

REGISTERING A HORSE WITH THE IALHA

The International Andalusian and Lusitano Horse Association (IALHA) is the registering organization for Purebred and Half-Andalusians and Lusitanos. We currently have over 26,000 horses in our registry and register about 1200 horses each year. Our Registry is known for the accuracy of the pedigree data of the individual horse through permanent identification of each horse through microchip and DNA parentage verification. We also protect the owners and breeders by rigorously requiring all the appropriate signatures on the breeding and registration documents. Our registry rules are very detailed because we are devoted to providing owners and breeders of IALHA registered horses the knowledge that the horse has met all of the requirements for registration.

This article has been written to help breeders and buyers of Andalusians, Lusitanos and half-Andalusians with the IALHA registration process. The following information is presented for the four most common registration processes - 1) a breeder registering a foal; 2) a person buying an unregistered horse with at least one parent registered with the IALHA; 3) a breeder or buyer registering a horse which has one or more parents who have Andalusian or Lusitano papers from a different registry and 4) a horse with the IALHA that is already registered with another approved Andalusian or Lusitano registry.

Registering a foal you have bred

If you want to register your foal with the IALHA you will need complete the IALHA Purebred or IALHA Half-Andalusian Registration form. The forms are available on the IALHA website and can also be sent or emailed directly to you by the IALHA office.

The IALHA requires that all horses registered be microchipped (or in rare cases be assigned a horse specific brand). The IALHA also requires that every horse have DNA on file with the IALHA and parentage verified to its purebred parent(s). When you submit the registration application the IALHA will provide a microchip if you need one and the DNA test kit. You do not have to have the horse microchipped or DNA tested before starting the registration.

To register a Purebred foal with the IALHA be certain that both parents are already full registered with the IALHA. Also be certain that the person who signs as the owner of the stallion is actually the recorded owner of the stallion with the IALHA and the same is true of the owner of the mare. If you have any question about the registry status or ownership of the sire or dam, you can call the IALHA and we can validate ownership for you. We also have the IALHA Studbook on line.

It is critical that you fill in all of the sections of the Registration form and procure all of the required signatures.

Complete all of Section I with the information about the horse's birth date, sex, color and markings along with a first and second choice for a name. Duplicate names are not allowed. If both of the names you submit have already

been used, the Registry will notify you and you can submit a different name. You can also purchase a unique prefix/suffix of your choice to add to the name of your foal and any future foals you breed.

Complete Section II with the information about the sire and dam. Whoever signs for the stallion must be the recorded owner/lessee of the stallion at the time of breeding. The person who signs as the breeder must be the recorded owner/lessee of the mare at the time of breeding.

Complete Section III with the information for the original owner which is the same as the owner of the dam at time of breeding.

Complete Section IV only if the foal has been sold, then the breeder/original owner signs at the top of Section IV and the new owner fills in Section IV and signs at the end of Section IV.

Complete Section V if you have any question or do not know the answer to the question just leave it blank.

Complete Section VII by drawing in the markings. We now require 3 color photographs of the horse including a full side view of the right and left sides of the horse and a front view showing the face.

Registering a horse that you are purchasing that is not already registered with the IALHA or a different registry

Buying a horse that is not already fully registered with the IALHA requires extra diligence for the buyer. If the seller states that the horse's registration is in process, you are welcome to call the IALHA office to verify the status is of the registration. There could be circumstances that will make it impossible to complete the registration. The same is possible if the seller offers the horse as being "qualified" for registration by the IALHA. We strongly suggest you contact the IALHA to learn what would be needed to successfully complete the registration. For example, there are times that proper signatures will never be attainable to complete the registration process or it may not be possible to parent-verify the horse.

The steps to register a horse that you have purchased are the same as described for registering a foal above. Each section of the registration form must be completed and signed by the appropriate people. The breeder of the horse retains the right to name the horse.

Registering a horse that has one or both parents that are registered with another Andalusian or Lusitano registry

If you are registering a horse with one or both parents registered with another Andalusian or Lusitano registry you will also need to apply extra diligence. There may be challenges obtaining the required signatures from the owners of the sire and dam. And there are significant challenges in parent verifying the horse to its purebred parents. Without the appropriate signatures or without the ability to parent-verify the horse to its parents, we will not be able to register the horse in the IALHA.

To register a horse that has one or more purebred parent that is registered in a different registry, use the Non-IALHA Bred Registration form.

Section I will need to be completed with all of the information about the horse.

Section II will need to be completed and signed by the recorded owner of the stallion as it appears in the records of non-IALHA registry and completed and signed by the recorded owner of the mare as it appears in the records of that registry.

Section III should be completed and signed by the current owner of the horse. If the current owner of the horse is not the breeder of the horse, they will need a bill of sale signed by the breeder of the horse.

Section IV must be completed with the pedigree information on the both the sire and the dam. If you have any questions about obtaining the data for this requirement, you can call the IALHA office for assistance.

Section VI should be reviewed. If the horse has been microchipped, please write the number in the space provided. A DNA hair kit will be provided to you so that we can attempt to parent-verify the horse to its sire and dam.

Section VII needs to be completed with the markings of the horse. We require 3 color photographs of the horse including a full side view of the right and left sides of the horse and a front view showing the face.

Registering a horse that is already registered with a different registry such as horses with papers from Spain through ANCCE or from Portugal with APSL papers.

There are several registries whose papers we accept. If you wonder whether we accept the registration papers from a certain organization, you are welcome to call our Registry office and check with us. It is critical that you are given the original foreign registry documents, not just a photocopy. Your original validates you as the current owner. It is also critical that you have a bill of sale from the owner of record on the foreign papers unless the horse is already registered to you in that registry.

To register a horse with foreign papers use the Non-IALHA Bred Registration form.

Complete Section I with the basic information about the horse. We require that the name of the horse remains the same as on the foreign registration documents.

Section II may be left blank

Section III should be completed with your ownership information.

Section IV may be left blank if the pedigree of the horse is shown on its current registration documents.

Section VI should be reviewed. If the horse already has been microchipped, please write the number in the space provided. Many registries require parent verification. If your current registration papers indicate that the horse has been parent-verified we will accept that. However, the IALHA

requires every horse entered into the studbook have DNA on file. You may provide copy of the DNA markers obtained from the outside registry. Otherwise we will provide you with a hair kit to provide a DNA sample for our records. If the horse has not been parent-verified, it can be nearly impossible for us to register since we would have no way to parent-verify the horse to its listed parents. As an example, in Brazil (ABPSL) 'provisional' registration papers may be issued for your horse. Or for instance a horse from Mexico may not have had parent verification as a component of its registration. Please call our office to discuss any of these conditional issues which apply to your horse.

Section VII should be completed. We also review the markings that have been drawn on the horse's original certificate. We also require 3 color photographs of the horse including a full side view of the right and left sides of the horse and a front view showing the face.

The IALHA Registry Board makes every effort to complete the registration process as quickly as possible. Once you have sent your completed application to the IALHA office it is forwarded to the Registrar and members of the Registry Board for approval. If you have double-checked to make sure all necessary signatures, documents, etc; are in place then the Registry Board can approve the application and your Certificate of Registration will be sent to you.