



Australian Stock Horse
SOCIETY

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BRANDING POLICY

BRANDING REQUIREMENTS

The Society records the brands of individual horses for identification purposes; it does not have a brand register. Every horse for which an application for registration is made with the Society, must be clearly branded in such a way that the horse can be positively identified. The Society will accept freeze or fire brands.

For registration purposes, horses must carry a **Stock Brand** and numeral brands, consisting of an **Identification Number** (top number) and a **Foaling Season Year Number** (bottom number) with the foaling season year beginning 1st August. It is recommended that the Stock Brand is placed on the near shoulder and Numeral Brands on the off shoulder; or in accordance with the relevant state/territory authority where the branding takes place.

Microchips do NOT waive the ASH requirement of having a horse branded for registration purposes.

Stock Brands

The Society will accept any stock brand. Registration of a stock brand with a Department of Agriculture is not compulsory, as brands for registration purposes are only regarded as an acquired marking for identification purposes. Stock brands may be known as a cattle brand, symbol brand, three-piece brand, board brand or the like.

Identification Number

The identifying number signifies the order in which horses born in the same foaling season were branded with the same stock brand. If a number of horses are being branded with the same Stock Brand and Foaling Season Number "9", the horses would be branded 1 over 9, 2 over 9, 3 over 9, etc.

Foaling Season Year Number

Foaling season is defined as a twelve-month period starting on 1st August and is abbreviated to a single digit which relating to the foaling season year the horse is born, not the calendar year. For example: a foal born between 1st August 2019 and 31st July 2019 would carry a foaling season number of 9.

Examples as follows:

Foal Born	Foaling Season	Year Number
05/10/2019	2019/20	9
12/09/2011	2011/12	1
30/04/2008	2007/08	7
20/03/2013	2012/13	2
15/08/2013	2013/14	3
1st Foal Branded for the 2013/14 Foaling Season:		1
		3
3rd Foal Branded for the 2012/2013 Foaling Season:		3
		2

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BRAND SEARCH

HOW TO TRACE A HORSE'S IDENTITY

With any horse of unknown parentage, we would recommend the following avenues to trace the horse's identity:

- **PREVIOUS OWNER** - Contact the person from whom you purchased the horse and/or any other past owner/s to establish the horse's bloodlines.
- **MICROCHIP** – Visit your local veterinarian to see if your horse has been microchipped. If microchipped, the Australasian Animal Registry (www.aar.org.au), Central Animal Records (www.car.com.au), or the like may have records. The Australian Stock Horse Society does NOT presently have a search facility for microchips.
- **BRAND REGISTRIES** – Contact the Department of Agriculture in your state and/or other states to locate the owner of the brand and their contact details. You would need to contact the person to find out further information on the horse's age and pedigree. A contact list are provided below.
- **DNA TESTING** - DNA testing is NOT able to determine a horse's breed or bloodlines.

When you have the horse's details (name, sire, dam, sex, foaling date and the like), search the Society's Online Stud Book (www.ashs.com.au) to locate the horse's registration details, or contact our office. Once the registration has been identified, contact the Society for advice on transfer of ownership.

All Registered Australian Stock Horses are required to be branded with a Stock Brand, Identification Number and a Year Number. If a horse is not branded, the horse would NOT be ASH registered. If a horse has been branded with a personalised stock brand (NOT a Registered Stock Brand), the brand will not be able to be traced and is only regarded as an acquired identification marking and you would need to obtain on information from past owners.

REGISTRY OF BRANDS and/or STATE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE contacts:

Australia Stud Book Thoroughbred Brand Register – www.studbook.org.au

Phone: 02 9663 8411

New South Wales – Local Land Services – www.lls.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 1300 795 299 or visit the website to locate your closest office.

Australian Capital Territory – Rural Resource Protection Unit

Phone: 02 6207 2264 or 02 6207 5176

Queensland – Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – www.daff.qld.gov.au

Registrar of Brands – 132 523 or visit the website to locate your closest office.

Northern Territory – Department of Primary Industry & Fisheries – www.nt.gov.au

Livestock Identifications Administrator – 08 8999 2033

Western Australia – Department of Agriculture and Food – agric.wa.gov.au

Brands Office – 08 9780 6207

South Australia – Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA – www.pir.sa.gov.au

Registrar of Brands – 08 8207 7890

Victoria – Does not have a brand registry and has no facility to locate the owner of a stock brand.

Tasmania – Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment – dpipwe.tas.gov.au

Registrar of Animal Brands – 03 6165 3240

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