



BUYERS BEWARE

Please read the information below, it is important if you are purchasing an Irish Draught with a view to breeding and/or showing in affiliated classes.

We are aware that people are purchasing mares, foals and youngstock and then find they are unable to show them in any breeding classes affiliated to the Irish Draught Horse Society (GB).

This is because either the sire or the dam, or both, have not been inspected or graded.

The terms '**Pure Bred**' and '**Registered**' does NOT mean the horse has been Inspected or Graded.

Advertisers using the words '**Pure Bred RID**' for foals and youngstock are incorrect and possibly misleading. RID was the classification given to inspected and graded stallions and mares between 1979 and 2010.

People associate RID as meaning 'Registered Irish Draught' but by law all foals must be 'Registered' with the Society in order to get a passport

IDHS (GB) Showing rules state:

All stock shown in the In Hand Breeding classes MUST be the progeny of a Graded Mare (Class 1, Class 2, RID, AID, or on the Supplementary Grade Up Register) AND by an Irish Draught Class 1, Class 2, RID and RID(GB) Stallion on the Irish Draught Breed Register.

The same rules apply to competing Irish Draught stallions that must be registered or over stamped by the IDHS (GB).

Competing Irish Draught Sport Horse Stallions must be registered with the IDHS (GB).

Horse Sport Ireland: Irish Draught Inspection Amnesty: The amnesty expired in 2021, so until the IDHS (GB) receives further information from HSI regarding the possibility of another amnesty, we are unable to allow mares, foals and youngstock that are by a Class 4 (Uninspected) Irish Draught stallion **or** are out of a Class 4 (Uninspected) Irish Draught mare, to be shown at affiliated classes.

The progeny of either Class 4 (Uninspected) stallions or mares that were not inspected by the end of 2021 are not eligible for future inspection under the present ruling.

The IDHS (GB) strongly advocates the use of inspected stallions and mares in order to preserve and protect the breed from hereditary defects.

Please remember **Inspected / Graded = Vetted**. All stallions and mares that have been Inspected or Graded and are classified as: **Class 1, Class 2, RID, AID**, or are on the **Supplementary Grade Up Register** have all been vetted and been found free from hereditary defects.

Note: Class 3 is a Veterinary Failure.

Before making a purchase, you are advised to check the horse's passport which will state which Grade has been given to the sire and dam.

If you have any queries, contact our Passport office:
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