hazards such as jumping poles and stands, or they should be placed together in the centre away from the outside track.
- Venues must have level, clean concrete (not gravel) for trotting up and standing still on a hard surface.
- Venues must have suitable refreshment and clean toilet/hand washing facilities for owners and helpers.
- Access off the road must be safe and suitable for large vehicles, with turning space.
- Stables are not essential, but it is always helpful if they can be offered to owners who have had a long journey.
- There must be a safe, secure vetting box away from public areas which can be darkened sufficiently for eye examinations.
- There should be space for the administration table or the administrator's car, as the flow of paperwork and efficient filing is crucial to a smooth-running inspection.

### **CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS:**

There will be strict biosecurity measures in place to help to reduce the risk of coronavirus spread. This is protect you and our helpers from the risk of infection. These will be based on government guidance at the time.

**Under no circumstances** must anyone, owner or helper, come to an inspection if they have symptoms of coronavirus or are self-isolating.

To reduce the numbers of people on site, no members of the public will be allowed to the inspections as spectators. Horse owners may bring one other person to help them. Therefore, there will be a **maximum of two people per horse** on site.

On arrival, your temperature may be taken. You will be asked for your name and address/contact number, including for your helper.

Compulsory face shields or masks must be worn at all times, by owners, vets, the inspection team and stewards. This applies irrespective of whether you have been vaccinated.

Please observe social distancing, except when holding the horse for the vet, when it is not possible to be 2 metres apart.

Please come prepared with your own food, as public catering will not be available. Bring antibacterial wipes and hand sanitiser. More will be provided on site.

If you begin to feel unwell while on site, please inform a steward and then go home immediately.

We should have scan codes at each location for track-and-trace purposes, so please bring your mobile or other device with the location enabled.

Mares will arrive on site at the time requested. This is likely to be staggered this year to reduce numbers on site at any one time.

Owners/drivers will be welcomed and shown where to park. They will also be advised of the location of the venue's facilities.

Passports are usually taken in before any element of the inspection process takes place. The owner will be asked to sign a disclaimer for the day, and will also receive a temporary passport document. This will be valid for 45 days and contains instructions for the owner.

This document is not valid outside the UK. It is also not valid for recording prohibited medications, as there is nowhere to write these on the temporary document. If your mare is likely to need their passport for these purposes, please let the inspection administrator know.

You will be asked to stand up your mare while photos are taken of each side, the hind end and the front end. These form part of the official inspection record.

Your horse will then be taken to the vetting box (the vet must not be your own vet) for a basic examination for suitability for breeding. This process takes about 20 minutes. She will also be measured.

After this, there may be a short wait before the mare is inspected. The steward will tell you how long this will be.

When the inspectors are ready, the steward will ask you to bring your mare forward for them to examine while standing on a hard surface. S/he will be asked to walk and trot in both directions. This is very similar to the instructions you may be given in a showing class. The inspectors may ask for a movement to be repeated if the horse did not perform it clearly the first time.

You will then be asked to turn your horse loose in the arena for a few minutes. There will be one or two other people to help you to move her quietly around in walk, trot and canter on each rein. If she has a foal at foot, canter will not be encouraged, but in practice, it is difficult to stop mares from cantering if they choose to offer this.

You will be asked to catch your mare and hold her as still as possible in the arena while the inspectors complete their deliberations. The administrator fills in the linear profile and inspectors' comments forms, conducts a preliminary check and the inspection team signs the paperwork.

The inspection process usually takes about 20 minutes. The timetable allows 25 minutes each for vetting and inspections to help to ensure that no one has to wait too long.

**After the inspection**, the administrator and one of the inspectors will come to speak with you about the result.

Your horse's linear profile and inspection comments will be typed onto a report and sent to you 2-4 weeks after the inspection. This does take a while, because each result has to be carefully checked again and recorded on a bar chart.

## **EQUINE INFLUENZA: IDHS (GB) ruling on Equine Influenza vaccinations**

Equine Influenza and Tetanus vaccinations are a compulsory requirement for all horses registered with the Irish Draught Horse Society (GB), in order to bring your horse forward for inspection or to show him/her at our affiliated shows. Inspection venues will NOT admit unvaccinated horses.

The requirement for the first three vaccinations is as follows:

- The first two vaccinations must be 21 – 92 days apart, with a third booster between 150-215 days after the second dose.
- Thereafter, there should normally be an annual booster vaccination within 365 days, but the current FEI ruling **for competition horses** is for a six-monthly booster as opposed to an annual booster.

This rule may be subject to change, in line with guidance from the FEI/BEF. Any changes affecting our affiliated shows and inspections will be notified via the Society's web site at [www.idhsgb.org.uk](http://www.idhsgb.org.uk)

**Newly-vaccinated horses:** Your horse must, as a minimum:

- Have had the first two initial doses of equine influenza vaccine
- The administration of these doses must be recorded on her passport before you bring your horse to the venue.
- The second dose must be given not less than seven days before travel to the inspection.

**Booster vaccinations:**

- Must be within date
- There must be seven clear days before the booster is due, and if just given to the horse, seven days clear before travel.
- The additional or 6-month vaccine can be done at any time. No clear days are required, other than the annual stipulation.

Any equine companion animals travelling with the horse must also be vaccinated.

If your horse develops a cough, snotty nose or seems unwell, do not travel her and stay at home. Contact your vet for advice.

Vaccination records on passports will be checked on arrival. Horses must not be unloaded before this has been done.

Animals with no passport, unvaccinated or obviously unwell horses will not be permitted to enter the premises.

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## **APPENDIX 1:**

### **MARE INSPECTIONS AT MORTON MORRELL ONLY: INFORMATION ABOUT THE ARENA AND JUMPING LANE**

PLEASE NOTE THAT JUMPING IS ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY FOR MARES. THE INFORMATION IN APPENDIX 1 IS ONLY RELEVANT IF YOU PUT YOUR MARE FORWARD FOR A BRONZE MERIT AWARD IN SHOW JUMPING.

The basic outline of the inspections is similar to Ireland, except that we do not (for health and safety reasons) use Heras panels for the loose jumping phase.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU PREPARE YOUR HORSE ACCORDING TO THE JUMPING LANE DIMENSIONS IN THIS DOCUMENT BELOW.



## **APPENDIX 2: The inspection management team: contact details and roles**

**CHIEF INSPECTOR: Mrs Mary Wilson (Trustee)**, Rudge Manor Farm, Froxfield, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 2HN, Tel. 01672 520869 Mobile: 07729 516465 Email: [memwilson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:memwilson@hotmail.co.uk)

- *Leads on Breed Standards and oversees inspections*
- *Liaises with the stallion inspection venue*
- *Coordinates helpers for the stallion inspections*
- *Delivers an annual report to Members on Breed Standards matters*
- *Produces reports for Horse and Hound*
- *Liaises with BEF and other equestrian bodies.*

### **REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION ADMINISTRATION MANAGER:**

**Mrs Heather Chaplin (Trustee)**, Middle Munty Farm, Churchstanton, Taunton, Somerset TA3 7RH. Tel. 01823 601625 (before 7.30 p.m. please). Email: [chaplinheather51@gmail.com](mailto:chaplinheather51@gmail.com)

- *Liaises with Defra with regard to EU legislation and the Minimum Operating Standards*
- *Ensures that the Society is compliant with the Horse Passport Regulations*
- *Organises the spring, summer and autumn mare inspections*
- *Oversees the stallion inspection administration, applications and forms*
- *Organises and leads administrative support for arena and veterinary teams at the stallion and mare inspections*
- *Ensures compliance with HSI rules and inspection protocols before, during and after the inspections*
- *Ensures accurate recording and processing of inspection results*
- *Ensures that Members are supported in dealing with veterinary issues arising during inspection.*

### **INSPECTION ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs Sue Benson (Trustee and Society Chairman),**

Mrs Sue D Benson, 7 Church Lane, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire BD19 4QH. Tel. 01274 870028 Mob: 07968 715597 [chairman@idhsgb.org.uk](mailto:chairman@idhsgb.org.uk)

- *Lead person for negotiations with harmonised studbooks*
- *Oversight of all the Society's activities*
- *Provides administrative support for arena and veterinary teams at the stallion and mare inspections.*

**Mrs Carol Rudd (Trustee)**, 55, Anglesey Drive, Poynton, Cheshire. SK12 1BU. Tel. 01625 873662 Mobile 07860 102256. Email: [carol@aerialwired.co.uk](mailto:carol@aerialwired.co.uk)

- *Administrative support for arena and veterinary teams at the stallion and mare inspections*
- *Hornby Premium inspection organisation and management.*

**SOCIETY ADMINISTRATOR: Miss Carol Malin**, The Irish Draught Horse Society (GB), The Forge, Avenue B, 10th Street, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire CV8 2LG

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- *'Front of house' person for general information*
- *DNA kits*
- *Membership applications*
- *Stallion and spring mare inspection stable bookings and payments*
- *Show affiliation*

**PASSPORT ADMINISTRATOR: Miss Annie Holbeche** , 1 Well House Cottages, Coombe Bissett, Salisbury, SP5 4JR, Tel. 01722 333800. Email: [passports@idhsgb.org.uk](mailto:passports@idhsgb.org.uk)

- *Registrations*
- *Transfers*
- *Overstamping*
- *Duplicate passports*
- *Processing passports after the inspection.*

### **MAIN STUDBOOK HOLDING BODY:**

**Horse Sport Ireland**, Beech House, Millennium Park, Osberstown, Naas, Kildare, Ireland. Phone: 00-353-45-850800.

*All matters relating to registration, transfer and passport handling for horses bred and initially registered in Ireland; management of the Irish Draught studbook and ultimate authority on main studbook registration and inspection rules in the European Union.*

## **Appendix 3: The Breed Objective and Description**

### **Breeding Objective**

The breeding objective of the Irish Draught studbook is to breed sound Irish Draught horses with correct conformation, type, movement and action, calm and willing temperaments and sufficient athleticism that conforms to the Irish Draught breed standard. These animals will serve one or more of the following three functions by:

- Participating in preservation and ongoing breed improvement programmes;
- Performing as pleasure, leisure or performance horses;
- Contributing to cross breeding programmes with other breeds.

### **Breed Summary Description**

The Irish Draught Horse is a versatile, powerful and athletic animal with substance and quality. It has a pleasant head, good bone and a short shin, good spring of rib, strong loins and hindquarters and an active powerful stride. Known for its good temperament, docility and willing nature, it has a robust constitution and is inherently sound. The Irish Draught Horse is a foundation breed that, when crossed with other breeds, will produce all types of leisure and performance horses.

### **Type of horse: detailed description**

**Height:** Ideally Irish Draughts should stand between 158cms (15.2hh) and a maximum of 170cms (16.3hh) at maturity.

**Bone:** Approximately 23cms (9 inches) of strong, clean, flat bone.

**Head:** Should be pleasant, not coarse or hatchet like, with plenty of room between the jaw bones. Wide forehead and kind eyes, set well apart, and with large quality ears.

**Neck:** Good length of rein with head well set on, neck should be correctly muscled and well shaped.

**Front legs:** Long muscular forearms, short cannon bones with plenty of strong clean, flat bone, not back at the knee or tied in below the knee. Pasterns should be in proportion with good hoof pastern axis. Hooves should be of equal size, hard and sound with plenty of room at the heel. They should not be boxy, over large or flat.

**Shoulders:** A sloping shoulder neither loaded, nor too heavy, nor too short, with well-defined withers, well set back.

**Body, back and hindquarters:** Deep girth with a good spring of rib, strong back, loins and quarters. The croup and buttocks should be long and gently sloping. Hips should not be too wide.

**Hind legs:** Strong gaskins, well shaped clean hocks set into short shins. Should not be cow-hocked or wide apart at the hocks.

**Action:** Should be straight and free, not heavy or ponderous.

**Movement:** Should be active and strong, with sufficient athleticism showing good flexion of joints and freedom of the shoulders.

**Colour:** Any strong whole colour including bay, grey, chestnut, black, brown and dun. Excessive white markings are not desirable.

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*Inspection administration manager*