



DNA Testing

- 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 office: email passports@idhsgb.org.uk
- The cost to MEMBERS (purebreds and sport horses) is £55.00 per horse in addition to the registration fee. The fee for NON-MEMBERS is £60.
- 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 horses do not have to be DNA tested unless:
 - they are fillies which are eligible for inspection for Supplementary Grade Up
 - they are stallions being presented for inspection.
- Owners may **choose** to have other sport horse foals tested if they wish. This is recommended if you are going to breed from them later on.
- 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 inspection.
- 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.
- All identity forms, guidance notes and application forms can be downloaded from the website on www.idhsgb.org.uk or requested from the office. If you have trouble downloading a form, please email passports@idhsgb.org.uk

All applications for registration, including DNA where appropriate and the relevant fee, must be sent to:

IDHS (GB) PASSPORTS, Holme House, The Dale, Ainstable, Carlisle CA4 9RH.

**Email: passports@idhsgb.org.uk Tel 01768 870523
(Available 9-00am to 5-00pm Monday – Friday).**

