



DNA Guidance Notes

- DNA parentage testing is a requirement for admission to the purebred register (Main Studbook). Some, but not all, sport horse foals also have to be DNA tested.
- DNA kits are available from the Administrator at the office: 03452 300399, email admin@idhsqb.org.uk
- Main Studbook rules: All colt and filly foals by any Irish Draught stallion registered in the Main Studbook(Class 1, 2, 3 or 4) out of any mare registered in the Main Studbook(Class 1, 2, 3 or 4, or Supplementary Grade Up must be DNA tested before a passport can be issued.
- All colt and filly foals by any Irish Draught stallion registered in the Main Studbook (Class 1, 2, 3 or 4) out of an AID mare must also be DNA parentage tested, because they are eligible for inspection for Main Studbook classification. The exception to this is for colts out of AID mares that have been gelded prior to registration. Veterinary confirmation of castration is required.
- Sport horse filly foals do not have to be DNA tested unless they are Traditional Sport Horse Register (TSR) animals which may later come forward for inspection for Supplementary Grade Up.
- Owners may choose to have sport horse foals tested if they wish, and this is recommended if you are going to breed from them later on.
- All mares and stallions (purebred and part bred) coming forward **for inspection** for any of the IDHS (GB) registers must be DNA tested.
- Sport horse stallions registered or over-stamped with the IDHS (GB), which have not been inspected but which are used for breeding purposes, **MUST** be DNA tested before a covering book can be issued.
- DNA samples must be collected by a qualified veterinary surgeon. This is usually done at the time that the foal is microchipped and the foal identification diagram is completed. Mane or tail hair is pulled and not cut, to ensure that DNA is present in the hair roots. DNA samples taken by owners are not acceptable.
- The vet should stick the microchip (transponder) code onto the DNA sample bag as well as onto the marking/identity chart.
- All identity forms, guidance notes and application forms can be downloaded from the website on www.idhsqb.org.uk or requested from the office. If you have trouble downloading a form, please email admin@idhsqb.org.uk