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BRANDING POLICY

BRANDING REQUIREMENTS

The Society records the brands of individual horses for identification purposes; it does not have a brand register. Every horse for which an application for registration is made with the Society, must be clearly branded in such a way that the horse can be positively identified. The Society will accept freeze or fire brands.

For registration purposes, horses must carry a <u>Stock Brand</u> and numeral brands, consisting of an <u>Identification Number</u> (top number) and a <u>Foaling Season Year Number</u> (bottom number) with the foaling season year beginning 1st August. It is recommended that the Stock Brand is placed on the near shoulder and Numeral Brands on the off shoulder; or in accordance with the relevant state/territory authority where the branding takes place.

Microchips do NOT waive the ASH requirement of having a horse branded for registration purposes.

Stock Brands

The Society will accept any stock brand. Registration of a stock brand with a Department of Agriculture is not compulsory, as brands for registration purposes are only regarded as an acquired marking for identification purposes. Stock brands may be known as a cattle brand, symbol brand, three-piece brand, board brand or the like.

Identification Number

The identifying number signifies the order in which horses born in the same foaling season were branded with the same stock brand. If a number of horses are being branded with the same Stock Brand and Foaling Season Number "9", the horses would be branded 1 over 9, 2 over 9, 3 over 9, etc.

Foaling Season Year Number

Foaling season is defined as a twelve-month period starting on 1st August and is abbreviated to a single digit which relating to the foaling season year the horse is born, not the calendar year. For example: a foal born between 1st August 2019 and 31st July 2019 would carry a foaling season number of 9.

Examples as follows:

Foal Born	Foaling Season	Year Number
05/10/2019	2019/20	9
12/09/2011	2011/12	1
30/04/2008	2007/08	7
20/03/2013	2012/13	2
15/08/2013	2013/14	3
1st Foal Branded for the 2013/14 Foaling Season:		1
		3
3rd Foal Branded for the 2012/2013 Foaling Season:		3
		2