



THE COMMONWEALTH CLYDESDALE HORSE SOCIETY

(Federal Council) Incorporated

Reg.No. A0019631A ABN 24 748 123 650

27th November 2009

Dear Branch Secretaries & Members,

Re: Outcomes of Federal Council Meeting September 2009

At the Federal Council meeting held on Friday 18th September during the 2009 Royal Melbourne Show, various items were discussed and the following outcomes decided:

- **DNA Testing** – Further to surveying the Members at the time of Membership renewal, 353 Members sent in their survey responses with the following results recorded: **64%** in favour, **29%** against, **5%** neither for nor against but provided various comments.

The outcome of the discussion was that all **Stallions/Colts** will be DNA tested and this will be done at the time when a provisional certificate inspection is carried out. The Federal Council was mindful of the additional cost occurred by the owners and it was decided that the test must be carried out at the time when a vet has to visit and can be included in the one consultation fee. This ruling will be only applicable to all provisional stallions as of the **1st January 2010**.

Kits for DNA samples are available from the Federal Secretaries Office upon application and a payment of \$88.00 will apply. Once you receive a kit the samples are attached to a card and a self addressed envelope is provided for the owner to forward the samples to be laboratory for testing. Results will be forward direct to the federal office. The owner is to forward the provisional certificate paperwork as per normal procedure to update the status of the horse. Owners are most welcome to DNA test any of their other horses if they wish to do so.

- **Event Safety** – Safety reports from all branch events are to be submitted within 7 days to the Federal Office following any event. (*event forms are available on the website*)
- **Casual Member Insurance** - Day participant insurance is still available at \$11 per person. Conditions are a maximum of 2 events only otherwise they must become Members. All forms and fees must be forwarded to the Federal Office within 14 days following the event.
- **Registration Form** – The application for registration form has been updated to include any scientific data that is applicable to the horse. This can include micro chip number or any other identification. (*application form available on the website*)
- **Website – Database** – The Society has a new website up and running and work is currently being finalised for the database of information to be available online in the near future. This facility will allow members and other interested people access to the history of each horse and allow checking of pedigrees, ownership, transfers, etc. It has been a while in the making but I can assure you that it will be a great asset to our Members.

Could you please table this letter at your next branch meeting and also pass on this information to your public relations officer to include in your next branch newsletter.

Please contact me if you require any further clarification relating to the above matters.

Yours Sincerely

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