

HUNGARIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
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I. Breeding and Registration Goals

The Articles of Incorporation provide that the specific and primary purpose for which this corporation is formed is too, record the lineage of Hungarian Kisber type Horses and the crosses thereof, govern such infusion of other genetic material as needed and approved by the Association, encourage further improvement of the breed and promote the interest of the breed. (REVISED 01/28/2019 Breeders Board meeting).

The Hungarian Horse Association, established in 1966, was formed by Baroness Margit Besseney, Countess Judith Gyurky, Steve and Wanda Cooksley and Jim Edwards, to record horses and their offspring imported after World War II which originally came from Hungary. They included the United States Remount importations sold to private breeders in their dispersion sales, Countess Judith Gyurky's horses that she personally brought out of Hungary and later imported, and some mares imported by Tempel Smith.

In 1994, Dr. Balazs Pataki, Executive Director of the Hungarian National Kisber-Felver Breeding Association and Deputy Director of the Horse Section of the National Agricultural Control Institute, visited the United States. His purpose was to visit our breeding herds and establish contact. Dr. Pataki was accompanied by Dr. Egon Kamarasy, HHAA's Vice President for International Affairs and the late Captain Laszlo Monostory. The latter was commandant of several Hungarian stud farms, including the famous Kisber Stud Farm, immediately prior to World War II and helped with the evacuation of the Hungarian horse to Germany ahead of the Russian invasion.

As a result of Dr. Pataki 's visit, an agreement was signed August 17, 1994 by Dr. Pataki, as Executive Director of the Kisberi-Felver Association, and George Cooksley, then President of the Hungarian Horse Association of America. This agreement recognized our common desire to preserve and improve the breed and improve marketing. Included in the agreement was the mutual recognition of stud books as correct and the method for recording horses in each other's registry was established.

II. Breed Characteristics

1. Exceptional intelligence (sometimes in overabundance)
2. Athletic prowess emphasizing speed, agility and balance
3. Unusual heart and courage
4. Loyalty and dedication to a working partnership
5. A strong sense of justice
6. An extremely rugged and durable constitution
7. A heart girth which exceeds the height by about six to nine inches
8. Ribs which are well sprung
9. Well-muscled over the loins
10. Legs characterized by large joints
11. Good, flat bone of considerable density
12. Heads and bodies characterized by good definition
13. Wide heads which carry intelligent looking eyes

III. Official Registry Books

- A. **Hungarian Felver Book:** shall consist of horses with a five-generation pedigree consisting entirely of Felver, Thoroughbred, Arabian, or Shagya blood. The approved outcross use of Thoroughbred, Arabian, Shagya or a combination thereof must be registered with a recognized association registry. DNA testing may be required. Either the sire or the dam must be a registered Hungarian Felver with the Hungarian Horse Association of America. The Felver book preserves the original purpose of the Association, which is to preserve the bloodlines of the horses according to pre- World War II Kisberi standards.

The names of all registered Felters will be preceded by "Hungarian" or "H" as in Hungarian Big John or H Big John. No periods (.) will be used after the "H" (Breeders Board 04/10/2017).

1. Approval of Sportlo Stallions for Felver breeding
 - a. Sportlo Stallions may be approved for Felver breeding by the Breeders Board as improvement sires to produce Felters utilizing the following criteria. (09/25/2005)
 1. Evaluation of 5 offspring of stallion
 2. Review of Stallion's achievements or offspring's performances.
 3. Evaluation and approval of Stallion's pedigree.

b. Upon approval the stallion shall not be moved to the Felver Book; however, their existing and future offspring, out of registered Felver, Thoroughbred, Arabian or Shagya Arabian dams, will be moved into the Felver Book. (Breeders Board 09/25/2005)

c. When a horse is moved from Sportlo Book to the Felver Book the prior "HS" registration number/name is retained in HHAA records for tracking purposes and a new registration name and number is assigned. The pedigree database is changed at no charge to the owner; However, if the owner wants new papers issued, with the new Felver number and name, the cost is noted on the current HHAA Fees Schedule for re-issue of registration certificate. (HHAA Board Meeting 10/22/2018)

2. Approval of Sportlo Mares for Felver Breeding

a. Sportlo mares may be approved by the Breeders Board as improvement dams to produce Felvers.

To remain in the Felver Book, all Felvers must be bred to a registered HHAA Felver every third generation. (Breeders Board 9/15/1996).

The use of Shagya-bred horses will automatically be accepted as outcrosses in both the Felver and Sportlo books as long as the respective pedigrees meet Hungarian Horse Association of America outcross requirements. Shagya-bred horses must be registered with any independently maintained registry recognized by the International Shagya Society (ISG).

The Felver Book does not allow the use of any multicolored horses. (Breeders Board 9/15/1996) Unacceptable markings include:

1. White spot larger than a dinner plate (pinto)
2. Patterns or markings typical of the American Appaloosa.
3. Excessive roaning, a dilution gene or sabino coloring.
4. Genetically related white eyes.

B. Hungarian Sportlo Book: will consist of HHAA Felvers outcrossed with European Approved Warmbloods approved (*this does not include baroque breeds; Breeders Board 01/28/2019*) for breeding by their respective registry. There must be a minimum of 25% Felver blood in the foal. For the purposes of calculating the percentage of Felver blood in a Sportlo pedigree, registered Thoroughbreds may be counted as Felver in such cases. (Breeder's Board 9/25/2005) The approval of the outcross will consist of a review of the pedigree, DNA testing and photographs or any other information deemed necessary.

European multicolored warmbloods may be used in the Sportlo Book (Breeders Board 9/15/1996)

The names of all registered Sportlos will be preceded by "HS" as in HS Pik Brado. (Breeders Board 04/10/2017) Prior to this 2017 Breeders Board decision some of the Sportlo horses were registered with "Hungarian Sportlo" as part of and preceding their name.

C. Hungarian Fajta (Part-bred) Book shall record any offspring of a Felver or Sportlo, HHAA registered horse, crossed to any other horse that is not eligible to be included in the Felver or Sportlo book. European multicolored warmbloods or any other color pattern may be used in the Fajta Book. (Breeders Board 9/15/1996)

The names of all registered Fajtas will be preceded by "HPB" as in HPB Flicka. (Breeders Board 04/10/2017) Prior to this 2017 Breeders Board decision some of the Fajta horses were registered with "Hungarian Part-bred" as part of and preceding their name.

D. Hungarian Riding Pony Book: shall record the development of pony foundation stock with the use of horses approved for HHAA Felver breeding crossed with HHAA acceptable pony breeds to produce Hungarian Riding Ponies.

Approved pony breeding stock includes the following:

1. Welsh Ponies – Section A or B only
2. Connemara Ponies
3. British Riding Ponies
4. German Riding Ponies
5. (Weser-Ems-Oldenburg Region)
6. (Hanover Ponies-Hanover Region)
7. (Westphalian Ponies- Westphalia Region)
8. Other European Riding Ponies (as approved by the HHAA Breeders Board)
9. New Forest Ponies
10. HHAA Hungarian Riding Ponies

The definition of a "pony" will be determined by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF).

The names of all registered Hungarian Riding Ponies will be preceded by "HRP" as in HRP Dolly. (Breeders Board 04/10/2017)

IV. Registration of Imported Horses

A. Before any imported horse may be eligible for registration within the Hungarian Horse Association of America, the following must be presented to the HHAA Breeders Board:

1. All importation passport and shipping information
2. Registration verification from country of origin
3. Certified pedigree verified by the registering association
4. Markings must match all documented identification papers
5. DNA testing will be required
6. Any other information deemed necessary by the HHAA Breeders Board.
7. Additional registration fee will be required: (Board of Directors 01/14/2019) See current Fee Schedule on HHAA website.

B. Before any foal imported in utero and born in North America may be eligible for registration within the HHAA, the following must be presented to the HHAA Breeders Board:

1. The owner of the mare at the time of foaling must register such mare with the HHAA
2. Affidavit (aka a Breeder's Certificate) from the owner of the sire verifying breeding dates, registration and pedigree of said stallion.
3. Completed HHAA Registration application with appropriate fee.
4. Any other information deemed necessary by the HHAA Breeders Board.

V. Breeding Requirements

A. To make a foal eligible for registration:

1. The sire and/or dam must be registered with the HHAA and must have DNA typing on file with the HHAA.
2. If the sire, is Hungarian and is deceased at the time his frozen semen is used, he must have been registered with the HHAA at the time the semen was collected and frozen.
3. If the dam, is Hungarian and is deceased at the time her frozen embryo is used, she must have been registered with the HHAA at the time the embryo was collected and frozen.
4. The gestation must fall within normal and standard time limits. Gestations not falling with the normal parameters must be verified by a veterinarian and/or DNA typing.

B. **Natural Cover:** If a mare is pasture bred, it must be ensured that only one stallion has access to her during any one heat period

C. On-Premise Artificial Insemination with Fresh Semen:

All semen shall be properly identified between collection and insemination.

D. Shipped Cooled Semen:

1. Prior to foal registration, any mare covered by shipped cooled semen must be DNA typed, at the mare owner's expense, by an approved laboratory under contract to the Association. The resulting foal must also be DNA typed at the owner's expense and is eligible for registration only if it unquestionably qualifies as the offspring of its proven sire and dam.
2. All semen shipments must be accompanied by a certificate from the stallion owner/agent.

E. Frozen Semen:

1. Prior to foal registration, any mare covered by frozen semen must be DNA typed, at the mare owner's expense, by an approved laboratory under contract to the Association. The resulting foal must also be DNA typed at the owner's expense and is eligible for registration only if it unquestionably qualifies as the offspring of its proven sire and dam.
2. All shipments of frozen semen must be accompanied by a certificate from the stallion owner/agent or the owner of the semen.
3. The owner of an approved or accepted Hungarian stallion not standing, or never having stood in North America may register his stallion in the HHAA Registry. In that case, the owner, or his North American agent, must be a member in good standing of the Association. The owner or agent must pay the same fees for the stallion and issue the same reports and certificates as the owners of stallions standing in North America.
4. Owners of foals produced by imported frozen semen must supply at owners' expense, DNA typing report for the stallion being used.
(Contact HHAA Registrar for current procedure.)

F. Embryo Transfer:

Foals produced by transfer of the embryo to recipient mare

1. The donor mare's DNA type must be on file with the Association before the mare is bred.
2. The resulting foal must be DNA typed and, if there is a question about its parentage, the DNA type of the recipient mare shall also be considered:
3. All breeding and embryo transfer dates must be properly documented

G. Regardless of the method employed, a mare may not be covered by more than one stallion during any one heat period.

H. All stallions and mares used for Sportlo and Hungarian Riding Pony breeding must be DNA typed by an approved laboratory and an official copy of the DNA type report must be filed with the Association.

VI. STALLION BREEDING REPORT (HHAA Registered Stallions Only)

(Beginning 01/31/2021 for the 2020 breeding season, Breeders Board 07/08/2019)

A. On or before January 31 of each year, the owner or lessee of each stallion registered with the Association, or the owner of frozen semen from a stallion registered with the Association, must submit a stallion breeding report on a form provided by the Association, listing all mares bred to the stallion or with the stallion's semen, during the preceding calendar year, whether such mares were determined in foal or not.

B. The stallion breeding report shall include the mare's registration number, the mare's registered name, the name and address of the owner, or lessee if applicable, at the time of service, and all breeding or shipment dates or dates of exposure as well as the method of breeding employed.

C. Each stallion breeding report shall be signed by the record owner, or the lessee if applicable, of each stallion at the time of service, or by the owner of the dispensed frozen semen, as the case might be. A separate report needs to be completed for each individual stallion.

D. No foal's (from an HHAA registered stallion) application will be considered unless the said stallion report covering that foal has been received by the HHAA Registrar.

E. The stallion owner shall advise the Association of any leasing arrangements made for the stallion and of any change in the person(s) responsible for the stallion. A copy of the written lease must be on file with the Registrar.

VII. BREEDING CERTIFICATE

A. In addition to the preparation and filing of an annual stallion breeding report. A breeding certificate shall be executed by the recorded owner, or the lessee if applicable, of the stallion and countersigned by the owner of the dam on a form provided without cost by the Association.

B. In the case of mares bred by shipped cooled or frozen semen, the person performing the insemination shall verify the information regarding the mare as given on the certificate, enter the date of the insemination and sign the certificate, where indicated, verifying that that person has inseminated only the mare specified on the certificate.

C. The breeding certificate shall contain the name and description of the mare, her registration number, if any, the name of the stallion, his registration number and the date or dates of service.

D. No foal registration will be issued unless a signed breeding certificate is on file.

VIII. AGE OF HORSE

The age of a horse shall be on the basis of the month, day and year of foaling.

IX. NAMING OF HORSE

A. No horse will be registered in the records of the Association by any name which is a duplicate of the name of a horse, living or dead, already registered with the Association. (01/14/2019 Breeders Board Meeting)

B. Punctuation marks are not permitted.

C. The horse must be named prior to being used for breeding purposes. Thereafter, the name of the horse cannot be changed. Except in the case a prefix "HS" is changed to "H" on a horse whose sire or dam has been approved for Felver breeding.

D. The Association may refuse to register a horse by any name that appears inappropriate, misleading or obscene.

X. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

A. Before any horse shall be eligible for registration all ownership transfers of the sire and dam must be completed.

B. The owner of the horse to be registered, must submit a DNA testing, at the owner's expense with the laboratory approved by the association.

C. The owner of the horse to be registered shall execute an application for registration of the horse on a form provided by the Association which shall be identified as "Application for Registration." The said application shall be accompanied by the required fee, and shall include the name, sex, color, markings, foaling date of the horse to be registered and the name, registration number and color of the sire and dam.

D. The Association and its officers shall use diligence in securing true information in connection with the registration of any and all animals registered, but neither the Association nor its officers shall be answerable in damages for the issuance of any certificate of registration made in conformity with information supplied by the application for registration.

E. A certificate of registration will be issued to the owner upon receipt of required documentation and fee for registration.

F. All lease agreements shall be filed with the office of the Registrar, and shall contain the following information:

1. Registered name, number, age, and pedigree description of the horse being leased;
2. Name and address of owner/lessor and lessee (printed and typed)
3. Beginning date of lease and either
 - a) termination date, or
 - b) statement that lease continues until further notice;
 - c) signature of owner/lessor and lessee.
4. A lease may be terminated by the owner/lessor by filing with the Registrar a written notice clearly identifying the lease and the termination date of the lease, and stating that a copy of the notice of termination has been mailed to the lessee at the lessee's last known address. If the written notice of termination is received by the Registrar after the termination date stated in the notice, then the termination date shall be deemed to be the date of receipt by the Registrar.
5. During the period that the lease is in effect, the lessee shall be deemed to be the recorded owner of any foal born to the leased mare, unless the lease agreement expressly provides otherwise. The lease agreement must be signed by the owner/lessor and the lessee and received by the Registrar prior to or simultaneously with a request for registration of the foal.
6. Foals born on the termination date shall be deemed to be owned by the lessee.

G. The completion of a registration certificate may take up to 4 weeks to process, after all required information is received.

XI. Correction of Registration Certificate

The Registration Certificate must accurately describe the horse for which it has been issued.

- A. Upon receipt of the certificate, the owner must examine it for inaccuracies and errors.

- B. Any errors found and pointed out to the Registrar shall be corrected without fee if the certificate is returned to the Registry within ninety (90) day of its issuance. After that time a fee may be assessed.
- C. If a horse's color was inaccurately reported on the original application, it may be changed without fee if the horse was less than one (1) year old when registered.
- D. When a significant change in the descriptions of a horse is requested, the Registry may require proof of the horse's identity before modifying the certificate.
- E. When a Registry Certificate has been lost or completely destroyed, a duplicate certificate can be made for an additional fee. Before reissuing a duplicate certificate complete information, including pictures and/or DNA may be requested by the Association along with a statement from the horse owner.

XII. TRANSFERS

- A. When an animal is sold, the seller shall endorse, date and name new owner (*Buyer*) on the back of the certificate.
- B. The Buyer shall forward promptly to the HHAA Registrar;
 - 1. Signed Original Certificate
 - 2. Copy of the Bill of Sale
 - 3. Required Fee(s)
- C. In order that the progeny of any animal may be registered, all transfers of ownership of such animal and dates of sales must be duly recorded.
- D. Whenever title to a registered animal passes to another by reason of incapacity of the owner, the Association may transfer the registration of such animal to the new owner upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction or other satisfactory proof of transfer of title.
- E. There will be no HHAA transfer fee levied to the person (new owner) registering a foal if the foal is registered before 12 months of age. (Breeders Board, 02/12/2018)

XIII. GELDINGS

When a previously registered stallion is castrated, the Registrar must be contacted in writing with the date of castration noted. All breeding, up until the date of castration must be submitted on an end of year stallion report.

XIV. DEATH OF A REGISTERED ANIMAL

Upon the death of an animal its certificate of registration with the date of death noted thereon, must be surrendered for recording and cancellation. Canceled certificates will be returned to the owner, if requested.

XV. BRANDING

A. Any eligible HHAA horse registered with the Association, may be branded on the left hindquarter with the official HHAA brand upon application, payment of the required fees and verification by the HHAA Registrar of the Registry status of the horse to be branded. (Board of Directors, 10/22/2018)

1. Felver and Sportlo horses will be branded with the same brand. The brand has the St. Stephen's crown on top of the letters HU.
2. The Fajta or HPB (part-bred) horses have their own brand; HU without the crown.
3. Hungarian Riding Pony or HRP, brand description, HP with the St. Stephen's crown. (*To be determined*)

XVI. Completion of Registration Certificate

HHAA Registration applications must include the following:

- A. Minimum sized colored 4 x 6-inch pictures of all 4 sides of the horse including the feet. For unusual markings also include additional close ups. 1 head photo taken from the front, showing whorls. All photos shall be marked on the back of the photo with date of birth, sire, dam, and name of owner.
- B. If the dam is an approved outcross, a copy of her registration certificate must be furnished verifying the following information:
1. Name of the recorded owner at the time of breeding,
 2. The Date of Birth, color, breed and registration number,
 3. The dam's 5-generation pedigree from her respective registry or an approved source. Hand written or farm generated pedigrees will not be accepted.
 4. Conformation picture.
 5. Dam's DNA typing must be provided.
- C. If the sire is an approved outcross, a copy of his registration certificate must be furnished verifying the following information:
1. Name of the recorded owner at the time of breeding.
 2. The date of birth, color, breed and registration number.
 3. The 5-generation pedigree from his respective registry or approved source. Hand written or farm generated pedigrees will not be accepted.

4. Conformation picture.
 5. Sire's DNA typing must be provided
- D. Signed Breeders Certificate from the stallion owner with the breeding dates and method
- E. All appropriate fees must be paid in full.

XVII. Definition of Horse Ownership for Registration

- A. Single ownership, all forms must be signed by the documented owner. If an agent is applicable, said agent must be on file with the registry prior to signing privileges
- B. Dual ownership:
1. "AND" partnerships require both signatures on all documents.
 2. "AND/OR" partnerships require the signature of only one of the owners

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