



**Rules and Guidelines
for
Foal Registration & Breeding Approval for Mares and Stallions**

**The Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society
A Division of the Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes**

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The Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society is the official North American division of the Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes (also known as the German Oldenburg Verband). The Society is the Verband's only authorized representative in North America – no other organization or individual is authorized to act or speak on behalf of the Verband, and only the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society can issue official Oldenburg papers to horses bred in North America. The Society maintains a permanent office in Vechta, Germany. Weser-Ems is also represented by the OHBS. The Florida office is managed by Holly Simensen, a long-time breeder and sport horse enthusiast who has been associated with the German Oldenburg Verband for over 28 years.

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Membership and Transfer of Ownership Forms

In order to register a foal, approve a mare or stallion for breeding, or qualify for OHBS-GOV Year End Awards, you must be an active member before August 1st of the respective year. You must pay the membership fee and fill out the membership form which you can find on our website, www.oldenburghorse.com, under "Membership", or obtain from the OHBS-GOV office in Florida. The membership fee is \$100, but there is a discounted fee of \$65 if you pay before November 30th of the previous year. For example, if you wish to become a member for 2011 and you send in your completed form and payment by November 30, 2010, you only need to pay \$65. However, if you pay after November 30th, 2010, then the membership fee will be the full amount of \$100.

If you have purchased an OHBS-GOV registered horse, and you wish to have the papers transferred to your name, you will need to complete the Transfer of Ownership form which you can also find on the website under "TR-Ownership" or obtain from the office. You then need to send it along with the appropriate fee, Certificate of Ownership (Eigentumsurkunde), and Passport of the horse to the Florida office.

Foal Inspection, Registration, & Awards

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 - German Oldenburg Verband if, and only if, the following criteria are met, and the foal is taken to an official OHBS-GOV inspection and presented to the inspection committee.

The Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society is a division of the Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes e.V. (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 OHBS-GOV. In addition, the stallion must be officially activated with the OHBS-GOV 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 licensed as a 2 to 4 year old by the OHBS - GOV breeding committee will be activated for breeding as 3 and 4 year olds. To be activated for breeding as 5 or 6 year olds, the stallions must have at least completed their 30 day test as a 3 or 4 year old to remain eligible for approval. At the end of 6 years of age the stallion must have fully completed the performance requirements to be fully approved. That means they must have:

1. Completed the 70 day test with the appropriate qualification scores
2. Completed the 30 day test as a 3 or 4 year old with the appropriate qualification scores and meet the following performance requirements: In Dressage the stallion must qualify as a 5 or 6 year old 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 of these requirements, or check back with the website. As soon as those requirements have been decided upon they will be published.

Older stallions who who were licensed, but who did not complete the performance requirements by the end of their 6th year can still do the 70 Day test, or must meet the following performance requirements in competition before being ac-

tivated again for breeding: 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.

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 Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society - German Oldenburg 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 - 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 Oldenburg foals. This award can be given to the most outstanding foals presented at an official inspection. The foals must be judged to have clearly extraordinary quality in conformation and movement by the inspection committee.

Microchip Implantation Instructions

Microchips will be issued for each foal at the OHBS-GOV inspections. They will be stapled to the owner's copy (the yellow sheet) of the Foal Inspection Form.

The following are the instructions for implanting the microchip. The numbers that are recorded in the microchip will be placed in your foal's passport and should the occasion arise, these microchips will provide the necessary identification through scanning. Therefore, we require that you will have your veterinarian insert the microchip in your foal as soon as possible.

The microchip should be inserted into the left side of the neck, about halfway between the poll and the withers, and about two inches below the crest of the neck. The chip should be inserted into the top layer of muscle at an angle of approximately 15 degrees. The chip is not to be inserted as a sub cutaneous injection. We recommend that you have this procedure performed by a qualified veterinarian. It is usually not necessary to shave the implantation site, or to administer a local anesthetic or general sedative to the horse. However, because of the fractiousness of some young horses and size of the needle through which the microchip is inserted, many people will choose to block the area. If you have any further questions or concerns about this process, please contact the main office.

Mare Inspection & Breeding Approval

Guidelines and Rules

Once you have become an active member you can have your mare inspected for breeding approval with the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society - German Oldenburg Verband if, and only if, the following criteria are met, and the mare 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 e.V. (the German Oldenburg Verband). As such, we must follow the rules of German Breeding Law and we are now enforcing these rules.

A registry is only as strong as its weakest link. We have much to improve in our broodmares and this is critical. The reason the European registries are so successful is that there is predictability in the progeny produced by well-documented lines. We rely not only on statistics from the FN breeding books, but also on our good auction riders to give us feedback on the young horses with respect to rideability and temperament. With mares of untraceable pedigree and/or by stallions not utilized as sport horses (such as race-bred Thoroughbreds), you are never quite sure what you will get.

Although we will continue to accept TB mares, they must be of high quality, both mentally and conformationally, have very good elastic and flowing gaits, and preferably have competed well in sport horse disciplines. We have four studbooks for mares with the highest being the Main Mare Book. Good quality mares with original or reissued registration papers from a registry acknowledged by the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society - German Oldenburg Verband can be entered in the Main Mare Book. This may also entail checking to verify that the mare's second, third, fourth generation pedigree is in order. Quality mares with less verification can enter the lower books depending on their pedigree. TB mares who are not top sport horse quality will not be accepted into the Main Mare Book, and any mare we accept as being of the quality to produce an Oldenburg Foal must be of very good riding horse type, good gaits, and conformation as governed by the German Breeding Act.

The OHBS-GOV acknowledged registries are those warmblood horse breeding associations with a full selection system. This means they have a licensing program that requires a performance test (important!) for the stallions that is generally in line with that of the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society - German Oldenburg Verband which has a 70 day test, 30 day test plus performance requirements, or higher performance requirements (details are listed on the stallion page). 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 may be accepted as long as the mare 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 mare is in question at all then the owner is responsible for checking the licensing standards of the registry and should contact the German or North American office for confirmation that the registry will be acknowledged.

Mare Books

To be inspected for approval and entry into the Mare Books, the mare must be at least three years of age, and there is no maximum age. The following are the rules governing the Mare Books:

Main Mare Book (Main Studbook) - The mare's dam must be either in, or eligible for (meaning she has the proper registration, but has not yet been inspected), the Main Mare Book or Mare Book of an acknowledged breeding association. Main Mare Book requires a 4-generation pedigree of approved and licensed stallions - the sire of the mare and all the sires within the past three generations of her dam must be approved and licensed by the Oldenburg Verband or another acknowledged breeding association (See diagram below). In addition, the mare must score at least 6.0 for her overall evaluation, with no single criteria score lower than 5.0. The six criteria are:

- Type (Breed and Sex type)
- Quality of Conformation (made up of scores for head, neck, saddle position, frame, fore limbs and hind limbs)
- Correctness of Gaits
- Impulsion and Elasticity (Trot)
- Walk
- General Impression and Development

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Mare Book (Studbook) - The mare's dam must be either in, or eligible for, the Main Mare Book, Mare Book, or Pre-Mare Book I of a OHBS-GOV acknowledged breeding association. Mare Book requires a 3-generation pedigree of approved stallions; the sire of the mare and all the sires within the past two generations of her dam must be licensed and approved by the OHBS-GOV or another OHBS-GOV acknowledged breeding association. In addition, the mare must score at least 5.0 for her overall evaluation, with no single score lower than 4.0.

Pre-Mare Book I (Pre-Studbook I) - Requires a 2-generation pedigree of approved stallions. The mare's sire and her dam's sire must both be licensed and approved by the OHBS-GOV or another OHBS-GOV acknowledged breeding association. In addition, the mare must score at least 5.0 for her overall evaluation, with no single score lower than 4.0.

Pre-Mare Book II (Pre-Studbook II) - Mares that exhibit the type of a German riding horse but that do not meet the criteria for a higher division can be entered into Pre-Mare Book II.

Broodmares must be entered into the Mare Book and the owner must be a fully paid active member with the OHBS - GOV during the entire period from the date she is covered, through the period she is in foal, has foaled, and as long as her foal is at her side.

Mare Status Achievement

Award Qualification Requirements for Oldenburg Registered Mares

High quality, Main Mare Book OHBS-GOV registered mares in North America can be considered for the title of "Premium" when being presented in-hand at an officially designated OHBS-GOV inspection.

As of 2008 they can now also be considered for the titles "Verbands Premium" and "Special Premium" upon completing the OHBS-GOV Mare Performance Test in North America. The details and requirements of both titles are described below. The term States Premium is connected to the German Government and any mares wishing to achieve States Premium must undertake the Mare Performance Test in Germany at the age of 3 or 4 years old to qualify for the mare championships in Rastede in July.

In North America, only mares that have been registered as OHBS-GOV foals and have either been branded or micro-chipped as such are eligible for the title of Premium, Verbands Premium, or Special Premium. The mare must also be at least 3 years old, registered in the Main Mare Book, and she must be out of a Main Mare Book dam in order to qualify for these titles.

Premium Mare

This status is awarded to mares who meet the award qualification requirements, have not completed the performance test, and score a 7.5 or higher overall score from the OHBS-GOV inspection committee. The score being based on the mare's conformation, type, and movement as they pertain to the Oldenburg standard.

Mare Status Achievement Cont'd

Verbands Premium Mare

A mare can achieve the title of Verbands Premium if the mare meets the award qualification requirements, has been entered in the Main Mare Book with above average-scores, completes the OHBS-GOV Mare Performance Test in North America with an overall score of at least 6.5, and is determined by the OHBS-GOV judging committee in the final ring to be of the correct overall quality to earn the title. This title is not solely based on the scores earned in the MPT.

Special Premium Mare Candidate

This status is awarded to mares who meet the award qualification requirements, have been entered into the Main Mare Book with clearly above-average scores for type and conformation, have passed the OHBS-GOV Mare Performance Test in North America with an overall score of at least 7.0, and is determined by the OHBS-GOV judging committee in the final ring to be of the correct overall quality to earn the title. The title is not solely based on the scores earned in the MPT.

Special Premium Mare

This status is awarded to mares who have already achieved Special Premium Mare Candidate status and have one registered OHBS-GOV Foal.

Elite Mare

For Main Mare Book mares who are either OHBS-GOV registered or are from an OHBS-GOV acknowledged registry with Oldenburg foals, and who meet one of the following criteria:

1. Mares with the title "States Premium Mare" or "Special Premium Mare" who have had at least 3 foals registered with the OHBS-GOV of which 50% were awarded premium.

2. Mares that have had at least 2 foals registered with the OHBS-GOV of which 50% were awarded premium, and have themselves met the following performance requirements in competition:

In Dressage, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd with a minimum score of 64% in 3rd level, or three times in the awarded placings in classes above 3rd level.

In Jumping, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd at a height of 1.20 meters, or three times in the awarded placings at the height of 1.25 meters or higher.

In Eventing, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd at Training Level or three times in the awarded placings in Preliminary level or higher.

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.

3. Mares who have had at least 4 foals registered with the OHBS-GOV of which 50% are mares who have been awarded Special Premium, Special Premium Candidate, States Premium, and/or States Premium Candidate status, or of which 25% are stallions who have been approved by the OHBS-GOV.

4. Mares who have had at least 4 foals registered with the OHBS-GOV of which 50% have met the following performance requirements in competition:

In Dressage, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd with a minimum score of 64% in 3rd level, or three times in the awarded placings in classes above 3rd level.

In Jumping, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd at a height of 1.20 meters, or three times in the awarded placings at the height of 1.25 meters or higher.

In Eventing, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd at Training level, or three times in the awarded placings at Preliminary level or higher.

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.

Mares which fulfill the conditions in 2 and 4 must also have received an above average overall score from the OHBS-GOV inspection committee. Mares with the Premium title generally fulfill this condition.

To receive the Elite Mare status, the owner must apply by sending a letter to the North American Office with the mare's registration and pedigree information as well as a list of the fulfilled requirements.

Non-Oldenburg Mare of Distinction

The Non-Oldenburg Mare of Distinction award was begun in 2009. High quality mares who are not registered by the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society or the Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes in Germany, but are entered into their Main Mare Book can be considered for this award when being presented in-hand at an officially designated OHBS-GOV inspection. The award is given at the discretion of the inspection judging committee based on the scores and the overall impression of the mare.

The Mare Performance Test

Open to mares with registration papers from the Oldenburg Horse Breeders Society - German Oldenburg Verband or Non-Oldenburg mares which are already entered in the Main Mare Book or Mare Book of the OHBS-GOV. All mares participating in the test MUST present their original registration papers and/or passports.

The Mare Performance Test consists of three parts:

a) Free-Jumping and At Liberty (Free Jumping 30%, Free Trot 5%, Free Canter 5%)

The mares will be presented in the order of their catalogue numbers with a snaffle bit to the judges. Boots and bandages are permitted. First the mares have to run free to show trot and canter. The mares will then be asked to go over a series of three jumps. The first jump is a small cross rail, followed by 7 meters to a small oxer or vertical, followed by 7 to 7.20 m to another oxer which will be raised incrementally to test the mares scope and ability. The mares can run free to the jumps or be led in by a handler.

b) Three gaits presented under saddle (Walk 18.34%, Trot 13.33%, Canter 13.33%)

The mares will be asked to show the three gaits (working and medium tempo) in groups of three horses following the command of the judges. The horse should be ridden well forward– it is not judged as if in a dressage test. Accuracy is not judged in this test.

c) Test rider (15%)

Immediately after the judging of the gaits, the test rider will judge the mares for rideability. This will last about five minutes per mare.

After the riding test is completed, all mares which have registration papers from the Oldenburg Horse Breeders Society - German Oldenburg Verband, and are already entered into the main mare book of the OHBS-GOV, must enter the ring in the order of their bridle number. They will be shown in hand in their bridles (numbers on the right) and without their saddle for conformation judging. They will follow the directives given by the judges.

Mares with registration papers from the Oldenburg Horse Breeders Society - German Oldenburg Verband, and which are also in the main mare book of the OHBS-GOV can get the title "Verbands Premium Mare" if the mare performance test is successfully passed with an overall of at least 6.5, and if the conformation is judged to be good by the judges. Mares with registration papers from the OHBS-GOV, and which are also in the main mare book of the OHBS-GOV can get the title "Special Premium Mare" if the mare performance test is passed with a score of 7.0 or higher, and if the conformation is judged to be very good by the judges. These designations will be permanently stamped on the registration papers and the owner will receive an award plaque.

Presenting Mares and Foals

Attire

To present a professional appearance, we recommend that the handler and any assistants wear solid color shirts with collars and long pants. Polo or golf shirts in red or navy (the traditional colors of Oldenburg) usually look best, although white or farm colors are also permissible. Pants should ideally be white or khaki. Shoes should be appropriate for running.

Braiding, Clipping, Tack, Etc.

If you are presenting a mare for inspection, treat her as though she were going to a show. Bathe, clip, braid, etc. Braid the mane. Some sites provide a professional braider, so if you don't want to do your own braiding, check with the inspection host about this service beforehand. Mares that have already been inspected do not have to be braided, but you should make sure they are clean and well groomed. Most breeders also braid their foal's manes. This is especially good advice if your foal has a really nice neck. If your foal's mane is too wispy to braid neatly, just leave it unbraided, but make sure you brush out any dirt or shavings. Many breeders also like to bang the tail on their foals. Don't worry if they are fuzzy or are starting to shed their foal coat and look a bit moth-eaten.

Your mare must be presented in a plain snaffle bridle. Make sure it is clean and in good condition. If your bridle has a flash, you can remove it if you wish. Foals and yearlings should be presented in a plain leather halter. If the foal is very young, you can use a foal slip halter, but the grab strap is sometimes a bit distracting. Some people use a leather lead shank for foals, but these are often too long and the chain too heavy for young foals. White cotton foal leads (not as thick as regular leads) usually work very well with foals.

Presentation

After verification of papers is complete, the inspection committee will begin the actual evaluation of the horses. The usual sequence is mares without foals, then mares with foals (where both need to be inspected), followed by foals whose dams have already been inspected and approved. Each mare, or mare and foal combination, enters the ring one at a time. If presenting a foal, you should have one handler lead the mare and another one lead the foal.

If the mare who is accompanied by her foal has not yet been inspected and approved, the inspectors will evaluate her first. Walk the mare to the point of the triangle in front of the inspection jury and pose her in an open stance with her left side toward the jury. You should stand directly in front of the mare and attempt to keep her standing quietly while the inspectors take note of her color and markings, and evaluate her conformation. When the inspectors step in front of the mare to see her front, move slightly toward the horse's far side, then step back in front of her again when appropriate. The foal can stand nearby, but should not get in the way of the inspectors as they evaluate the mare. Once the mare has been inspected (or if the mare has already been inspected), her handler should hold her slightly off to the side while the foal is held so the judges can take note of the foal's color, and draw the markings and whorls of the foal on a special form. Markings will be in red ink and the whorls in black ink. The DNA samples from the mare and foal will also be taken at this time.

After evaluating the horse's conformation, the inspection jury will want to see its movement. For mares, the handler should walk the horse directly away from the inspectors and back again (back and forth). When so directed by the inspectors, the handler should trot the mare forward around the triangle in a clockwise direction. The horse will then need to be walked clockwise around the triangle and halt finally in front of the inspectors, once more putting the horse in an open stance. When walking and trotting away and back again, the handler should try to keep the horse straight and moving directly away from or toward the inspectors so they can evaluate the correctness of gaits.

If both the mare and foal need to be inspected, the inspectors will finish evaluating and scoring the conformation of the mare and foal before scoring the movement of the two. The mare's movement will be evaluated first as described in the previous paragraph, but the foal will be turned loose at this point and allowed to follow its dam. It's up to you as to whether you want to remove the foal's halter. If he is a demon to catch or you are not in an enclosed arena, you might want to leave the halter on. Some foals hate the halter, and spend the entire time they are in the ring shaking their heads, so if your baby is usually pretty good about being caught and haltered, take the halter off so it won't irritate him while he is loose.

The mare will be evaluated first, therefore she should be trotted and walked out to show her own movement. To then present the foal, jog the mare around the triangle so the foal will follow at a trot where the speed will not cause him

to lose his balance, but will allow him to trot out expressively. Only the foal is being evaluated at this time so the foal must be kept on the inside of the triangle toward the inspectors. Don't let it run behind the mare where they can't see it. There is a real art of presenting horses in hand, especially foals. The power of a loose foal should be respected, and the presentation should be taken seriously. The judges strongly suggest hiring a professional handler, and recommend that the owner help the handler to keep the attention of the foal in the arena.

For both mares and foals, the handler should endeavor to show the horse's trot to their best advantage. Animated and lively is far better than super quiet and dull, your horses will NOT be penalized by the inspectors for showing brilliance. If you need to wake your horses up a little bit to get them moving, have someone run behind them and shake a carriage whip or something similar. If doing this scares the horse too much, lightly shaking a small tin with gravel in it can help.

This usually works very well, but be sure you are ready for it and don't get run over. If your mare breaks to a canter or gets really rowdy, give a tug on the reins, but do not stop as she might run past you, and you will be right in the firing range if she decides to kick out. Slow down momentarily until she is back to a nice trot rhythm, and then speed up again if you need to. Remember the inspectors are looking for swing, impulsion and elasticity here, so you really want your horses to trot out boldly. If the inspectors feel that the horse has a better trot than it showed they will sometimes allow you to go around again, if time permits.

After the jury has finished evaluating the foal, the mare handler should bring the mare to a halt while the foal handler catches the foal. The handlers should then walk the horses over to stand in front of the inspectors once more as they announce their comments about each horse and advise which mare book the mare as been placed in. All foals out of Main Mare Book Mares must return later to walk in-hand around the arena with their dams in a group so the inspectors can see them all together, and name the Premium Award winners.

DNA Testing

The Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society - German Oldenburg Verband requires parentage verification via DNA analysis before they will issue foal registration papers. The inspectors will pull some mane hairs from your mare and foal at the inspection. Only DNA samples taken by the inspectors will be accepted. These will be sent off to the testing lab at U.C. Davis to be validated against the stallion's DNA (all approved and activated OHBS-GOV stallions in the US have their DNA records on file). Once the foal's parentage has been validated by U.C. Davis, the registry will issue the foal's passport and Certificate of Ownership from the German Office. This entire process may take 3-5 months or so, so don't be worried if you don't have your papers immediately. U.C. Davis handles DNA testing for many other registries and they get swamped during the summer and fall.

Microchipping

The inspectors will issue a microchip to each foal. It will be stapled to the Owner's copy (the yellow sheet) of the Foal Inspection Form. The code number embedded in this microchip is recorded on the foal registration form and becomes a permanent part of the horse's registration record. Occasionally, the inspectors will run out of microchips while on tour, so it will be sent from the Society office to your home if this is the case. Microchipping is an important tool for positive identification of the horse throughout its entire life. The chip is the size of a grain of rice and is implanted in the foal's neck using a special syringe like device. We suggest that this procedure be performed by a qualified veterinarian.

Getting Help

Don't be shy about asking the site host for help or advice. Most of our inspection organizers have done this many times and are happy to help as best they can. If you think you would like some assistance presenting your horses, ask the host beforehand if they will have a professional handler available. Also be sure to thank your site host afterwards. Our inspection hosts put a tremendous amount of effort into organizing/hosting inspections, and they will really welcome a few words of appreciation.

Video Examples

There are many videos posted on the website www.oldenburghorse.com to help give you an idea of how your horses should be presented. If you go to the page "Inspections" and click on "Rules, Fees, & Info" - "Presenting for Inspection". This will bring you to a list of videos including top foals being presented at the auctions in Germany, the Brilliant Ring Champion Rebelle being presented on the triangle, and the champion stallions Furstenball and Le Champ Ask.

Stallion Inspection & Breeding 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 - German Oldenburg Verband if, and only if, the following criteria are met, and the stallion is taken to an official inspection and presented to the OHBS-GOV inspection committee for their judgment.

The Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society is a division of the Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes e.V. (the German Oldenburg Verband). As such, we must follow the rules of German Breeding Law and we are now enforcing these rules.

Stallions who have not successfully completed a performance test must be inspected to be licensed as a breeding stallion between two and four 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 - German Oldenburg Verband or that of a registry acknowledged by the OHBS-GOV.

In addition, the stallion must have a 5-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 - German Oldenburg Verband or by an acknowledged registry (See example diagram below). Please check beforehand to verify that the OHBS-GOV 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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Stallion Book 1

The OHBS-GOV 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 OHBS-GOV 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 may be accepted for inspection as long as the stallion has the correct registry papers from the Jockey club, and Arabians who are accepted only in special cases. For both Thoroughbreds and Arabians, the owners must file a special request, and be aware that because of the lack of performance tests for these registries 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, rhythmic and expansive.

Stallions older than three years old should be presented under saddle.

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 OHBS-GOV 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 OHBS-GOV 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 OHBS-GOV in North America is extremely important to us.

Stallions between two and four years of age who are inspected and licensed by the OHBS-GOV 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 - German Oldenburg Verband:

1. Complete the 70 day test (possible at any age) with the appropriate qualification scores.
2. Complete the 30 day test as a 3 or 4 year old with the appropriate qualification scores and meet the following performance requirements as a 5 or 6 year old: In Dressage the stallion must qualify as a 5 or 6 year old 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 of these requirements or check back with the website. As soon as those requirements have been decided upon, they will be published.
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 Prix St. Georges 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.

Stallions that have been licensed by the OHBS-GOV breeding committee will be activated for breeding once they have been licensed as a 2, 3 or 4 year old and completed the 30 day test as a 3 or 4 year old, but if they have not met the approval requirements by the end of their 6th year of age (by calendar year) they will no longer be activated for breeding with the OHBS-GOV until they meet the performance requirements described above, and are then fully approved. Should the stallion not meet the performance requirements at the appropriate age, and not become fully approved, the foals that are bred during the periods of OHBS-GOV authorized activation will be registered. Any foals bred outside of this activation period will not be registered with the OHBS-GOV. 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 five years of age or older unless they have completed one of the following requirements:

1. Complete the 70 day test with the appropriate qualification scores
2. Complete the 30 day test as a 3 or 4 year old with the appropriate qualification scores and meet the following performance requirements as a 5 or 6 year old: In Dressage the stallion must qualify as a 5 or 6 year old 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

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jumpers are currently under review. Please contact the North American office for clarification of these requirements or check back with the website. As soon as those requirements have been decided upon they will be published.

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 Prix St. Georges 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.

If you are planning to import a stallion from Europe and wish it to stand for OHBS-GOV 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 Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes e.V. (German 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 OHBS-GOV 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.



2009 Licensing Champion Fairbanks. Photo: Kiki Beelitz

Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society Fees

Membership:

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| Annual Membership Fee | \$ 100 |
| If paid before November 30th of the previous year | \$ 65 |

Broodmares:

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| Inspection fee | \$ 150 |
| Mare Performance Test | \$ 100 |

Foals:

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| Inspection, registration, micro chipping and DNA typing (including annual mare fee) | \$ 250 |
| Birth certification | \$ 300 |
| Yearling registration, micro chipping and DNA typing | \$ 300 |
| Two-year-old | \$ 350 |
| Surcharge for single breeding permit | \$ 100 |

Breeding Stallions:

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| Inspection fee | \$ 250 |
| Registration fee, young stallions | \$ 200 |
| Registration fee, older stallions | \$ 300 |
| Annual fee, all stallions | \$ 350 |
| Single Breeding Permit | \$ 100 |

Services:

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| Transfer of Ownership - Active Members | \$ 50 |
| Transfer of Ownership - Non Members (includes membership) | \$ 115 |
| Re-issue of lost papers | \$ 150 |
| Pedigree research for Jockey Club mares | \$ 15 |

The Inspection Checklist and Forms

The following two pages are a checklist to help you understand and organize all of the forms and documents that are required for presenting your foal or horse for inspection. We recommend that you make a copy of it and be sure that you can cross off every box before coming to the inspection.

MEMBERSHIP

You must first become a member of the OHBS-GOV before you can take your horse to an inspection for breeding approval or registration. Please visit the website to find the PDF form <http://www.oldenburghorse.com/Oldbrg-Membership.htm> or contact the office to have them send you the form. Fill it out and send that in along with your membership fee payment to the OHBS-GOV office immediately.

I have sent in my current Membership Form and Payment.

GO TO THE WEBSITE: www.oldenburghorse.com

If you can use a computer and access the internet without problems please simply follow the rest of the steps outlined on this checklist. If using a computer and/or accessing the internet is a problem, then please read through the rest of this checklist and prepare all of the necessary information you will need for the forms. Once you have everything together call the office at 561-969-0709 and give them all of the information they will need to fill out the forms for each of your horses and/or foals that you plan to present at the inspection.

I cannot access the internet so I have called the OHBS-GOV office and given them the inspection site date and location, as well as all of the necessary information about the horses and/or foals I plan to present.

INSPECTION SITE ENROLLMENT FORM

Please fill out the Inspection Site Enrollment Form and send it to the Inspection site that you plan to attend. This form is available as a PDF form on the website at: <http://www.oldenburghorse.com/2009-Inspection-Enrollment-Form.pdf>, or you can request that it be sent to you by mail from the OHBS-GOV office.

I have filled out and sent the 2010 Inspection Site Enrollment Form to the Inspection Site I plan to attend.

INSPECTION REGISTRATION FORMS

In order to expedite the paperwork process at the inspections and to minimize typographical errors we would like everyone to please fill out these forms online immediately. You can find the links to the appropriate forms at: <http://www.oldenburghorse.com/Oldbrg-Inspections-Forms.htm>. The final form is a three paged carbon form that must be filled out WELL BEFORE the inspection, and the information that you send by filling out the online forms will be sent to the office where the staff will complete the carbon forms on a typewriter. Once completed by the office, this form will then be sent to the inspection site you will be attending.

There are four different possible forms to use. For OHBS-GOV Foals and Yearlings please fill out the "Foal/Yearling Inspection Registration Form". For Mares or Stallions please fill out the "Mare/Stallion Inspection Registration Form". For Weser-Ems Pony Foals and Yearlings please fill out the "Weser-Ems Foal/Yearling Inspection Registration Form". For Weser-Ems Mares or Stallions please fill out the "Weser-Ems Mares/Stallions Inspection Registration Form". Please see page 36 for an example of the OHBS-GOV Mare/Stallion Form.

I have filled out the appropriate Inspection Registration Forms online for each and every horse and/or foal I plan to present for the inspection.

I have checked with the inspection site ahead of time and confirmed that they have received the completed forms for all of my horses and/or foals.

DNA ENVELOPE

This is an envelope with a small form on the front of it that will be sent to the inspection site by mail from the OHBS-GOV office once you have filled out the online inspection registration forms. Samples for DNA can ONLY be pulled by the inspectors at the site, and they will seal the sample in the envelope at that time. Every horse being inspected for either registration or breeding approval with the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society - German Oldenburg Verband must be, or have been DNA tested by the OHBS-GOV in North America or Germany.

I have checked with the inspection site ahead of time and confirmed that they received DNA envelopes for all of my horses and/or foals.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

For stallion or mare breeding approval you must bring the ORIGINAL registration papers of the horse being inspected and a copy. For foal registration we need the completed ORIGINAL BREEDING CERTIFICATE as well as the dam's ORIGINAL papers. The breeding certificate should be obtained from the sire's owner or the frozen semen agent, and it must be complete with the date of shipping, the signature of the sire's owner or agent, the date of insemination, the inseminating vet or technician's name, and their signature. In the past we have literally had over 100 missing or incomplete Breeding Certificates in a year, and this has caused delays in the issuing of registration papers for months if not permanently. Please see page 35 for an example of the Breeding Certificate.

I have my mare's and/or stallion's ORIGINAL Registration Papers AND A COPY ready to take with me to the inspection.

and/or:

I have received the COMPLETED ORIGINAL Breeding Certificate from the owner, agent, or frozen semen agent of the sire of my foal. I have reviewed it carefully to make sure it is fully filled out and signed by the sire's owner and/or frozen semen agent AND the attending veterinarian or technician that inseminated the mare, and I have it ready to take with me to the inspection.

INSPECTION SITE FORMS AND DOCUMENTS

The host farm may require additional information for their records and may provide a secondary entry form to be returned prior to your inspection date. Contact your local inspection site to receive a copy of the form(s) for early completion and for stabling information. In order to prevent the passage of disease please ensure that all breeding stock over 1 year of age have documented proof of negative coggins tests at the inspection and their vaccinations are up to date.

I have contacted the inspection site that I plan to attend and have filled out any necessary stabling forms and/or additional entry forms that they require.

I have the proof of negative coggins for any horses over 1 year of age ready to take with me to the inspection.

MARE PERFORMANCE TEST

Each year there will be OHBS-GOV Mare Performance Tests held at various sites in North America. Registration for the Mare Performance Test will be via a separate entry form that will be posted on the website, www.oldenburghorse.com, under "Shows/MPT" each year, and/or can be obtained from the Florida office. Please see pages 7 through 9 of this book for the rules for Mare Status Achievement and a description of the Performance Test. You can also find them on the website under "Mares" - "Breeding Approval".

If you have any further questions or concerns about any of the above forms, or issues such as eligibility please contact the OHBS Office by phone 561-969-0709.

The Inspection Checklist and Forms Cont'd

OLDENBURG HORSE BREEDERS SOCIETY

BREEDING CERTIFICATE

INSTRUCTIONS for 2009: This breeding certificate must be prepared including dates of shipped semen and signed by the stallion owner or registered agent of the stallion. The inseminating vet or technician also must sign the dates of insemination. There are no exceptions. Foal owner must bring white copy with all signatures to the inspection site. Pink copy stays with the stallion owner and yellow copy stays with the mare owner.

This is to certify that the stallion _____ Reg. # _____
was bred to the (breed) _____ mare, _____
Reg. # _____ by (sire) _____ out of (dam)
_____ by (dam's sire) _____
Color and markings: _____
Owned or Leased by: _____
Name Phone

Address

by the following method: _____ Pasture Breeding _____ Frozen semen*
requires Veterinarian _____ Artificial insemination _____ Natural Cover
certification and (mare & stallion on farm)
signature. _____ Transported cooled semen*

on the following dates: _____ 20 _____

Date Signature of Owner/Agent of stallion
AT TIME OF SERVICE

Print - Name (Owner/Agent) Address

*VETERINARIAN CERTIFICATION IN CASE OF A.I., TS, OR FS:
I certify that the above named mare was bred by _____ AI _____ TS _____ FS
on _____ with semen identified by me as being from
(Dates)
the above named stallion.

Date Signature of Veterinarian and State where licensed

Print name of Vet Address

Foaling Date _____ Sex _____ Color/Markings _____

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Email: oldenburg@oldenburghorse.com

Above is a copy of the OHBS-GOV Breeding Certificate for your review. An original Breeding Certificate is necessary for foal registration. A copy will not be accepted. The original breeding certificate can be obtained from the sire's owner or the frozen semen agent, and it must be complete with the date of shipping, the signature of the sire's owner or agent, the date of insemination, the inseminating vet or technician's name, and their signature. In the past we have literally had over 100 missing or incomplete Breeding Certificates in a year, and this has caused delays in the issuing of registration papers for months if not permanently.

The Oldenburg Horse Breeder's Society Department North America
of
Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes e.V.
MARE/STALLION REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Name of the horse: _____ Reg.-Nr.: _____
 _____ stallion _____ mare Date of birth: _____ Size _____ hands
 Sire: _____ Reg.-Nr.: _____
 Dam: _____ Reg.-Nr.: _____ by _____
Dam's sire
 Breeder: _____
owner of the horse at the date of breeding (not the stallion keeper)
 Owner: _____
owner or lessor of the horse at the date of inspection
 Mailing address: _____
(street)

(city, state, zip code)
 Business phone: _____ Home phone: _____ Fax: _____

Official use only!

This horse was evaluated according to the following criteria:

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| (a) Breed and sex type | _____ | (1) Head | _____ |
| (b) Quality of conformation | _____ | (2) Neck | _____ |
| (c) Correctness of gaits | _____ | (3) Saddle position | _____ |
| (d) Impulsion and elasticity (Trot) | _____ | (4) Frame | _____ |
| (e) Walk | _____ | (5) Fore limbs | _____ |
| (f) General impression and development | _____ | (6) Hind limbs | _____ |
| (g) Overall evaluation | _____ | (1)-(6) auxiliary scores for (b) | |
| Result of the evaluation: | | (7) Canter | _____ |
| | | (8) free jumping | _____ |
| Color/markings: _____ | | (7)-(8) auxiliary scores for (g) | |
| | | (only stallions) | |

Comments: _____ Premium award: _____

Registration Fee: US \$ or CD \$: _____ Registration confirmed

Date: _____ Total sum: _____

(seal)

(Signature)

Above is an example of an OHBS-GOV Inspection Registration Form for Mares and Stallions. There is a separate one for Foals that looks very similar. It is now necessary to fill these out online as soon as possible. You can find the links to the appropriate forms at: <http://www.oldenburghorse.com/Oldbrg-Inspections-Forms.htm>. The final form is a three paged carbon form that must be filled out WELL BEFORE the inspection, and the information that you send by filling out the online forms will be sent to the office where the staff will complete the carbon forms on a typewriter. Once completed by the office, this form will then be sent to you so that you can review it, and make any necessary corrections before bringing it to the inspection with you.



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