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THE ROLE OF THE AUSTRALIAN STUD BOOK

The Australian Stud Book was founded in 1878 and its aim is to:

- > Ensure the integrity of thoroughbred breeding in Australia.
- > Provide quality service to breeders by maintaining thoroughbred breeding records. This will allow breeders to get on with the business of breeding horses.
- > Help promote the Australian Thoroughbred Breeding Industry as an industry with the highest standards of quality and professionalism in the world.

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ASB BREEDERS SERVICES

The following notes will help breeders determine what procedures are required to be completed and when the Australian Stud Book requires them.

Dates for the submission of returns and identification procedures have been provided where possible.

	How do I lodge returns with the ASB?
Internet	Mare and Stallion Returns can be lodged online at www.studbook.org.au All returns lodged online receive a 5% discount.
Telephone	Breeders without internet access can lodge Mare and Stallion Returns via the ASB Telephone Service on 1300 2 RETURN (1300 2 738876) . This Service is for the purpose of lodging returns only. All other Stud Book related enquiries must be directed to the Stud Book telephone number 02 9663 8411.

All Online and telephone lodgement programs include credit card or cheque payment options.

	Description	When?
Contact Breeder Number	Mare owners are required to obtain a Contact Breeder Number (CBN) from the ASB. You will need a CBN to quote on all correspondence with the ASB and before completing returns online or via the telephone lodgement service.	Once you have purchased a mare, stallion or bred a foal.

MARES

	Description	When?
Mare Returns	<p>An annual Mare Return is to be lodged by the breeder each year advising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> The result of the colour, sex and date of birth of a foal.> Whether the mare has no live foal and the reason for no foal (ie: slipped, missed etc).> Foaling location.> Whether the breeder's details have changed or advising of a new breeder.	<p>-----Due to be returned to the Stud Book within 30 days of the birth of a live foal</p> <p>or</p> <p>In the case of no live foal, 12 months from the last date of service.</p> <p>Mare Returns can be completed online or via the telephone lodgement service.</p>
Not Served Mare Return	<p>Breeders with a mare that has previously been to stud but has not been served during the current season must submit a 'Not Served Mare Return'.</p>	<p>Due to be returned to the Stud Book by 15 March of the season the mare was not covered.</p> <p>'Not Served' mare returns can be lodged online or via the telephone lodgement service.</p>

IDENTIFICATION OF THOROUGHBREDS

	Description	When?
Parentage Testing	Every foal born from 2003 onwards and every broodmare in Australia is required to have a DNA test (referred to as Parentage Testing). Only authorised ASB veterinarians can carry out the extraction of hair required for this test. A DNA hair testing kit will be sent to the breeder by the ASB. Upon positive parentage verification, a Foal Identification Card (FIC) will be sent to the contact associated with the horse.	The ASB will advise breeders of a two-month period in which their foal/s must be parentage tested. This is done at the same time as microchipping. See our Foal Checklist on page 7.
Foal Identification Card (Passports)	A Foal Identification Card (FIC) is produced at the time a horse is parentage verified. The Foal Identification Card must be relinquished to the Registrar of Racecourses at the time an application for naming is submitted. A new card (Thoroughbred Identification Card) with the horse's name on it will be issued by the Registrar of Racehorses upon naming. In previous years, a passport was produced upon parentage verification. The production of passports has ceased for 2003 foals onwards and replaced by the Foal Identification Card.	Foal Identification Card is produced at the time a horse is parentage verified* *see definition in the ASB rules at www.studbook.org.au under the General Information menu.
Imported Horses Parentage Testing	All imported horses are required to be DNA typed to enable acceptance into the ASB.	An import application form is due within 30 days of the horse's arrival. Contact the ASB on 02 9663 8411 to obtain an import application. The ASB will forward a DNA hair testing kit to the import applicant.

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	Description	When?
Microchipping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> All foals born in Australia from 2003 onwards are required to be microchipped.> All imported horses born in the 2003 season onwards are required to be microchipped in Australia if not microchipped in their country of origin or previous country of residence. <p>Only authorised ASB veterinarians can carry out the implanting of microchips. The ASB will forward the microchipping kit to the breeder. Breeders should then organise the authorised ASB vet to implant the microchip.</p> <p>The veterinarian is required to complete a Microchip, Brands and Sample (MBS) form and return it to the Stud Book.</p> <p>Mares and stallions born prior to 2003 and Shuttle Stallions are not required to be microchipped.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> The ASB will send breeders a microchip kit and advise of a two-month period in which their foal/s must be microchipped. This is done at the same time as parentage testing.> For imported horses, an import application is due within 30 days of the horse's arrival. Contact the ASB on 02 9663 8411 to obtain an import application. <p>Microchipping is to be done at the same time as DNA sampling.</p> <p>MBS form due within 5 days of microchipping the foal.</p>

What's in the Parentage Testing Kit?

- > 1x **Label** (pre-printed with the horse's parents) to attach the hair sample to the DNA card.
- > 1x **DNA Card**.
- > 1x **MBS Form**.
- > 1x **Batch Report Form** for the breeder.
- > 1x **Batch Report Form** for the identifier.
- > 1x **Microchip Applicator** with 8 barcode labels.

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	Description	When?
Freeze Branding	<p>All thoroughbred horses in the Australian Stud Book are required to be freeze branded. Freeze branding is optional for imported horses going straight to stud.</p> <p>Breeders who have a replicated brand (ie: other breeders have the same brand) must adhere to the Drop Numbers allocated when the brand was registered.</p> <p>If you are unsure as to whether your brand is replicated or unsure of your Drop Number allocation, check on the ASB website Brands Register at www.studbook.org.au or call the ASB on 02 9663 8411.</p>	<p>All foals must be freeze branded in sufficient time for their brands to be discernible by 31 March of their first year of life.</p> <p>Brands must be clearly visible as permanent white hair markings before horses are microchipped and DNA sampled.</p>
Brands Register	<p>The Australian Stud Book is accumulating a database of all registered thoroughbred brands in Australia. Subscribers to the Australian Stud Book website can access the Brands Register.</p>	<p>Breeders should register their brands with the ASB as soon as possible to acquire a Brand Index Number.</p>
Brand Index Card and Brand Index Number	<p>Once registered with the ASB, a Brand Index Card will be issued to the breeder, displaying the brand image, breeder's name and Brand Index Number allocated to the brand registered.</p> <p>The Brand Index Card must be provided to the veterinarian at the time the horse is microchipped and DNA sampled to enable him/her to enter the correct Brand Index Number on relevant forms.</p>	<p>Veterinarians must quote the Brand Index Number on the Microchip, Brands and Sample form to ensure it is accepted.</p>

FOAL IDENTIFICATION - BREEDERS CHECKLIST

Follow the steps to see the requirements for new season foals.

Dates and further information can be found in the Identification of Thoroughbreds section starting on page 4 of this brochure.

1.	If you do not have your brand registered with the Australian Stud Book, contact the ASB on 02 9663 8411. Once registered you will be issued with a Brand Index Card displaying an image of your brand and Brand Index Number.
2.	Freeze Brand foals in sufficient time for their brands to be discernible by 31 March of their first year of life.
3.	Wait for the ASB to send your foal's identification kit. The kit will provide you with the date period in which you are required to parentage test your foal (see page 4 for the contents of this kit).
4.	Arrange for the veterinarian to visit in the month designated by the Australian Stud Book to implant the microchip. The vet will take a DNA hair sample and complete the Microchip, Brands and Sample form and return it to the ASB. The vet will require your Brand Index Card displaying your brand image and index number at this time (see point 1 above).
5.	Approximately two weeks after the vet has taken the sample, check that the foal has been parentage verified on the Australian Stud Book website on the Unnamed Produce screen, found under the horse name drop down menu at www.studbook.org.au
6.	<p>A Foal Identification Card (FIC) will be issued at the time of parentage verification. Upon receipt of the FIC, check the identity of the horse against the brands, markings description and microchip number. Any discrepancy must be reported to the ASB within 30 days of receipt.</p> <p>The FIC must remain with the person currently in possession of the horse, and must be relinquished to the Registrar of Racehorses at the time an application for naming is submitted.</p>

STALLIONS

	Description	When?
Stallion Return	<p>Stallion Proprietors must submit a Stallion Return each year for all stallions that serve mares. This return notifies the ASB of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > The number of mares the stallion will cover during the season. > The advertised service fee for the season. > The details of the stud and its location. <p>These details are then displayed on the ASB website.</p>	<p>All stallion proprietors with internet access are required to lodge Stallion Returns Online through the ASB's Stallion Return system.</p> <p>All Stallion Returns are due to be lodged with the ASB by 30 June each year.</p> <p>Stallion Returns can be completed online or via the telephone lodgement service.</p>
Stallion Declaration of Service - Hand Services	<p>A list of all mares served by a stallion, plus the first and last service date of these mares must be declared to the Stud Book.</p> <p>Stallion Proprietors who stand stallions that cover more than 40 mares are required to lodge service dates electronically through a stud management system (such as Ardex, Equimaster or Stable-Eyes) or via the Online Declaration of Service program at www.studbook.org.au</p> <p>This system is not restricted to studs which stand stallions that serve more than 40 mares.</p> <p>Studs which stand stallions that cover less than 40 mares will be issued with paper Declarations of Service in August each year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Online, electronic data transfer and paper Declarations of Service are due to be returned to the ASB by 15 January each year. > Paddock serving stallion Declarations of Service are due to be returned to the ASB by 31 May each year.

STEPS FOR HORSES SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

	Owner	Sales Company / Stud Book
Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Complete sale entry form (available from sale companies).> Send the horse's passport (if born before 2003) or Foal Identification Card (FIC) to sales company with the entry form.	Sales company produces catalogue from entry forms received.
Step 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> All horses born from 2003 onwards must be microchipped prior to sale.	Contact the ASB if you have not yet received a microchipping kit.
Step 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Horse is sold at sale.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Passport or FIC is forwarded to purchaser by the sale company.

Please note that definitions of terms found in this brochure can be found on the Australian Stud Book website at www.studbook.org.au

Detailed information on...

- Identification of thoroughbreds
- Mare return processes

can be found in the Rules of the Australian Stud Book at www.studbook.org.au



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