



Australian Stock Horse

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## HERITAGE STOCK HORSE (effective from September 2021)

Heritage Stock Horse is a Registered Australian Stock Horse that has descended from the same breeds as horses ridden by the Australian Light Horse in WWI that resided in Australia prior to 1945.

**APPLICATION** – Application for Heritage Stock Horse assessment is only available for Registered Australian Stock Horses, including Stud Book, First and Second Cross and Registry horses.

Any member may apply to have a horse assessed as a Heritage Stock Horse by submitting an Application for Heritage Stock Horse Assessment to the Society together with the prescribed fee. No refund if not eligible. All assessments will include Heritage Stock Horse classification of three generations of Registered Australian Stock Horse ancestors appearing in the pedigree.

ALL Registered Australian Stock Horses, including Stud Book, First & Second Cross and Registry horses may be eligible for Heritage Stock Horse. Heritage Stock Horse is determined through breed ancestry for unlimited generations. Eligible horses must satisfy ALL Breed Ancestry requirements.

To be **ELIGIBLE** for Heritage Stock Horse, Breed Ancestry must NOT exceed the following:

- Until 1st August 2022, equivalent to 100% Thoroughbred.
- From 1st August 2022, not equivalent to or exceed 50% Thoroughbred lineage.
- Exceeds 25% Approved Breeds
- Exceeds 12.5% Modern Breeds
- Exceeds 12.5% Unknown Breeding
- Exceeds 12.5% Combined Modern & Unknown Breeding

Descendants of ancestors deemed to be 100% Australian-born Station Horses under these rules, may be eligible as a Heritage Stock Horse, providing the descendant satisfies all other Breed Ancestry requirements.

ASHS Foundation Sires and Mares (with unknown parentage) recognised by the Society as Australian-bred will be deemed to be 100% Australian-born Station Horse.

Horses approved as eligible for Heritage Stock Horse will be identified through the horse's name with the suffix - HSH. The horse's registration details will be updated on the Online Stud Book.

Registered Australian Stock Horses with both sire and dam recognised as Heritage Stock Horses, or a full sibling Approved HSH (provide sibling's Registered ASH name), are eligible for Heritage Stock Horse status without assessment of further generations.

Definitions for **BREED ANCESTRY** and clarification for acceptable breed limitations, we provide the following:

Until 1st August 2022, the horse being assessed is not a Stud Book (Thoroughbred); or 100% **Thoroughbred (TB) lineage**, being all grandparents (2nd generation) being Thoroughbred registered on any international Thoroughbred Online Stud Book.

From 1st August 2022, the horse being assessed is not a Stud Book (Thoroughbred); and must not be equivalent to or exceed 50% **Thoroughbred (TB) lineage**, being one parent (1st generation), two grandparents (2nd generation) or four great grandparents (3rd generation) being Thoroughbred registered on any international Thoroughbred Online Stud Book. Further generations are not assessed for Thoroughbred registration.

The bloodlines are restricted to a maximum of 1/4 (25%) of **Approved Breeds (AB)** being a breed that existed in Australia before 1945 and is limited to breeds that can be identified through registration. Examples of Approved Breeds, include: Arabian, Barb, Welsh Mountain Pony, Timor Pony, Cleveland Bay, Spanish Horse and the like.

In the case of an Unregistered Ancestor where an Approved Breed is the suggested lineage (ie, Pony sire, Arab mare and the like) and not confirmed through registration, the following applies:

- Ancestor is estimated to be born after 1970, the ancestor will be deemed to be 100% Approved Breed.
- Ancestor is estimated to be born between 1960 and 1970, the ancestor will be deemed to be 50% Australian-born Station Horse and 50% Approved Breed.
- Ancestor is estimated to be born prior to 1960, the ancestor will be deemed to be 100% Australian-born Station Horse.

- For a descendant to be eligible, the descendant is restricted to a maximum of 1/4 25% Approved Breeds.
- Where foaling dates are unknown, a generation interval will be deemed to be 10 years.

In regards to an Approved Breed ancestor, the maximum is one grandparent (2nd generation), two great grandparents (3rd generation) and the like.

The horse's pedigree must not exceed a maximum of 1/8 (12.5%) **Combined Ancestor Bloodlines** as defined below and not exceeding the following:

- 1/8 (12.5%) **Modern Breeds (MB)** – see rule 20.4.5
- 1/8 (12.5%) **Unknown Breed (UB)** – see rule 20.4.6

The maximum Combined Ancestor Bloodlines are one great grandparent (3rd generation), two great-great grandparents (4th generation) and the like.

For a descendant to be eligible, the descendant is restricted to a maximum of 1/8 12.5% Combined Modern and Unknown Breeds.

**Modern Breeds (MB)** includes breeds of horses introduced to Australia after 1945. Breeds may include: Warmblood, Quarter Horse, Paint, Appaloosa, Andalusian, Lipizzaner, Morgan, Friesian, Connemara and the like.

**Unknown Breed (UB)** is an ancestor with no recorded breeding (or unknown breed) and the following applies:

- Ancestor is estimated to be born after 1970, the ancestor will be deemed to be 100% Unknown Breed.
- Ancestor is estimated to be born between 1960 and 1970, the ancestor will be deemed to be 50% Australian-born Station Horse and 50% Unknown Breed.
- Ancestor is estimated to be born prior to 1960, the ancestor will be deemed to be 100% Australian-born Station Horse.
- Where foaling dates are unknown, a generation interval will be deemed to be 10 years.

If additional information beyond ASHS records is identified and such information satisfies the requirements for Heritage Stock Horse, the horse may be accepted (ie, other Breed's Online Stud Book, stud records and the like).

Any horse with less than 1% in any category will be considered 0% for that category. Any horse with more than 99% will be considered 100% for that category.

Registered Australian Stock Horses **NOT eligible** for Heritage Stock Horse will be identified through the horse's name with a suffix as follows:

- 100% Thoroughbred - TB.
- 100% Approved Breeds existing in Australia before 1945 - ABP
- 50-99% Approved Breeds existing in Australia before 1945 - AB
- 100% Modern Breeds introduced to Australia after 1945 - MBP
- 50-99% Modern Breeds introduced to Australia after 1945 - MB
- 100% Unknown breeding foaled after 1960 - UBP
- 50-99% Unknown breeding foaled after 1960 - UB
- Limited Heritage - LH (not eligible under any other code), includes horses of the following bloodlines:

From 1st August 2022 - Equivalent to or exceeds 1/2 (50%) registered Thoroughbred bloodlines within three generations.

Exceeds the maximum of 1/4 (25%) Approved Breed bloodlines.

Exceeds the maximum of 1/8 (12.5%) Combined Modern and Unknown Breed bloodlines.

Exceeds the maximum of 1/8 (12.5%) Modern Breed bloodlines.

Exceeds the maximum of 1/8 (12.5%) Unknown Breed bloodlines.

In cases where a horse assessment identifies more than one classification, the horse can carry more than one suffix (ie MB UB).

Any member not satisfied with a Heritage Stock Horse classification may request a review. In reviewing the horse, the classification will be reassessed and a written explanation provided on eligibility. The review fee must be paid, in advance, by the member requesting the review. After obtaining a written review, should a member be able to provide adequate information on ancestors, the classification may be changed. If additional information beyond ASHS records is identified and such information satisfies the requirements for Heritage Stock Horse, the horse may be accepted.

The Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Stud Book Committee will assess any horses for Heritage Stock Horse status where eligibility is unclear.