



## Horse Breeders' Society

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### Stallion Inspection, Breeding Licensing, and Approval

#### Guidelines and Rules

Once you have become an active member you can have your stallion inspected for breeding licensing and approval with the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society if, and only if, the following criteria are met, and the stallion is taken to an official inspection and presented to the inspection committee for their judgment.

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.

Stallions must be inspected to be licensed as a breeding stallion between two and five years of age (by calendar year). The dam and granddam of the stallion must be in the Main Mare Book or be eligible for the Main Mare Book of the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society or that of a registry acknowledged by the German Oldenburg Verband and the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society. In addition, the stallion must have a 4-generation pedigree of licensed and approved stallions as follows: The sire of the stallion and all the sires of the damline going back three generations must have been licensed and approved by the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society or by an acknowledged registry (See example diagram below). Please check beforehand to verify that the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society accepts the stallion's registry, as not all European and North American registries qualify for acknowledgment. We will need to see a copy of the stallion's registration papers before inspection, and must see his ORIGINAL registration papers at the inspection.

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The acknowledged registries are those warmblood horse breeding associations with a full selection system. This means they have an approval program that requires a performance test (important!) for the stallions that is generally in line with that of the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society which has a 70 day test, 30 day test plus performance requirements, or higher performance requirements (details are listed below). For example, most of the German breeding societies such as the Hanoverian, Westphalian, Holsteiner, etc. fall into this category along with other European breeding societies such as the Swedish, Danish, and KWPN. Exceptions to this are Thoroughbreds who are accepted for inspection as a 2 to 5 year old as long as the stallion has the correct registry papers from the Jockey club, and Arabians who are accepted only in special cases. For Arabians the owners must file a special request, and be aware that because of the lack of performance tests for the Arabian stallions, very few of these requests are accepted.

If the registry of the stallion is in question at all then the owner is responsible for checking the approval standards of the registry and should contact the German or North American office for confirmation that the

registry will be acknowledged.

At their inspection, young stallions must be shown in hand and at liberty in an arena to illustrate their athletic ability. They will also be required to free jump a series of three jumps. If the stallion is from jumping lines, the final oxer can be over four feet in height. The stallion will be expected to jump this height easily and confidently, and in an athletic manner, as well as display three good gaits. Stallions that are from dressage lines are not always expected to jump higher than four feet unless they show a great deal of aptitude, but the gaits must be very good, rhythmical and expansive.

Please be aware that if a stallion is not considered by our breeding Director, Dr. Schulze-Schleppinghoff (or his appointed commission), to be advantageous for the Oldenburg breeding program, we will not license and approve him (remember that all breed registries have their own unique vision). A stallion that does not fit into the German Oldenburg Verband breeding program has the possibility of creating havoc within the registry. It is for this reason that we will endeavor to keep our stallion roster trim. We are highly successful in Germany, and the reputation of the Oldenburg Verband in North America is extremely important to us.

Stallions between two and five years of age who are inspected and licensed by the Oldenburg inspection committee must then complete one of the following requirements in order to be fully approved as a breeding stallion for the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society:

1. Complete the 70 day test with the appropriate qualification scores
2. Complete the 30 day test with the appropriate qualification scores and meet the following performance requirements: In Dressage the stallion must qualify for the National Young Horse Championships with an overall score of 8.0 or higher. In Eventing the stallion must as a 5 year old score 75% or higher at two or more Young Event horse competitions sanctioned by the USEA to participate in the Young Event Horse Championships, or earn 1st through 5th place at the Young Event Horse Championships. The requirements for jumpers are currently under review. Please contact the North American office for clarification or these requirements or check back with this website. As soon as those requirements have been decided upon they will be published here.
3. Meet the following performance requirements in competition: In Dressage, placing at least five times 1st through 3rd with a minimum score of 64% at 4th level test 3 or higher. In Jumping, placing at least five times 1st through 3rd at a height of 1.40 meters, or three times in the awarded placings at the height of 1.45 meters or higher. In Eventing, placing at least five times 1st through 3rd at Intermediate level, or three times in the awarded placings at Advanced level. The performance results listed here must be achieved at a show that is officially sanctioned by the national riding federation of the respective country. Schooling show results will not be accepted.
4. Thoroughbred stallions can complete their performance requirements for licensing by having raced in a flat race with a handicap weight of 80 kilograms, or raced in a steeplechase race with a weight of 85 kilograms.

Stallions that have been licensed by the GOV or the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society breeding committee will be activated for breeding once they have been licensed, but if they have not met the approval requirements by the end of their 6th year of age (by calendar year) they can no longer breed until they meet the performance requirements described above, and are then fully approved. Should the stallion not meet the performance requirements and not become fully approved, the foals that are bred after the stallion was licensed 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 will no longer inspect stallions six years of age or older unless they have already been licensed by an acknowledged breeding registry and completed one of the following requirements:

1. Complete the 70 day test with the appropriate qualification scores
2. Complete the 30 day test with the appropriate qualification scores and meet the following performance requirements: In Dressage the stallion must qualify for the National Young Horse Championships with an overall score of 8.0 or higher. In Eventing the stallion must as a 5 year old score 75% or higher at two or more Young Event horse competitions sanctioned by the USEA to participate in the Young Event Horse Championships, or earn 1st through 5th place at the Young Event Horse Championships. The requirements for jumpers are currently under review. Please contact the North American office for clarification or these requirements or check back with this website. As soon as those requirements have

been decided upon they will be published here.

3. Meet the following performance requirements in competition: In Dressage, placing at least five times 1st through 3rd with a minimum score of 64% at 4th level test 3 or higher (in Germany S level or FEI). In Jumping, placing at least five times 1st through 3rd at a height of 1.40 meters, or three times in the awarded placings at the height of 1.45 meters or higher. In Eventing, placing at least five times 1st through 3rd at Intermediate level, or three times in the awarded placings at Advanced level. The performance results listed here must be achieved at a show that is officially sanctioned by the national riding federation of the respective country. Schooling show results will not be accepted.

4. Thoroughbred stallions who have already been approved for breeding by an acknowledged breeding registry, and who have raced in a flat race with a handicap weight of 80 kilograms, or in a steeplechase race with a handicap weight of 85 kilograms.

If you are planning to import a stallion from Europe and wish it to stand for German Oldenburg breeding, please check with the breeding director Dr. Schulze-Schleppinghoff or Vice-Breeding Director Katrin Burger before assuming that the stallion is qualified to breed in North America. If he is not already licensed and/or approved in Europe by the Oldenburg Verband, you should attempt to have him licensed before you purchase him. We must also stress that just because a stallion is licensed and/or approved with another registry does NOT mean that he will be licensed and/or approved for Oldenburg breeding, so please check with the office before proceeding with your plans.

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.

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