

# DONKEY & MULE SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INC)

## REGISTER OF DONKEYS & MULES

### RULES

1. There will be a Register as determined by the Donkey & Mule Society of New Zealand (Inc).
2. All records of registration for the General Register shall be maintained by the Registrar. Application forms for registration may be obtained from the General Registrar or the Society's web page. Forms for the Miniature Register may be obtained from the Miniature Registrar or the society's web page.
3. The Registry Sub Committee reserves the right to refuse any application for entry to the Register and the right to amend the Rules as and when it considers necessary.
4. Donkeys/mules shall be entered in one of the following Registries according to their gender, size and meeting Approved criteria.
5. The Register will be divided as follows: -
  - **General Register**
    - I. Jennies Section - all registered Jennies.
    - II. Jacks and geldings Section - all registered Jacks and Geldings.
    - III. Mules and Hinnies Section - all registered Mules and Hinnies

**Note: Miniature donkeys are not automatically included in the General Register if they are in the Miniature Register. Some Miniature donkeys are to be found in both Registers**

**Qualifying animals may be further identified by:**

**i. Breed:**

- a. English/Irish [Sections A & B]
- b. Australian Teamster
- c. Ponui Island
- d. American Mammoth [Section A, B & Temporary A & B]
- e. American Mammoth Jackstock (Fully Registered & Temporary)

See the breed rules and registration supplementary forms for full details of requirements for inclusion in Breed Registers

**ii. Accreditation**

See 6 below for rules applying to Accreditation.

- **The Miniature Register (held separately from the General Register)**  
**Section A: Pure American Miniature Mediterranean Donkey (AMMD)**  
**Section B: Part American Miniature Mediterranean Donkey (AMMD)**  
**Section C: Miniature Donkeys**

Note: All three sections have a Temporary Register for donkeys under 3 years and a Permanent register for donkeys over 3 years of age

**6. ACCREDITATION:**

- a. Donkeys which have been approved for accreditation will have an accredited flag added to their registration record. To gain accredited status all donkeys must be branded and/or microchipped and pass an Accredited Donkey & Mule Society of New Zealand veterinary check for soundness. Jacks and jennies must be 3 years of age before being accepted for accredited status. **The General Register holds Accredited status for those donkeys registered in the General Register and the Miniature Register holds Accredited status for miniature accredited donkeys.**
- b. A member wishing to gain accredited status for their donkey should apply to the General Registrar for the registration and veterinary soundness forms which will need completion and return.
- c. At the inspection, the Veterinary Surgeon will be required to examine the donkey for freedom of hereditary disease, faults and defects and complete the Donkey & Mule Society of New Zealand Certificate of Soundness. The owner will send the certificate by post to the Registrar.
- d. Any donkey having previously gained accredited status and subsequently showing breeding or hereditary defects may be refused registration or de-registered.

- e. Application for accredited status must be accompanied by a side photograph of the donkey without any show ribbons or handler.

## **7. THE MINIATURE SECTION**

Please refer to the Miniature Register Rules.

## **8. TO REGISTER DONKEYS/MULES (General Register):**

- a. Any donkey/mule owner may apply for registration of their stock.
- b. A donkey/mule may not be registered by anyone other than its lawful owner or lease.
- c. All stock registered must have a unique name. No donkey/mule can be registered with the same name of a donkey/mule already registered with the society. (passed AGM 1998 Thomson/Keating)
- d. An application for registration must be made on an official application form. These are available from the Registrar free of charge and also available for download from the Donkey & Mule Society web site.
- e. Accredited donkeys must bear a distinguishing brand and/or micro chip approved by the Registrar.
- f. Application for the registration of an Accredited jack or jenny must be accompanied by a completed, Donkey & Mule Society of New Zealand (Inc) Veterinary Examination Report.
- g. It is the responsibility of the owner to indicate and provide proof of origin if a donkey/mule has been imported.
- h. The General Registrar will send the owner a registration certificate showing the registered number of the donkey/mule.
- i. The number given to a registered donkey/mule cannot be changed.
- j. Questionable applications shall be referred by the Registrar to the Registry Sub Committee.

## **9. REGISTRATION OF DONKEYS LOCATED OVERSEAS.**

Overseas members may register their donkeys in the General section of the N.Z Register. However, if they wish to register in any of the breed sections then they would first need to provide proof of registration in that section in their own country's Register; or if imported, registration in the country of origin.

Additionally, the application would require review by the D&M Society Register Committee because the Breed Registers have firm standards which require inspection by an approved officer to ensure qualification for permanent registration.

## **10. RULES FOR REGISTRATION WHERE MEASUREMENT CRITERIA APPLY. (Breed Registers)**

- a.. On juvenile registration the word “Temp” is added to the end of the registration number (e.g. JKnn/nnnn/nnTemp) and the donkey is noted as Temporary in the Register and on the registration certificate.
- b. On successfully meeting the measurement criteria the word Temp is removed from the registration number and the donkey is accorded permanent status.
- c. If the donkey when measured, fails the measurement criteria and is at or over the mature age specified in the rules for that breed; it is moved to the General Register.
- d. If a donkey has not been measured by the mature age specified in the rules for that breed it may remain in the Temporary Register for the breed but any progeny by default shall be registered in the General Register and not be eligible for the Breed Register. However,
- e. Progeny of breeds where measurement criteria apply, that have been registered in the General Register (because of the Temporary registration status of their parents), may by application and payment of a fee set by the Society, be moved to Temporary status in the applicable register if their parents subsequently qualify for full breed registration.
- f. Progeny of juvenile stock as defined in the breed rules shall be registered in the applicable Breed Register, but shall automatically be transferred to the General Register if either parent fails to qualify the mature measurement criteria by the age standard for the breed.
- h. If at juvenile registration both or either parents have died while recorded in a Temporary Register, the Register Committee may at its discretion consider an application for breed registration.
- i. The Registrar will notify the owner of a donkey who is about to be relegated from a Breed Register to the General Register before it occurs.

## **11. STUD/FARM NAMES**

- a. A prefix may only be used for donkeys/mules bred by the owner of that Stud Name. The Breeder of a donkey/mule is the registered owner, or lessee, of the jenny at the time of foaling.
- b. A suffix may only be attached to the registered name of a donkey/mule if it is being registered for the first time and the breeder is unknown or does not have a Stud Name. Only a registered stud/farm name may be used as a suffix.

- c. The registered name of a donkey/mule cannot be added to or changed unless it can be shown to cause confusion, or that an officer of the Society made a mistake. Such changes require special permission. Thus no Prefix or Suffix can be added to the name of a donkey/mule once it has been entered in an overseas or New Zealand Register
- d. No Stud/Farm Name may be used until it is registered with the Registrar. Stud/Farm Names are to be registered with the Registrar on payment of a \$5.00 fee.
- e. The Stud/Farm name shall be distinctive and not so resemble the Stud/Farm name of any other donkey/mule breeder, as to be, in the opinion of the Registrar, misleading. That is, the stud name may not be the same as (or so similar as could cause confusion with) a name already registered. The purchaser of a stud shall have no right to the previous owners stud name, except with the written sanction of the previous owner. Written notification shall be given to the Registrar.
- f. No donkey/mule will be accepted for entry in the Registers with a name:
  - Which includes a prefix *and* a Suffix
  - Longer than thirty letters (including prefix or Suffix and spaces)
  - Which in the opinion of the Committee is likely to prove misleading, undesirable or offensive in English or another language.
- g. A Stud/Farm Name may only be registered in the name of an individual or partnership and may be used by a family member or partner only when written consent is given to the Registrar.
- h. A Stud/Farm Name once registered cannot be used again within seventy-five years by another person without prior consent of its registered owner. This consent must be provided in writing to the Registrar before use of the Stud/Farm Name.
- i. A registered Stud/Farm Name may be bequeathed by the will of its owner, or by Deed of Gift, to another person and it will be transferred by the Registrar upon being provided with suitable proof of the gift.

## **12. BRANDS AND MICROCHIPS**

- a. All donkeys of Accredited Status, English/Irish Section A, Australian Teamster, American Mammoth Full registration and American Mammoth Jackstock Full registration and Miniatures are required to carry individual identification, being a brand and/or micro chip. Refer to the Miniature Register Rules for rules applying miniature donkeys.
- b. The brand must be registered with the Registrar. There is no fee for this.
- c. The brand must be distinctive and not so resemble the brand of any other breeder to be in the opinion of the Registrar, misleading.

- d. The purchaser of any stud shall have no right to the previous owner's brand, except with the written sanction of the previous owner. Written notification shall be given to the Registrar.

### **Microchipping**

The Donkey & Mule Society of N.Z.'s recommended site for placing microchips is "Near side neck, one thumb-width down from mane line, between that base of the ear and the mid neck"

The registration of identification forms contain a diagram to draw where the micro chop has been placed. The above mentioned position for the microchip is not required but recommended.

### **13. NOTIFICATION**

The Registrar must be notified by the owner of a donkey/mule as soon as practicable of any of the following: -

- a. Any change of ownership by the completion of a Certificate of Transfer. If a donkey/mule is owned by two or more people they must all sign the Certificate.
- b. The Lease of a donkey/mule by giving the name and address of the lessees and stating the period of the lease. The lessees will be responsible for the completion of any necessary documentation in relation to the registration of any progeny.
- c. The branding or microchipping of a donkey/mule for identification purposes
- d. The death of a donkey/mule by giving date of death and, if possible its cause.
- e. The gelding of a donkey/mule by providing a certificate or letter of confirmation of the date of castration.

### **14. VETERINARY CERTIFICATES**

- a. An application for registration of an Accredited jack or jenny shall be accompanied by a Donkey & Mule Society of New Zealand Veterinary Examination Report stating that the donkey is free from breeding and hereditary defects.
- b. The certificate must be signed by a veterinary surgeon.

## **15. SERVICE CERTIFICATES**

- a. The service certificate is printed on the bottom of the application for registration form which may be either downloaded from the Society's website or obtained from the Registrar.
- b. Only the registered owner or lessees of a registered Jack can sign and issue service certificates for that jack.
- c. Foals may only be recorded as the progeny of a registered jack if the owner of the jack has completed and signed the service certificate.

## **16. ARTIFICIAL REPRODUCTION**

No discrimination will be made against donkeys/mules produced by artificial reproductive methods.

## **17. TRANSFERS**

- a. A donkey/mule may not be transferred by anyone other than its lawful owner.
- b. Applications for transferring donkeys/mules must be made on official transfer forms available from the Registrar free of charge or copied from the Society's web site.
- c. An application for transfer must be accompanied by the fee and the Registration Certificate. The vendor pays the transfer fee.
- d. The Registrar will send the registration Certificate to the new owner, whether they are members of the Donkey & Mule Society of New Zealand or not.
- e. If a member purchases a Registered donkey/mule from a person who will not effect a transfer, they may apply to become the registered owner providing they can prove legal ownership.
- f. The seller of a donkey/mule must send the transfer application to the Registrar within six months of the sale.

## **18. LEASES**

- a. Where a donkey/mule is leased by the owner to another person the owner should complete the Lease Certificate form in triplicate. Additional conditions not covered by the certificate may be added by attachment.

- b. Leases of donkeys/mules should be registered with the Registrar using the Society's "Certificate to cover the Lease of a jack, mare or gelding" (fee \$5.00)
- c. The term of the lease whether bound by date or event should be stated on the Lease Certificate.
- d. Subject to compliance with the above requirements and if the donkey is a jack, the lessee may sign a certificate of service for the owner of a jenny for any service occurring during the period of the lease.

**19. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

- a. The age of a donkey/mule shall be taken from its actual date of birth. However, for showing purposes the age of a donkey/mule shall be taken from the 1 August to permit fairness in competition.
- b. There may be a Registration Sub-Committee consisting of about four members who may be given authority to advise the Registrar on registration problems.
- c. The Sub-Committee may not interfere with normal registration between members and the Registrar, but will provide advice and work with the Registrar on special projects may be determined from time to time and approved by the Executive.

**20. FEES:**

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| Jack registration  | \$10.00                     |
| Jenny registration   | \$10.00                     |
| Gelding Registration   | \$10.00                     |
| Mule registration  | \$10.00                     |
| Registration with Transfer included  | \$20.00                     |
| Accredited jack /jenny registration  | \$10.00                     |
| Miniature Registration   | \$10.00 non members \$20.00 |
| Mature update  | \$10.00                     |
| Mediterranean Miniature Registration   | \$10.00 non members \$20.00 |
| Mature update  | \$10.00                     |
| Refer Miniature Register Rules   |                             |
| Transfer General Register  | \$10.00                     |
| Mediterranean Miniature & Miniature  | \$10.00 non members \$20.00 |
| Transfer from General to Special Breed register for donkeys whose parents were late in moving from Temporary to Permanent status in Registers requiring adult measurement to qualify | \$30.00                     |
| Stud/Farm Name Registration  | \$5.00                      |
| Brand registration   | \$5.00                      |
| Replacement of registration certificate  | \$10.00                     |

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| (if not when transferred)              |           |
| Photo certificate for animal over 3yrs | \$10.00   |
| Notification of gelding                | no charge |
| Registration of Lease                  | \$5.00    |

## **21. MARKINGS AND COLOUR DESCRIPTIONS**

All colours are determined in the summer coat. Winter coats, clipped coats and foal coats will be deceptive as to colour.

**GREY-DUN:** The most common of donkey colours. It is the original “wild” colour. Body colour is some shade of grey or tannish grey ranging from very light oatmeal or light silver colour, to a very dark charcoal colour. Cross dorsal stripe, ear marks and often leg stripes (garters) or black dots on the lower part of the neck below the jowls are found. Grey-dun donkeys may have black muzzles and no light points (belly and legs as well as muzzle are usually lighter than the coat in all donkeys) and still be the grey dun colour.

**BROWN:**(Light, Dark, Very Dark)

**BLACK:** (with cross, no visible cross). Black is sometimes a difficult colour to determine. There are two kinds of black, a raven black, which is easy to determine and a duller black, which could often be a very dark brown. If the donkey is “jet” black or “raven” black with no visible cross and stripe if it can be listed as black. If the coat appears black but the cross, stripe and lower legs are visibly darker black it is called **Black with a cross** (smoky black). Dark brown describes donkeys whose coats are very dark brown in appearance with darker cross, stripe and lower legs. This applies especially for foals. **Charcoal** is not a shade of black but the very darkest shade of grey-dun.

**WHITE:** (Frosted spotted white, or Ivory/Blue eyed White). Due to many factors White is not always snow white. Often it is yellowish. If a donkey has blue eyes and pink skin it is registered as **White\* (BEW) Blue-eyed white**. Although there is no true pink-eyed albino in equines, the term albino- white is accepted in equine circles. The descriptive term is **Ivory**. Dark-eyed white donkeys with mottled skin are spotted and not true white.

**BROKEN COLOURED:** This is always listed as whatever the base colour is first, then “and white broken coloured” e.g. Grey and white broken coloured” or “brown and white broken coloured”. The eyes are dark. The skin (especially around the eyes, muzzle, and genitals ) is broken coloured pink and black. The body may actually show mottled (patched) grey and pink skin, but the colour does not appear on the coat. A dark or partial cross, coloured ear tips, tail-tip, striped hooves, dark spots may be present in the foal coat, which fades out in the adult coat, leaving the broken coloured skin as the only indicator of the broken coloured pattern.

**RED:** For all the red shades that are not *bay, red roan or reddish brown*. The description should be “sorrel”. The majority of red donkeys have extensive white points as adults. If they are clearly frosty or dappled red roan it should be noted on their papers.

**ROAN: Chocolate roan** Dark chocolate and white or fawn hairs mingling, dark predominating on the body. Light on face and legs. Mane and tail unusually dark. **Blue roan.** As above, but grey hairs replacing dark chocolate. **Pink roan.** As above, but fawn or chestnut hairs replacing the dark. Roans do not usually have a cross.

### **COLOUR RELATING TO PARTICLAUR BREEDS:**

Australian Teamsters: Any colour is accepted except broken coloured.

Mammoths Any colour is accepted except grey-dun.

### **22.HEIGHT CATEGORIES**

MINIATURE: 36 inches and under at the wither (9 hh), measured at 3 years

SMALL STANDARD HEIGHT: Over 9 hh, but under 10.2 hh

STANDARD: 10.2 hh to 12 hh

LARGE STANDARD: 12 hh to 14 hh

### **23. BREED HEIGHTS:**

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| American Mediterranean Donkey: | up to 36 inches at 3 years of age               |
| English/Irish:                 | There is not height standard for this breed.    |
| Australian Teamster Donkey:    | 11 hh and over                                  |
| Mammoth Donkeys:               | Jennies 14 hh and over<br>Jacks 14 2hh and over |

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