

A GUIDE TO THE COMPLETION OF YOUNGSTOCK REGISTRATION FORMS

Before submitting youngstock registration forms, please ensure that:

- ✓ **All sections of the form are fully completed in black ink.**
- ✓ **All markings shown on the outline diagram are accurately described in the narrative below. The diagram and narrative must agree.**
- ✓ **The application has been signed by the person who completed the form.**
- ✓ **The relevant fee is included.**

On the outline diagram, any white markings must be shown in red ink with other marks completed in black ink. Starting with the head, define all markings ensuring that all whorls are indicated. Continue with the left side then the right, defining the limb markings and examining for any marks on the heels. The forelock and mane should be raised to check for whorls on the forehead and neck.

Terminology:

Use left and right rather than near and off.

Anterior – towards the head Posterior – towards the tail

Dorsal – top Ventral – underneath

On the limbs:

Medial – inside

Lateral – outside

Dorsal – front

Whorls (change of hair direction)

Each pony should have a minimum of 5 whorls. The position of simple or tufted whorls is indicated by an 'X'. Linear or feathered whorls are indicated by placing 'X' where the whorl starts and a straight line from this to indicate the direction and extent of the whorl. A sinuous whorl is indicated by an 'X' and an 'S' shaped line from this to show the full extent of the whorl. The type of each whorl and its position must be indicated in the text below the outline diagram.

Head whorls should be indicated on the diagram and described precisely in the narrative. Attention should be paid to their position relative to the eye, nostril or any other feature. The neck should be divided into anterior, middle and posterior sections to facilitate the indication and description of whorls on the neck or crest. Body whorls should be indicated as accurately as possible referring to the anatomy of the animal. Whorls at the inside of upper front leg/chest should be described as “bilateral whorls at axillae” and whorls at the stifle fold should be described as “bilateral stifle fold whorls”.

White Markings

These are outlined in red and lightly hatched with diagonal lines. A few white hairs may be indicated by a few short lines in red. Care must be taken not to obliterate any whorl which is present within the marking. A white spot should be indicated as for a white marking. A spot within a white marking should be outlined in black ink and left unshaded. Fleshmarks should be outlined and shaded completely with red ink. Any spots on the mark should be outlined in black and left unshaded.

Other Markings

Scars should be indicated on the diagram by an arrow and described in the narrative. Brands should be drawn on the diagram and the number given in the description. A Prophet’s Thumb Mark should be indicated by a triangle and stated in the description. If the pony is microchipped, the number should be recorded in the boxes under the narrative.

Some markings are not congenital and are the result of accidents, branding or scarring. Markings resulting from the wear of harness, brands, tattoos and any other adventitious marks should be indicated on the diagram and detailed in the narrative.