



# OLDENBURG HORSE BREEDERS' SOCIETY

*The North American Division of the Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes*

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## 2010 FOAL INSPECTION & REGISTRATION

### Guidelines and Rules

Once you have become an active member you can register your foal in the year of it's birth with the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society if, and only if, the following criteria are met, and the foal is taken to an official inspection and presented to the inspection committee.

The Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society is a division of the Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes (the German Oldenburg Verband). As such, we must follow the rules of German Breeding Law and we are now enforcing these rules with one addition. Because of the tremendous size of North America and the fact that many of our breeders usually do not have easy access to several different inspection sites in a given year, we have received approval from the governing body to make the following exception to the rules:

If your foal and/or its dam cannot attend an inspection because of illness, we will extend the timeframe for inspection of the foal for one year only. Progeny not inspected the year of their birth can still be inspected and papered as yearlings, as long as they are presented with a Vet's certificate explaining why they could not attend an inspection the previous year.

Mare and foal owners are reminded that in order to receive German Oldenburg papers for their foals, both the sire and dam must be approved for breeding by the Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes (Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society). In addition, the stallion must be officially activated with the Verband for the year of breeding. Using a non-activated or non-approved stallion may result in additional fees to the breeder for registration papers, or no registration papers at all, depending on the stallion's status. Also, please do not assume that all stallions approved with other registries will automatically be accepted for Oldenburg breeding.

Stallions that have been approved by the GOV or the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society breeding committee will be activated for breeding once they have been approved, but if they have not met the licensing requirements by the end of their 6th year of age (by calendar year) they can no longer breed until they meet the performance requirements and are then fully licensed. Should the stallion not meet the performance requirements and not become fully licensed, the foals that are bred after the stallion was approved and before the end of the stallion's 6th year of age will be registered, but any foals bred after that will not be registered. If there is any question as to the timing and breeding status of a stallion please contact the North American or German office for verification before you breed your mare.

We would also like to caution our mare owners that there are some stallions being advertised as approved for Oldenburg breeding, or that display the traditional Oldenburg logo (the O and the Crown) in their ads, that are NOT approved by the Verband. If the stallion has not appeared in our official stallion roster, please check with our office to see if the stallion qualifies for a one-time breeding permit. Be aware that there will be an extra fee assessed to the mare owner at inspection time for such a permit. Lastly, remember that if you have any questions about a stallion's status, you should contact either the Florida or German office BEFORE making any breeding arrangements.

### Naming Conventions

When naming your Oldenburg foal you must choose a name that follows the rules of the Oldenburg Horse Breeding Society and German Oldenburg Verband. Those rules state that if the foal is a filly that is intended for breeding the name must start with the first letter of the Dam's name. If the filly is not intended for breeding then the name can start either with the first letter of the Dam's name or with the first letter of the Sire's name, but cannot start with any other letter. If the foal is a colt the name must start with the first letter of the Sire's name.

**Rules for the Premium Foal Award**

Only foals from main mare book mares may receive a Premium Foal Award. This award can only be given at an official inspection, and the foals must be judged to have above average quality in conformation and movement by the inspection committee.

In addition, Colts with clearly above average quality may get the title of Stallion Prospect.

Both of these titles will be noted in the registration papers of the horse.

**Foal of Distinction Award**

This award is open to all foals that are eligible to have full (pink) Oldenburg registration papers (not for foals who are only eligible for a birth certificate).

This award can be given to the most outstanding foals presented at an official inspection. The foals must be judged to have clearly above average quality in conformation and movement by the inspection committee.