

Kerry Bog Pony Studbook



Inspection Guidelines and Procedures

All Kerry Bog pony foals are born in to Class 4 of the Stud book. Subsequently as adults, they should be brought out to inspection to up grade their classification. Kerry Bog Ponies must be a minimum of 2 years of age to be presented for inspection. Owners are notified of upcoming inspection dates and venues. Applicants are notified of the venue and date for their pony/ponies inspection.

This day will decide the Classification of your pony in the Stud book – it is most important to do your pony justice and present it correctly

Presentation

All ponies are expected to be clean, well turned out and with well-maintained hooves. They must be sufficiently trained and fit to take part in all aspects of the inspection.

Each pony must be presented in a correctly fitted halter. If there is a foal present with the mare it should also be wearing a head collar and be led.

Owners/handlers are required to dress neatly. Comfortable footwear must be worn in order to present the animal correctly – the handler will have to run with the pony for the trot up All handlers must be dressed appropriately.



Photographs of ponies may be taken during the inspection process by a photographer appointed by the Kerry Bog Pony Society. These photographs may be published in KBP and/or HSI publications.

Video footage of the inspection may also be recorded and used by the Kerry Bog Pony Co Operative Society or HSI

Check In

Entrants must ensure they reach the inspection site in plenty of time in order to check in their pony or ponies.

All owners/handlers must report to a KBP representative upon arrival at the centre in order to check in. At this time, the pony's passport must be presented. The owner/handler will be given the pony's passport and Veterinary Inspection Form to present to the vet for Stage 1 of the inspection.

Please note ponies that have not been checked in cannot be presented at the first stage of the inspection.

Inspection Process

The process consists of 2 stages: a Veterinary Examination and a Conformation and Movement assessment. If the pony is not sufficiently trained and does not present correctly ie stand up, walk and trot properly, the organizers reserve the right to fail the pony outright.

Stage 1: - Veterinary Examination

- Owner/handler must present to vet with the pony's passport and Veterinary Inspection Form
- The identification of the pony will be checked - the microchip will be read; the markings and information in the passport will be checked for accuracy eg stallion/gelding. The vet will record the pony's height and check for basic soundness.
- The vet will return the Passport to the owner, to be presented to the Inspectors for Stage 2.

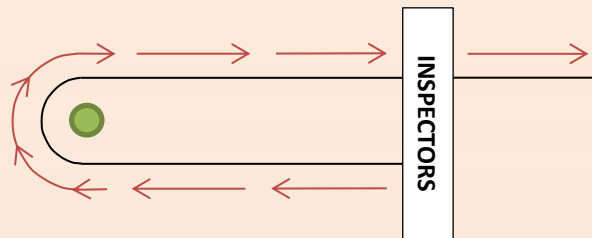


Stage 2: - Conformation and Movement Assessment

- Handlers must present ponies to the inspectors in the designated area for their conformation and movement assessment
- **Conformation:** The handler must stand the pony side on to the inspectors to facilitate the visual assessment. The pony must be able to stand correctly and quietly in order for the inspectors to make their assessment
- **Movement:** When requested the handler will move the pony in walk and then in trot as instructed by the inspectors to allow them to assess the pony's movement. (Generally to walk away, and trot back towards, and past, the inspectors).



The handler must always lead the pony from the left side; turn the pony away from him i.e. to the right, before trotting back towards the inspectors.



Results of the Inspection

Final results will be available on the day of inspection. The owner/handler will be given a copy of the Veterinary Report Form and the Inspectors Assessment and Marking Form.

The results will be made available for public access on the Kerry Bog Pony Co Operative Society website and may be published in subsequent publications.