



FRIESIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

Friesian 101

**An Introduction to FHANA
and the Friesian Horse**



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Intro

Friesians are a breed originating in the Netherlands, known for their black coats, long mane and tails, feathers and gentle nature.

The KFPS, Koninklijk Friesch Paarden-Stamboek, established in 1879 is the original and largest registry.

FHANA, Friesian Horse Association of North America, established 1983 is the daughter association of the KFPS in Canada and the United States of America.



Registry Books

Satter Hill
IMAGES

| Mare | Stallion | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | KFPS Studbook "Approved" Stallion | Foalbook w/Breeding Permit (none in NA) | Disapproved Studbook Stallion | Foalbook | B-Book I | B-Book II |
| Mainbook (Studbook or Foal Book) | Mainbook | B-Book I | B-Book II | B-Book II | B-Book II | B-Book II |
| B-Book I | B-Book I* | B-Book I | B-Book II | B-Book II | B-Book II | B-Book II |
| B-Book II | B-Book I** | B-Book II*** | B-Book II | B-Book II | B-Book II | B-Book II |

* After use of three KFPS studbook stallions in the last four consecutive generations in the mare line, the offspring out of a B-Book I mare are registered in the KFPS Mainbook.

** When a B-Book II mare is bred to a KFPS Studbook stallion, the offspring is promoted to B-Book I in one generation.

*** When a B-Book II mare is bred to a Foalbook stallion with a KFPS Breeding Permit, promotion to B-Book I takes place in two generations



Registration Process

Must have a Full or Business membership

To register a foal

- Using your FHANA R# log in to the FHANA Portal
- Under the Administration Tab, click register foal and fill out the form. FHANA office will send a microchip, DNA testing form and identifications form. Have a microchip inserted and pull DNA from the foal following the instructions on the forms.

To transfer a horse, the back of the registration paper can be filled out or a transfer form may be filled out.



Predicates

Predicates based on in-hand exterior assessments:

- Star/Ster (Mare, Gelding, and Foalbook Stallion)
- Crown/Kroon (Mare)
- Model (Mare)

Predicates based on aptitude tests :

- Sport (Mare, Gelding, Foalbook Stallion and Approved Stallion)
- Sport – Elite (Mare, Gelding, Foalbook Stallion and Approved Stallion)
- IBOP/ABFP Score Letter Code: 73 – 76.5 A 77 – 81.5 AA 82+ AAA

Predicates based on performance in breeding:

- Performance Dam
- Preferent

Star(Ster) Predicate

Eligibility: Mares, Geldings and Foalbook Stallions

Age Minimum: 3 years

Qualifications

- Score of 5 on any element is not allowed
- Meet minimum height requirement (156 cm for mares, 158 cm for geldings and Stallions)
- Foalbook stallions can be awarded ster predicate, but they do not receive premiums
- Foalbook stallions with the ster predicate which are gelded later keep their ster predicate

Scores and Premiums

| Minimum Average Score | Premium | Registration(Abbreviation) |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7.5 | First Premium(1e) | Studbook Star/Ster (FS1) |
| 7.0 | Second Premium(2e) | Studbook Star/Ster (FS2) |
| 6.5 | Third Premium(3e) | Studbook (F3) |
| 6.0 | No Premium | Studbook (F) |
| <6 | No Acceptance | Foalbook (NO) |

Crown (Kroon) Predicate

- Minimum: 3 years
- Meet minimum requirement for exterior. Exterior must, in principle, be worthy of a first Premium
- Meet minimum height requirement (158cm)
- Meet sport aptitude requirements (IBOP or ABFP) minimum of 77 points (AA) with a minimum average of 7 for walk, trot and canter minimum for gaits is 6
- Declaration of “Preliminary Crown (Kroon)” can be made pending successful completion of IBOP or ABFP or earning Sport Predicate. If no aptitude test scores are available, the in-hand presentation must be worthy of a first premium
- Only an AAA test result can compensate for a minor shortcoming in exterior.

Model Predicate

Eligibility: Star/Ster and Crown/Kroon Mares

Age Minimum: 7 years

Must have nursed at least one foal

Meet minimum requirement for exterior and movement

Meet minimum height requirement (160 cm)

Meet minimum sport aptitude requirement (Sport Predicate or AA IBOP/ABFP)

Because the Model predicate is the highest predicate for exterior, concessions are less likely.

Only an AAA IBOP or ABFP can compensate for a minor shortcoming in exterior

Declaration of “Preliminary Model” can be made pending successful completion of IBOP or ABFP or earning Sport Predicate

Sport Predicate

Eligibility: Mares, Geldings, and Stallions

Can only be earned based scores registered with USEF, USDF, EC, ADS, SHS or KNHS.

Effective April 2024, qualifying scores may be from videoed test score.

Submit your score sheets to the FHANA office upon completion of each qualifying event. FHANA will keep track of your points.

Sport predicates can be earned in Dressage, Driven Dressage, and Show Driving.

Sport-Elite Predicate

Eligibility: Mares, Geldings, and Stallions

The minimum requirements for being awarded the Sport “Elite” is 5 scores of at least 60% in Prix St. George or higher level of dressage or 70% in Advanced Driven Dressage.

You can also obtain this predicate by obtaining the Sport Predicate in three disciplines: Dressage, Driven Dressage, and Show Driving.

Videoed test scores are not eligible for the Sport-Elite Predicate.

Submit an application and qualifying score sheets to the FHANA office.

IBOP(Instelling Bruikbaarheidsonderzoek Friese Paarden)

A riding, driving or show driving test

Designed to establish an objective assessment of a horse's natural aptitude and suitability for a specific use.

Can be performed by horses over four years old

Can be retested

ABFP(Aanleg-en Bruikbaarheidstest Friese Paarden)

Riding

Driving Dressage

Show Driving

The purpose is to objectively determine the talent as a dressage and/or driving and/or harness horse. Willingness to work and stable behavior will also be assessed.

Primarily intended for three to five-year-old mares, geldings and stallions

Performance Dam (Prestatie Moeder)

Eligibility: Foalbook Mares & Studbook Mares

- Awarded to mares that have produced three direct offspring that were awarded the Sport predicate or have completed an aptitude test (ABFP or IBOP) of at least 77 points



Preferent Mares

Eligibility: Foalbook Mares & Studbook Mares

- Granted based on the quality of the mare's offspring.
- Preferent status for mares is granted when the mare in question has produced at least four quality horses.

Quality horses:

Star (Ster), Crown (Kroon) or Model mares

Star (Ster) Geldings

Star (Ster) Stallions

Studbook stallions

Stallions that made the second viewing of the stallion inspection



KFPS Inspections

Purpose of a KFPS Inspection

The annual judging conducted by the KFPS has as its primary purpose the evaluation and selection of Friesian breeding stock.

Certain categories of horses may be evaluated for premium awards and adult Friesians may be evaluated for promotion to the studbooks and to the registers of status/predicates.

Inspections are held throughout North America in the fall and hosted by local clubs or individuals.

Horses are inspected by specially trained judges from the Netherlands

Required:

- Horse is registered, on the Judging Application Deadline and on the day of judging
- The owner is a FHANA member in good standing.
- The horse has a registered microchip and DNA sample on file with the KFPS
- Bridles for horses 3 years and older
- Horse must be sound
- Local jurisdiction and site requirements regarding health certificate and coggins must be followed

Allowed:

- Repeat inspections with no limit and horses can only score higher
- Halters for foals, yearlings and 2 year-olds

Recommended:

- Shoes all around for adult inspections but not required
- White tack
- Neatly groomed body, mane and tail.
- Freshly trimmed hooves

Not allowed:

- Trimming whiskers and hair inside the ear
- Artificial tails
- Dyeing the mane, tail or coat
- B-BookII horses

Inspection Categories

- 1: Colts for Foal Book
- 2: Fillies for Foal Book
- 3: Yearling Mares for Premium
- 4: 2 Year-old Mares for Premium
- 15: Yearling Colts for Premium
- 16: 2 Year-old Colts for Premium
- 5: 4+ Year-old Mares for Studbook
- 6: 3yr-old Mares for Studbook & Star (Ster)
- 7: STB Mares Repeat for Star (Ster)
- 8: Premium judging of Star (Ster) Mares 4-6 Years
- 9: Premium Judging for Star (Ster) Mare 7+ Years
- 10: Premium Judging of Crown (Kroon) Mares
- 11: Premium Judging of Model Mares
- 12: 3+ Year-old Gelding for Star (Ster)
- 13: Gelding Repeat Inspection for Star (Ster)
- 14: Premium Judging for Star (Ster) Gelding 4+
- 17: 3+ Year-old Stallions for Studbook & Star (Ster)
- 18: Approved Studbook Stallions (Mandatory)





Care of the Friesian Horse

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Nutrition

- Lack of Vit E, Zinc and Selenium can result in faded, dull coats and slow mane/tail growth.
- Analyze hay and pasture grass yearly and adjust grain/supplements as needed.
- Some supplements can enrich the black colour but use with caution if the horse is in competition.

Accommodations

- Recommended stall size is minimum of 12ft x 12ft and 12ft x 20ft for a foaling stall.
- Have adequate dry pastures to prevent fungal and bacterial infections of the lower legs with heavy feathering.
- Carefully secure any gates as many Friesians are smart with a wily sense of mischief and have tormented their owners by opening gates, their stalls or their barnmate's stall, doors, etc.



Coat/Hair Care

- The long flowing mane may be routinely braided and/or utilise mane bags to keep it protected and free from knots. If left loose, finger comb with a good quality detangler without silicone to prevent breakage.
- Cutting any of the hair is discouraged with the exception of a tail that drags on the ground and specific trimming of the hair on the legs for inspections.
- Friesian tails should be combed out frequently with a good quality detangler to avoid matting especially at the base.
- To help avoid sun-bleaching, rinse off after sweating. Some owners also keep horses inside during the day and outside at night.
- Clipping of the whiskers(chin and eye) and inside the ear are not permitted at any KFPS event

Hoof and Dental Care

- Due to high knee action and a propensity for lax tendons, Friesians need to be trimmed differently from most other breeds.
- Find a farrier experienced in the breed or willing to learn about the angle of the hoof and how much heel to leave.
- For dental procedures where a sedative is needed, Friesians tend to be sensitive to sedatives. Start with a light dose and move up to heavier if needed.

Exercise

- **Friesians reach their anaerobic threshold quicker than other breeds and exercise should be carefully monitored and worked in smaller increments of time.**
- Friesians are a large breed and slow maturing, many are not heavily worked until after four years of age. Allowing them to grow before adding additional stress to their bodies helps ensure they remain healthy for the long run rather than retire at an early age.
- Avoid extensive lunging until 3 years old to help prevent joint injury

Veterinary Care

- Some Friesians suffer from Anhidrosis, the inability to adequately sweat, and need some extra help to stay cool especially in hot, humid environments and when working.
- Megaesophagus occurs more frequently in Friesians than the general horse population and can lead to choke and/or death. Research is being conducted to see if a genetic component can be isolated in the breed's genes.
- Friesians have a higher rate of retained placentas than the general horse population.
- Friesians are a stoic breed and will mask their pain, some to the point that when they do show pain it's too late. The best way to prevent this is to know your horse and at the first sign of it not acting normal call the vet. Have your horse's normal vitals on record to be compared to rather than the general horse vitals.



Sport and other Activities for the Friesian Horse

Sport/Activities For Friesian Horses

Friesians are a versatile breed and can be used in many disciplines. Fhana members enjoy an array of activities including, but not limited to...

Ridden/Driven Dressage

Show Driving

Saddleseat

Trail Riding

Parades

Western Dressage

Pleasure

Sidesaddle

Tandem

Team Penning

Eventing

Working Equitation

4-H

and so much more





Breeding

KFPS breed goal: A functionally built utility horse with the Friesian breed characteristics, which is healthy and vital, has a talent for performing in sports, has a reliable character and is workable.

Breeding Tips:

Identify personal breeding goals

Breed to approved Stallions (identified by three numbers behind their name)

Aim for inbreeding to be below 5%

The lower the kinship the better

Pick three or four characteristics in your mare that you want to improve

The FHANA and KFPS websites have extensive resources to help you with the selection of the right stallion for your mare

All mares should be genetically tested for hydrocephalus and dwarfism to compare to potential stallions

Never breed a carrier to a carrier!



KFPS Registration Papers Explained

| KFPS Book Special Rating | Gender | Book Registration Number | Microchip Number | Date of Birth D/M/Y | Inbreeding | Mare Line | Registered Name |
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| KFPS register Stamboek Ster AA | gender Mare | registration number 528004201901466 | chip number 528210006050533 | date of birth 19.04.2019 | inbreeding coefficient 0.59% | mare line 050 | registered name Lyanna Stal de Oergong |
|--|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|

22.10.2019
Vb M
28.07.2022
Vb M AA
11.10.2023
Stb Ster AA

Colour Black
Markings allowed No
Markings not allowed No

2022: niet opgenomen
2023: 2e premie

Results of Inspection and year awarded.

Breeder: R-0899868
A. Zwaagman
Nummer 41
8832 KD Huins NETHERLANDS
Owner: R-1016528
Michael & Jennifer Cunningham
7007 Avon Lake Rd.
44275 Spencer, OH UNITED STATES

Changes to book registration

Height 166 cm
15.06.2022

Height of horse in cm

Breeders' information and Current owner

Stallion Information

ULBRÄN 502
528004201400483 Stb Sport AAA

REINDER 452
528004200500407 Stb Sport AA

Aan 416
528004200044011 Stb

Trynke B.
528004199815770 Stb Ster

Jakob 302
528004198503021 Stb Sport

WYTSKE FAN 'E WIGËRI
528004199935080 Stb Ster

Jeldau fan 'e Wigëri
528004199505070 Stb Model Pref Prest AAA*7

Andries 415
528004200037791 Stb Sport

STENDERT 447
528004200501629 Stb Sport AAA

Aukje Boszorg
528004199203990 Stb Model Pref Prest*11

ROMY STAL DE OERGONG
528004201300245 Stb Ster

Teunis 332
528004199002891 Stb Sport Pref

ANCKE V.
528004200003020 Stb Model Sport Pref AA*4

Imma
528004199412480 Stb Ster Pref Prest *7

Abe 346
528004199206311 Stb
Dieke V.
528004199321570 Stb Ster
Sierk 326
528004198904861 Stb
Welmoed d.B.
528004199108690 Stb Ster
Naen 264
528004197602641 Stb Preferent
Tunke
528004197969250 Stb Ster
Rypke 321
528004198904261 Stb
Welmoed fan 'e Wigëri
528004199103700 Stb Model Pref*4
Tsjerk 328
528004199008331 Stb Sport Pref
Gitte
528004199405350 Stb Ster
Piter 312
528004198803121 Stb
Hanneke Boszorg
528004198478690 Stb Model Pref*5
Gerlof 294
528004198402941 Stb
Gertruda
528004198478790 Stb Ster Pref*7
Obe 314
528004198803141 Stb
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528004199012920 Stb Ster

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Mare Information

Three Ster or better designations in a row is called fully papered.

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Welcome to the Friesian Family!

More resources and information can be found on
FHANA's website <https://fhana.com/> or KFPS' website <https://kfps.nl/>

Mentors are available and can be assigned by reaching out to the FHANA office.

Informational videos are available on youtube
FHANA: <https://www.youtube.com/@friesianhorseassociationof6858>
KFPS: <https://www.youtube.com/@KFPSRoyalFriesian>

Remember if it ain't Dutch, it ain't Much