



Registration Application Photos: A Step-by-Step Guide

Photos help maintain the high quality of IALHA registration by ensuring that each horse is properly documented and verified and they are kept as a part of each horse's registry file.

Therefore, to obtain IALHA registration, you'll need to send three photos (four if the horse has a brand) along with the completed application, markings diagram, and any necessary documentation (like a Bill of Sale).

Following these photo taking guidelines will increase the efficiency and accuracy of the registration process.

The IALHA Registry Office and Registry Board are here to help you through the IALHA registration process, so don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

Photo Requirements

Three to four specific photos of the horse or foal are required along with the registration application:

1. A full-body view of one side of the horse
2. A full-body shot of the other side of the horse
3. A headshot, taken from the front
4. A photo of the brand (if horse has one).

Photo taking tips

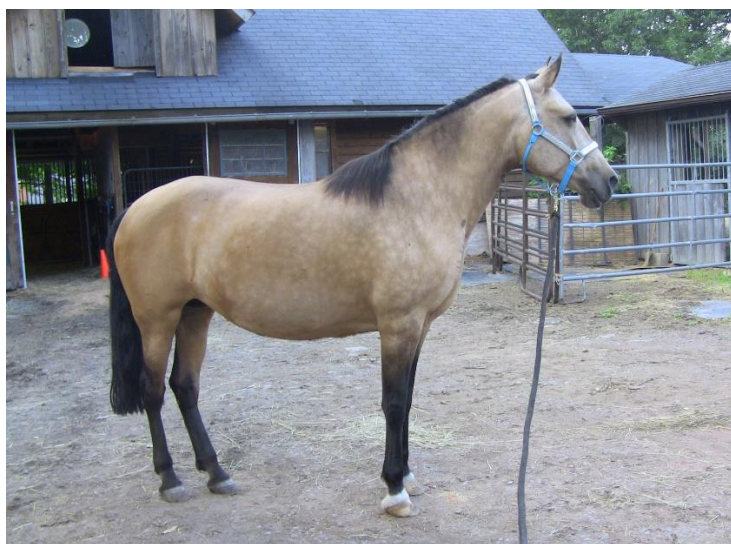
Professional photos are *not* necessary, but taking nice photos that show off your horse's unique features is best and requires just a little planning:

1. Groom Your Horse: Give your horse a good grooming or a bath so that all markings and colors are clear. It is important for the registry board to be able to clearly visualize these details in the photos.
2. Where:
 - a. Find a spot with firm, level ground and plenty of sunlight. Late morning or early afternoon works best.
 - b. If the weather is bad, take the photos indoors in a well-lit area to avoid shadows.
3. Full-Body Shots:



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- a. When taking the photos of the sides of your horse, make sure to include the head, tail, and all four legs and hooves. Having a friend hold the horse can be really helpful.
- b. Check the camera viewfinder to ensure you can see the whole horse, from ears to hooves. (In other words, don't let part of the horse be outside of the photo.) If not, take a few steps back until everything fits in the frame. Then, take the picture.



- c. Turn the horse around and repeat for the other side.



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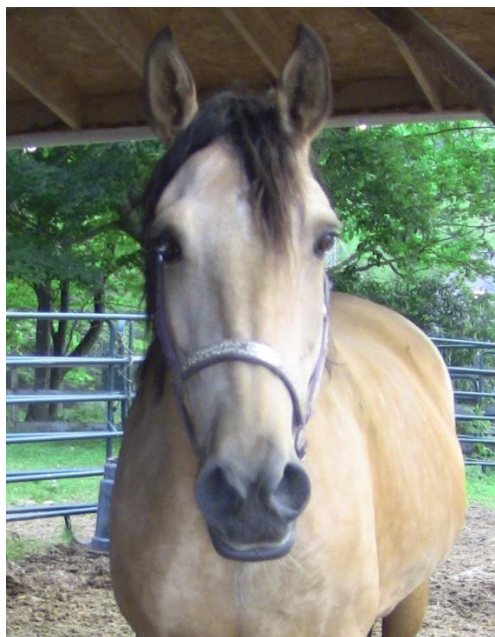
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4. Headshot:

- a. Stand in front of the horse with the sun behind you and make sure you can see the ears and nose in the camera viewfinder.
- b. If your horse has a forelock, move it to the side to get a clear view of the eyes and forehead.



5. Brand: If your horse has a brand, include a clear photo of that too. Stand close enough to get a good close-up picture of just the brand.



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Diagram

After taking the photos, take a moment to count all the whorls on your horse and mark them with an “X” on the registration application diagram. Whorls are unique to each horse and help with identification.

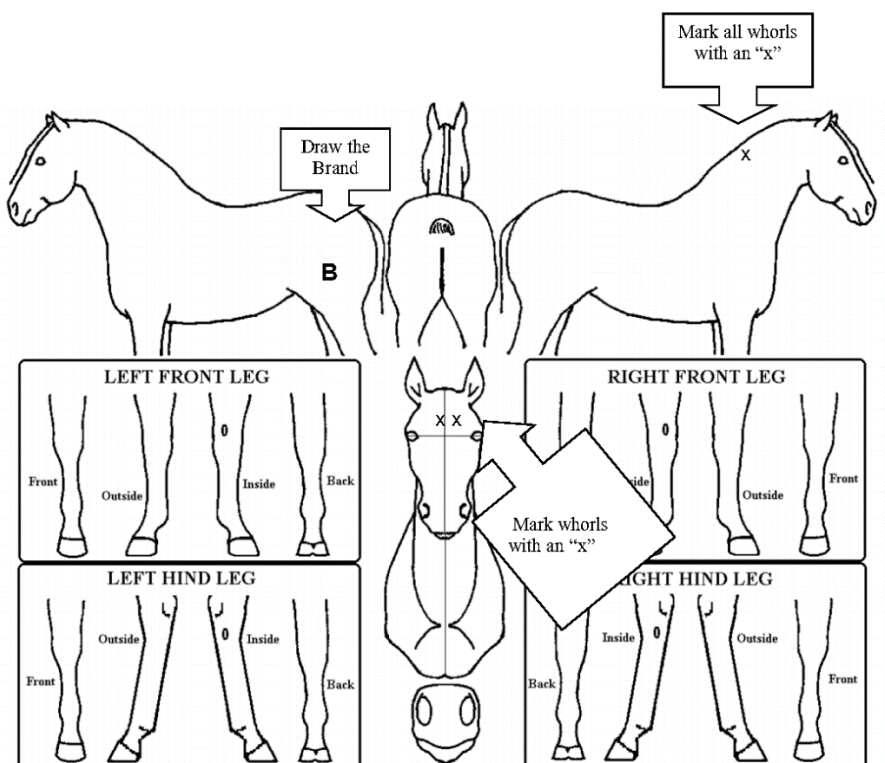
- What Are Whorls? Whorls, also known as cowlicks or swirls, are areas where the hair grows in different directions and comes together. They’re like fingerprints for horses and stay the same throughout their life.
- Where to Look: Common spots include the forehead, crest of the neck, chest, and flanks, but they can be anywhere on the body.





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- **Be Thorough:** Make sure to record *all the whorls* on the application. This ensures accurate identification and benefits you as the breeder or owner.



Submission

Send us all these photos along with your completed application and diagram. Either:

1. mail them USPS (address below) or
2. email them to registry@IALHA.org.

Don't forget to label each photo with your horse's name!

By following these steps, you'll help make the registration process smooth and efficient. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us - we are here to support you every step of the way!

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