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FILLY INSPECTIONS 2020

In line with the Rules of the British Connemara Pony Society, as updated at the EGM held in March 2007, a filly cannot be used to breed registered stock that are eligible for Classes 1 and 2 of the Stud book until she has been inspected and passed for the Adult Section of the Stud Book by BCPS Inspectors and obtained a Veterinary certificate. This Veterinary certificate will consist of verification of the filly's markings and her approximate height. **DO NOT TAKE PONY TO INSPECTION UNLESS VET HAS CONFIRMED HEIGHT – IT WILL NOT BE INSPECTED WITHOUT THIS**

The minimum age for inspection is 2 years old, and there is no maximum age for inspection or re-inspection, but it is important to remember that a filly which is not presented for inspection will remain in Class 3 of the Stud Book, and any of her progeny will only be eligible for Class 3. Also that a mare cannot be shown after 1st January in the year in which she is 4 years old unless, she has been registered as an Adult pony, and some shows may restrict entries to mares which are entered in Classes 1 or 2.

In 2010, for the first time, the fillies were to be marked. It is stressed that the standard required for a Class 1 Mare is obviously not as high as that for a colt that is being inspected to be registered as a Stallion. The inspection has no regard to the value of the pony or its potential in the Show ring. Fillies will be inspected for conformation, type and movement. They will not be lunged but must lead well in hand at the walk and trot, and must stand still enough for the Inspectors to check them. The Inspectors will, for reasons of safety refuse to inspect ponies which are not under proper control or if the conditions do not allow them to carry out a satisfactory inspection. Handlers can use either headcollars or bridles. The Inspectors decision is final.

As mentioned, the filly has to have a Veterinary examination which should be done by your own Vet. To save costs, this can probably be done at the same time as he or she is on a routine visit, but should be done before the BCPS Inspection, within 3 months of the B.C.P.S. Inspection for a two year old filly, or within 6 months for a three year old or over, Then once the filly has been inspected, the registration can be processed straight away. A letter explaining the veterinary examination required is enclosed for you to give to your Vet. If he or she has any queries please ask them to ring the secretary for clarification. The Society strongly recommends that you have your filly tested for HWSD. A sample can easily be taken when the vet comes for the vetting. Please mark on the application form if you would like to do this or if you have already had your filly tested (please provide a copy of the certificate).

When the filly has had both her Society Inspection and the Veterinary examination, she will be issued with her adult passport which will include her Classification and Adult Registration number.

Class 1 – Fillies that have passed the Society's Visual Inspection, have had a Veterinary Examination and measure between 128 cm. and 148 cm

Class 2 – Fillies as above but which measure either below 128 cm. or more than 148 cm.
Fillies that do not pass the Society's Visual Inspection but have passed their Veterinary Examination

Class 3 – Fillies that have not been presented for inspection
Fillies who receive very low marks on inspection
Fillies that are found to have a malocclusion of the jaw.
Fillies that have failed the Veterinary examination

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If a filly does not pass the Visual Inspection, she can remain in Class 3 and be presented for inspection again in subsequent years if the owner so wishes. If the inspectors consider that a filly is immature then they can recommend that she remains in Class 3 and is presented again the following year. Additionally if the filly does not pass the visual inspection, the owner may appeal against the decision, and a further inspection may be allowed later in the year. The owner will be liable for the full cost of such an inspection. Application must be received within one month of the original inspection.

Please note that the BCPS staff or their agents will not accept any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to any pony, handler or spectator or any other person or property whatsoever.