

## **FUTURITY SCHEME AS OF 2018**

The Futurity Scheme is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> cycle having been set up to help breeders keep colts that could be of stallion potential. It was acknowledged that breeders did not always have the facilities at home to do so and this scheme would provide grazing for colts as well as a series of premiums.

It would also encourage breeders to think about which bloodlines they would breed from.

Colt foals can first be put forward for inspection in September of their birth year. Those that meet the standard are noted and receive a 'Winter Premium' of £100 if they come forward for the yearling inspection the following April. The Winter Premium will be paid regardless of them being chosen to go onto the next stage of the scheme, which is into the Futurity grazing.

From 2017/18, colt foals who were sired by a stallion listed as having a recognised under-utilised bloodline, receive an extra £100 Winter Bloodline Premium. The list is drawn up by the Futurity Committee, and will be reviewed each year before the colt foal assessment.

At the April yearling inspection, all yearling colts are welcome, in addition to those who were paid the Winter Premium. Bloodlines are noted. Those with stallion potential are accepted into the Futurity grazing, provided their DNA Parentage and PSSM results are in order. These tests are paid for by the scheme.

At the two-year-old inspections, colts from the grazing scheme that achieve their full licence receive a premium of £250.

From 2018 colts with the listed under-utilised bloodline receive an extra £100 if they are put forward to, and accepted into the Verderers Stallion Scheme.

From 2018, stallions that came through the Futurity Scheme will also receive a final premium of £250 once they have 5 fully registered progeny by the age of seven. There is no need for the foals to be inspected.