



Rules of mare grading

Article 1

Ancestral requirements for entry in studbook main section

1.1

For entry into "Dansk Hovedstambog" (DH) a pedigree must include at least three full generations of warmblood, thoroughbred, or Arabian horses.

For entry into "Dansk Stambog" (DS) a pedigree including at least three generations must have been entered into the main section of the studbook or supplementary studbook, yet every second generation of the maternal line must be graded.

For entry into "Dansk Register" (DR) a pedigree of three generations have been entered into the main section of the studbook or appendixes hereof.

1.2

Arabian pedigree means ox arabs, shagya arabs and crossbreeds hereof with thoroughbred, so-called anglo-arabians.

1.3

Warmblood pedigree means that the horses stated in the pedigree are registered with Dansk Varmblod or one of the following warmblood horse breeding societies:

Belgish Warmbloedpaard (BWP), Koninklijk Warmbloed Paarden Stamboek Nederland (KWPN), Landesverband Berlin-Brandenburg (BRAND), Landesverband Bayerischer Pferdezüchter (BAVAR), Norwegian Warmblood Association (NWB), Pferdezuchtverband Baden-Württemberg (BAD-WÜ), Pferdezuchtverband Rheinland-Pfalz-Saar (ZWEIB), Pferdezuchtverband Sachsen-Thüringen e.V. (SATHÜ), Grænseegnens Holstener Hesteavlforbund (GHH), Pferdezuchtverband Sachsen-Anhalt (SA), Rheinisches Pferdestammbuch (RHEIN), Springpferdezüchterverband Oldenburg – International e.V., Studbook Francais du Cheval Anglo-Arabe (AA), Stud-book Francais du Cheval Selle Francais (SF), Studbook Zangersheide (ZANG), Swedish Warmblood Association (SWB), Verband hannoverscher Pferdezüchter (Hann), Verband der Züchter des Holsteiner Pferdes (HOLST), Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes (OLDBG), Verband der Pferdezüchter Mecklenburg-Verpommern (MECKL), Verband der Züchter und Freunde des Ostpreussischen Warmblutpferdes Trakehner Abstammung (TRAK), Westfälisches Pferdestammbuch (WESTF).

In a transitional period during the years 2005-2008, the breeding committee may accept exemptions from the above.

1.4

A full generation means that all horses in a generation are graded or assessed by Dansk Varmblod or by one of the above horse breeding societies. If the pedigree includes crossbreeds with thoroughbred or Arabian pedigrees, grading/breeding approval is required only in the first generation of the line of ancestry.

1.5

In special cases, the breeding committee can approve other pedigrees but this is decided in each individual case and a precedent cannot be invoked.

Article 2

Time of grading

2.1

Mares can be graded as from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 3.

2.2

Older already graded mares can be presented for re-grading, but a mare can only be put forward for grading once a year.

Article 3

Grading

3.1

Grading is organized by the breeding committee of Dansk Varmblod in cooperation with the individual regions. Mares with dam or sire of full Arabian and/or thoroughbred ancestry are graded in their own classes at the day of inspection.

3.2

The main section of the studbook is divided into two classes:

Class 1: Elite studbook

Class 2: Comprises three sections: DH, DS, and DR

Besides, there is a supplementary studbook ("Forregister") for mares not meeting the requirements for entry into the main studbook. This supplementary studbook is subdivided into F1, F2, and F3.

3.3

At the grading event, mares are graded into: "Dansk Hovedstambog" (DH), "Dansk Stambog" (DS) and "Dansk Register" (DR) or into the supplementary studbook (FOR).

3.4

Grading includes a description of the mare's conformation and movement. Besides, 10 single scores are given for: 1. Type and body shape, 2. Head and neck, 3. Shoulder and withers, 4. Top line and quarters, 5. Front legs, 6. Hind legs, 7. Walk, 8. Trot, 9. Canter, and 10. General impression. A scale of scores from 0 to 10 is used where 10 is the highest score.

There is a direct correlation between the score for general impression and the grading classification of a mare: DH: 10-9-8, DS: 7-6, DR: 5, and rejected: 4-0.

The score for general impression alone cannot indicate highest or lowest score.

3.5

Each graded mare is allocated a studbook classification (DH, DS or DR). When entered

into the elite studbook, cf. rules applying, the studbook classification is prefixed with an "E" (EDH, ERDH, EDS, ERDS). If the mare completes a performance test, (cf. special rules applying), the studbook classification is prefixed with an "R" (RDH, RDS, RDR, and ROR). As of 2002, mares that are given a breeder's medal get a G (Gold), S (Silver), or B (Bronze) to their studbook classification (i.e. GRDH, SRDH, or BRDH).

3.6

In connection with the exterior gradings, saddle gradings, station tests, and Young Horse evaluations, a mare can be selected for the Elite Mare Show. This is not possible at private gradings.

Article 4

Grading classes

4.1

To be graded into DH, the following requirements must be met:

- minimum height at withers 160 cm
- an extremely good conformation and a good elastic movement or extremely good and lithe jumping abilities
- presentation for and graded by a grading committee approved by Dansk Varmblod
- score for general impression: at least 8 and no scores below 5
- At least three full generations of approved and graded Warmblood pedigree

4.2

To be graded into DS, the following requirements must be met:

- minimum height at withers 155 cm
- good conformation and acceptable movement or jumping abilities
- presented for and graded by a grading committee approved by Dansk Varmblod
- score for general impression: at least 6
- gradings in at least every second generation

4.3

To be graded into DR, the following requirements must be met:

- minimum height at withers 148 cm
- qualities in terms of conformation and movement or jumping entitling the mare to be used for breeding but not meeting the requirements for grading into DH or DS
- presented for and graded by a grading committee approved by Dansk Varmblod
- score for general impression of minimum 5
- gradings in at least every second generation

4.4

To be graded into EDH and EDS, see rules applying the Elite Studbook.

Article 5

Supplementary studbook

5.1

To be entered into the supplementary studbook (FOR) the following requirements must be met:

- height at withers at least 148 cm
- qualities in terms of conformation and movement or jumping entitling the mare to be used for breeding but not meeting the requirements for grading into DH, DS, or DR
- presented for and graded by a grading committee approved by Dansk Varmblod
- score for general impression of minimum 5

5.2

The supplementary studbook is divided into three sub-sections, depending on the number of crossbred generations: F3, F2 and F1.

- F1 is a register for mares approved by Dansk Varmblod and having no approved pedigree
- F2 is a register for mares approved by Dansk Varmblod, whose sires meet the requirements for registration with Dansk Varmblod and whose dams are registered in F1
- F3 is a register for mares approved by Dansk Varmblod, whose sires meet the requirements for registration with Dansk Varmblod and whose dams are registered in F2

Article 6

Approved pedigrees

6.1

Approved pedigree documents are certificates issued by The Danish National Committee on Horse Breeding, The Noble Horse Breed Society in Denmark as well as the listed recognised riding horse breeding societies abroad, see article 1.3.

6.2

A mare with a registration or grading certificate issued by Dansk Varmblod or

- The Danish breeds of "Frederiksborg" and "Oldenburg" issued before, 1 January 1977
- " Dansk Sportheeste Avlsforbund" issued before 1 January, 1979
- " Danmarks Lette Hesteavl" issued before 1 January, 1979
- "Grænseegnens Holstener Hesteavlsforbund" issued before 1 January, 1980

will have her pedigree approved for grading into DH, DS, DR, or FOR, depending on the number of full generations.

6.3

Offspring out of mares which are graded with "Dansk Oldenburg Avl" after 1 January

1977 are approved if the sires and the maternal grandsires have been approved by Dansk Varmblod. The mare's grading and her pedigree are approved for grading into DH, DS, DR or FOR, depending on the number of generations.

If the maternal grandsire is not approved by The Danish Warmblood Society but exclusively by "Dansk Oldenborg Avl", his pedigree is approved and he will be approved for grading into DS, DR or FOR, depending on the number of generations.

6.4

For pure thoroughbred or pure Arabian mares (cf. article 1.2 in rules of stallion grading) there are no special requirements as regards breeding approval of their sires.

6.5

The breeding committee can approve other pedigrees, but this is decided in each individual case and a precedent cannot be invoked.

Article 7

Branding

Danish-bred mares which have been graded into DH must have a crown branded onto the left side of their neck. For mares of another origin it is not obligatory to get the crown branded onto the left side of the neck when graded into DH.

Article 8

Entry into studbook, fees etc.

The central board fixes fees and procedures for notification, grading certificate, entry into studbook etc.

To qualify for grading, the owner of the mare must be a member of Dansk Varmblod.

Article 9

9.1

The breeding committee can grade mares and enter mares into the supplementary studbook at other events, provided the rules of procedure are followed.

9.2

In special cases, mares can be graded or entered into the supplementary studbook when judged at the place of stalling if only the rules of procedure for judging are followed. Re-grading of already graded mares cannot take place here. The mare owner covers the expenses of this special presentation.