

APPENDIX - VETERINARY PROTOCOL

TRIBUNAL for QUALIFIED BREEDING STOCK

Recommendations for reproductive apparatus examination in mares

- The examination must include the following:
 - Licensed veterinarian information (Full name, Veterinarian Board number, address and telephone numbers)
 - Date and location of the examination:
 - Information about the mare (name, date of birth, microchip, owner)
 - Examination of the external genitalia (vulva, vagina and clitoris)
 - Examination of the internal genitalia (cervix, uterus and ovaries) using ultrasound
 - The certification should be based on one of the two texts laid out below:

Model 1: *“In the town of _____, and in accordance with the current legislation and having carried out the corresponding tests, I certify that the reproductive apparatus displays suitable characteristics to include the mare in the PRE Register for Qualified Breeding Stock. I certify that no congenital abnormalities or transmissible defects have been found.”*

Model 2: *“In the town of _____, and in accordance with the current legislation and having carried out the corresponding tests, I certify that the reproductive apparatus **DOES NOT DISPLAY** suitable characteristics to include the mare in the PRE Register for Qualified Breeding Stock.”*

Recommendations for reproductive apparatus examination in stallions

- The examination must include the following:
 - Licensed veterinarian information (Full name, Veterinarian Board number, address and telephone numbers)
 - Date and location of the examination:
 - Information about the stallion (name, date of birth, microchip, owner)
 - Examination of the external genitalia (scrotum, testicles and epididymis independently, penis and prepuce)
 - Conditions of the examination: Method used to obtain the sample
 - Sexual behavior (general, reaction time, nº of coverings)

- Analysis of the sperm concentration; n° of sperm per ejaculate >4000 mill; total motility, >60% and progressive, > 50%, with the n° of sperm, >2000 mill)
- Morphological-anomalies: % normal sperm >75%; abnormal sperm < 25%; primary, <10% (alterations of the head, of the midpiece or proximal cytoplasmatic droplet); secondary, <25% (head loose, alterations of the tail, distal cytoplasmatic droplet)
- The certification should be based on one of the two texts laid out below:

Model 1: “In the town of _____ and in accordance with the current legislation and having carried out the corresponding tests, I certify that the reproductive apparatus and the semen display suitable characteristics to include the stallion in the PRE Register for Qualified Breeding Stock. I certify there are no blemishes or defects that would have a negative affect on reproduction or which could be of a transmittable nature.”

Model 2: “In the town of _____ and in accordance with the current legislation and having carried out the corresponding tests, I certify that the reproductive apparatus and the semen **DO NOT DISPLAY suitable characteristics to include the stallion in the PRE Register for Qualified Breeding Stock.”**