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# **The Moriesian Horse Registry**

## **BYLAWS AND RULES**

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## Bylaws

### Article I

#### NAME & LOCATION

The Moriesian Horse Registry is located in Snohomish Washington. It is owned and operated by Barbara Collins. The Registry was originally established in 1996 by Betty Pace of Ogden Utah and was then known as The '*Moriesian* Horse Registry'.

### Article II

#### OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the Moriesian Horse Registry is to accurately document progeny records, issue certificates of registration, and maintain records of ownership in accordance with the rules of the Registry. It is incumbent upon every breeder to support and comply with the rules, and thus preserve and promote the Moriesian breed. The Registry will also promote the Moriesian breed through correspondence, publications, and advertising.

### Article III

#### MEMBERSHIP

Any owner of a Moriesian horse or individual interested in the Moriesian horse may become member of the Registry by submitting an application and paying the required fee(s). It is the responsibility of each breeder and owner to list accurate information that is consistent with the Registry Rules. Intent of all concerned should be to maintain the integrity of this organization and preserve and promote the Moriesian breed. The MHR expects all persons to conduct themselves in an honest, ethical and fair manner.

## **Article IV**

### **MEMBERSHIP SERVICES**

The Registry will offer the following services for its members:

1. Registration of Moriesians. A horse may be eligible for registration as a Moriesian Horse if:
  - A. The offspring results from a purebred Friesian to purebred Morgan cross.
  - B. Both Sire and Dam are registered with the Registry.
  - C. The offspring results from a Moriesian to either Friesian or Morgan cross.
2. Registration transfer and certificate changes.
3. Prefix Registration.
4. Year end awards for In-hand, Performance, Dressage, and Combined Training.
5. Inspection awards for High Merit scores.
6. Moriesian Breeders Stallion Listing- to include Foundation Friesian, Morgan, and Moriesian stallions.
7. Promotion of the Moriesian breed.

## **Article V**

### **ADOPTION AND REVISIONS**

The Bylaws were adopted on February 16, 1999. Revisions and amendments will occur on an as needed basis.

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## Operating Rules

### **Introduction**

These rules refer to the Moriesian Horse Registry (MHR). The term "Registry" refers to the MHR, Registrar of the Registry and to appointed representatives.

The main objective of the Registry is to register and maintain an official registry of the Moriesian horse. The Registry may refuse to register any horse if that registration will not aid, promote, and foster the objectives of the Registry as stated in these rules.

The MHR philosophy is based on honesty and integrity. The organization trusts that breeders, owners, lessees and sellers will provide accurate information. Any member or any person signing registration or transfer documents agrees to uphold the following rules.

### **RULE 1 Registration Eligibility**

#### **SECTION 1 First Generation 'F' (Foundation) Moriesian Registration**

This division applies to any Moriesian resulting from a Friesian to Morgan cross. The qualifying requirements are as follows.

1. The sire is a purebred Friesian or Morgan stallion. Proof by pedigree or copy of the original registration and breeder's notarizing application.
2. The dam is a purebred Friesian or Morgan. Proof by pedigree or copy of the original registration.
3. DNA testing is required for all Moriesian stallions and mares (breeding stock). Geldings are excluded from requirement, though recommended for showing.

## **SECTION 2 Moriesian 'M' Registration**

This division applies to the foal or horse from a Moriesian sire and Moriesian dam. The qualifying requirements are as follows.

1. Both horses are registered with the MHR.
2. DNA typing and parentage verification.

## **SECTION 3 Three Quarter Moriesian Registration**

This division applies to the foal or horse resulting from a Moriesian to either Friesian or Morgan cross = 75% / 25% Moriesian. MHR Moriesians cannot exceed 75% Friesian or Morgan documented bloodlines, or have less than 25% Morgan or Friesian documented bloodlines to be registered. The qualifying requirements are as follows:

3. The Moriesian sire or dam is registered with the MHR.
4. DNA typing with parentage verification.

## **RULE 2 Registration Requirements**

### **SECTION 1 Prior Registration**

Any Moriesian previously Registered with the original 'Morisian Horse Registry' may be re-Registered at no cost by completing the registration application and submitting photocopies of the original certificate and pedigree.

### **SECTION 2 Initial Registration**

Moriesian Horse Registration Certificates will be issued to owners or lessees who submit correctly completed and signed MHR forms and pay the appropriate fees. In addition:

- A. All applications must be accurately and correctly completed and will include a Certificate of Service signed and notarized by the recorded owner (or lessee) of the stallion at time of service.  
Exceptions to notarization: Notarization may be waived if the stallion is listed with the MHR as a Breeding Stallion or if there is a Stallion Report covering the year in which the horse was conceived on file with the Registry.
- B. A completed transfer application is required if the foal is to be recorded in a name other than the owner of the dam at time of foaling.
- C. A copy of the dam and sire's papers must be submitted to the Registry with the application.
- D. Payment for DNA typing for breeding stock (mares and stallions) and all second and subsequent generation Moriesians must be included.
- E. A photo taken from the side to show full body conformation.
- F. Every applicant may be required to provide additional information to correctly document a registration.
- G. A one-time membership fee is included with the first horse registered.

### **SECTION 3 DNA Testing**

In order to provide the most accurate and complete records for the Registry all applying Foundation Moriesian breeding stock and all second and subsequent generation Moriesians will require genotyping by a laboratory recognized by the Registry. The following rules apply:

- A. Foundation Moriesian mares and stallions must be genotyped (DNA) through the MHR. Geldings are excluded from requirement. DNA is required, however, for Moriesian geldings to participate in inspections and breed shows.
- B. All subsequent Moriesian to Moriesian generations must be DNA typed to prove parentage.
- C. All subsequent Moriesian to Friesian or Morgan (75%/25%) generations must be DNA typed to prove parentage.
- D. DNA hair kits will be provided at the owner or lessee's expense by the Register and shall be used under the rules provided by each kit.
- E. The MHR may, in certain instances, request genotyping for Friesian and Morgan sires and dams.

### **RULE 3 Names**

#### **SECTION 1 Registered Names**

The complete name of a horse shall not exceed 25 spaces including prefixes, punctuation marks, and blanks. No horse will be registered by a name that has exactly the same spelling as a horse already registered, contains numerical prefixes or suffixes, or uses the terms "Sr." or "Jr." The Registrar reserves the right to refuse a name that may be deemed to be confusing or unsuitable.

#### **SECTION 2 Name Changes**

Names may be changed after registration if:

- A. A horse has no progeny
- B. The original registration certificate has been returned to the Registry and the appropriate name change fees have been accepted.

#### **SECTION 3 Registered Prefix**

A Registered prefix is a combination of letters, words, or names proceeding or following a registered name and is used exclusively by the owner of the prefix. Prefixes must meet the following criteria:

- A. The prefix is not the complete name of a previously registered Moriesian or a previously recorded prefix.
- B. Each breeder must be a MHR member and can only register one prefix.
- C. The prefix application is completed, filed, and fee is paid.
- D. Until registered the prefix is not exclusive to the user and may be used by anyone until reserved.
- E. The Registrar reserves the right to disallow prefixes that are unsuitable or similar to a previously registered prefix.

## **RULE 4 Numbers**

The Registry will issue registration numbers based on the order in which applications are processed.

### **SECTION 1 Foundation Moriesian Registration**

Registration numbers of First Generation Friesian to Morgan crosses will be preceded by the letter 'F' (Foundation).

### **SECTION 2 Moriesian Registration**

Registration numbers of subsequent generations of Moriesian to Moriesian will be preceded by the letter 'M' (Moriesian).

### **SECTION 3 Three Quarter Moriesian Registration**

Three Quarter Moriesians are in a separate book and have their own numbering system. Names are preceded by a 'MF' or 'FM' reflecting the greater to lesser percent of Friesian or Morgan blood.

## **RULE 5 Certificate of Registration**

### **SECTION 1 Initial Certificates**

A Certificate of Registration is a representation of the records of the Registry. It will be issued providing all criteria in Rule 2, Section 2 are met.

### **SECTION 2 Replacement Certificate**

To obtain a replacement for a Certificate of Registration which has been torn, soiled or defaced, but which is identifiable, the recorded owner must file the original Certificate of Registration with the registry for identification and pay the replacement certification fee. With issuance of a new registration certificate all prior certificates will be declared null and void.

Lost or destroyed Certificates of Registration will be reissued providing:

- A. A notarized statement describing the reasons of loss, destruction, or unavailability is provided and deemed satisfactory by the Registrar.
- B. A new completed Registration Application is filed with name and registration number of the horse.
- C. Clear and discernable color photographs of the horse showing full views of the left, right, front and rear of the horse. All markings must be clearly visible.
- D. With issuance of a new registration certificate all prior certificates will be declared null and void

## **RULE 6 Transfer of Record of Ownership**

To transfer the recorded ownership of a registered horse, the recorded owner must submit a completed and signed Transfer Application, the official Certificate of Registration for the horse, and the appropriate fee. When applicable:

- A. The Certificate of Service portion of the transfer application shall be correctly completed by the recorded owner for the transfer of a mare bred before the date of sale.
- B. MHR membership does not transfer with the horse. The new owner must complete a membership application and pay the fee.
- C. Any person applying for transfer of a horse may be required to furnish (at the applicant's expense) genotype reports, documents, or additional information the Registrar may deem appropriate.
- B. Whenever legal title of a registered horse passes to another person by reason of death of the recorded owner, foreclosure of any lien, by any order or decree of court, or otherwise by operation of law, the Registry may transfer the registration to the new owner subject to the following;
  1. Upon court order of competent jurisdiction or satisfactory proof of authority for the transfer.
  2. Upon payment of the membership and transfer fee.
  3. Upon satisfaction of such other requirements as may be required by the Registrar.

## **RULE 7 Sale or Disposal without Registration Certificate**

The recorded owner of any horse sold or dispersed without the Registration Certificate, i.e. sold without papers, shall surrender the Certificate to the Registry for cancellation along with a written statement. After cancellation of the Registration Certificate it may be renewed, reissued, or reinstated only upon request of the recorded owner.

## **RULE 8 Reports**

### **SECTION 1 Notification of Death Report**

Upon the death of a registered horse, its Certificate of Registration with the date of death noted and signature(s) of recorded owner(s) affixed or appended must be sent to the Registry for recording and cancellation. Upon request, the registry will return the canceled Certificate of Registration to the recorded owner.

### **SECTION 2 Report of Castration**

After a stallion is castrated the Certificate of Registration with the date of castration noted and signature(s) of owner(s) affixed or appended must be submitted to the Registry. The registry will issue a new certificate showing the horse as a gelding, to the owner, at a minimal charge.



### **SECTION 3 Change in Color or Markings**

The recorded owner may request changes in the coat color or true white markings. The original Certificate of Registration and a change of color and marking form must be submitted to the Registry. Clear and discernable color photographs of the horse showing full views of the left, right, front and rear of the horse must be included. All markings must be visible. Additional information such as DNA coat color typing may be requested at the owner's expense. Appropriate fee must be included.

Upon approval an amended Certificate of Registration shall be reissued to the owner.

### **RULE 9 Denial of Application for Registration**

An application for registration or transfer may be denied if all requirements are not met relating to a registration or transfer or is deemed unsatisfactory to the Registrar. If it appears that irregularities or false information is provided on any application for registration or transfer for any horse the Registrar may require the applicant(s), owner(s), or Lessee(s) to furnish other information. The burden of proof is the responsibility of the applicant. The Registrar reserves the right to deny any application and to remove any horse that does not meet the MHR requirements from the Registry.

### **RULE 10 Cancellation of Registration**

The Registry reserves the right to cancel the registration of a horse if it finds that the horse does not meet the requirements for registration or that a horse identified as the subject of a registration certificate is not the subject of that certificate. Procedure will depend on the circumstances of each incident, and may result in cancellation of entries made with respect to the descendants of that horse as well. The owner will be responsible to provide necessary documentation of proof as required by the Registrar.

### **RULE 11 Liability**

The Moriesian Horse Registry and any appointed representatives will not be held liable for any action or failure to act in connection with the Registry. Any records of the Registry found to be inaccurate may be removed or corrected as deemed appropriate. If any statement on any registration or transfer application is found to be inaccurate the registration or transfer may be omitted from publication or published in an altered form. Errors in publication will be corrected as seen fit by the Registrar.

## **RULE 12 Registration and Membership Fees**

A one-time membership fee is paid at time of application for registration. Fees will be determined by the Registry and included in each application for registration. The appropriate fee(s) for processing must accompany all applications. Any fees will be refunded if application is denied.

MHR membership does not transfer with the horse. The new owner must complete a membership application and pay the fee. At that point the new owner will receive the horse's Registration Certificate and is eligible for membership services.

## **RULE 13 General**

### **SECTION 1 Rules and Regulations**

All applications and reports of the Registry and all rights, privileges, and activities that in any way relate to the Registry are subject to the rules and regulations of the Registry. The rules and regulations are subject to amendments and change at any time and will be published in the newsletter.

### **SECTION 2 Applications and Documents**

The postmark date, if applicable, will be considered the date of submission for any Registrar documents. All Registry requirements for signature(s) of owner(s) or lessee(s) shall refer to the personal signature(s) on file with the Registry.

## **RULE 14 Violations**

The following violations are considered counterproductive to maintaining the integrity of this organization:

- A. No person(s) shall refuse any reasonable request made by the Registrar concerning a Registry issue.
- B. No person(s) shall alter or change an official registration Certificate, or provide false certificates that are represented as genuine MHR certificates.
- C. No person(s) shall knowingly provide untrue or incorrect information to the Registry for the purpose of any official action.
- D. No person(s) shall conspire with one or more persons to violate any bylaw or rule of the Registry.
- E. No person(s) shall make false or fraudulent statement(s) in order to enter an animal into the Registry. Any entry so entered will be refused or removed and the person(s) will be banned from making entries in the future