

New Forest Pony
Breeding & Cattle Society



HOLDERS OF THE NEW FOREST PONY STUDBOOK



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Registration & Passport Application Refresher Morning

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**An overview of the New Forest Pony
breed standard, types of registration,
rules around eligibility and registration
applications, and how to successfully,
and correctly complete a registration and
passport application form**

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History & Background

- There have been New Forest ponies in the New Forest since the end of the last Ice Age
- Early records include the bones of a 13hh pony at the Roman Villa at Rockbourne and the profits of the Royal Stud at Lyndhurst going to the building of Beaulieu Abbey
- The first society for the improvement of New Forest ponies was set up in 1891 to run a stallion show, followed in 1905 by the Burley and District New Forest Pony Breeding and Cattle Society who started the Stud Book and the Breed Show
- After World War 1, commoners in the forest stated that those ponies with the most 'old forest blood' stayed longest on the forest, so after 1930 only New Forest stallions were permitted to run out on the open forest



- The New Forest Pony Breeding & Cattle Society are the official holders of the Studbook of New Forest Ponies
- It is known as the Studbook of Origin or the 'mother studbook'
- There are 'daughter studbooks' run by filial societies across Europe and in North America & Canada. They must follow the rules of the mother studbook to retain their status (and register of New Forest Ponies)

The Breed Standard of the New Forest Pony



A pony is eligible for registration into the New Forest Pony Studbook only if it meets the breed standard and the conditions in the Society's Breeding Programme

Parentage

Both sire and dam must be registered in the main section of the New Forest Pony Studbook, the sire licensed to breed, and the mare must be in the breeder's name / ownership before registration

Height

There is an Upper limit 148 cm but no lower limit. Ponies that go over 148cm will be transferred to the X-register (*and can no longer be used to breed into the main section of the studbook*)

Type

New Forest Ponies should be of working type with substance: sloping shoulders, strong quarters, plenty of flat bone, good depth of body, straight limbs and hard, round feet

Action & Temperament

Their action should be free, active and straight, but not exaggerated; and their temperament should be amenable that generally makes them very suitable for multiple disciplines

- Ponies out of two registered parents that do not meet the breed standard (e.g. too much white, over height or by unlicensed stallions) can be registered in the **X-Register**, a sub-section of the New Forest Pony Studbook
- These ponies **are not** permitted in Registered New Forest Pony or affiliated Mountain & Moorland classes and cannot 'breed up' back into the main section of the studbook or breed stock eligible for registration into the studbook

Colours & White Markings permitted in the Breed Standard

Permitted colours

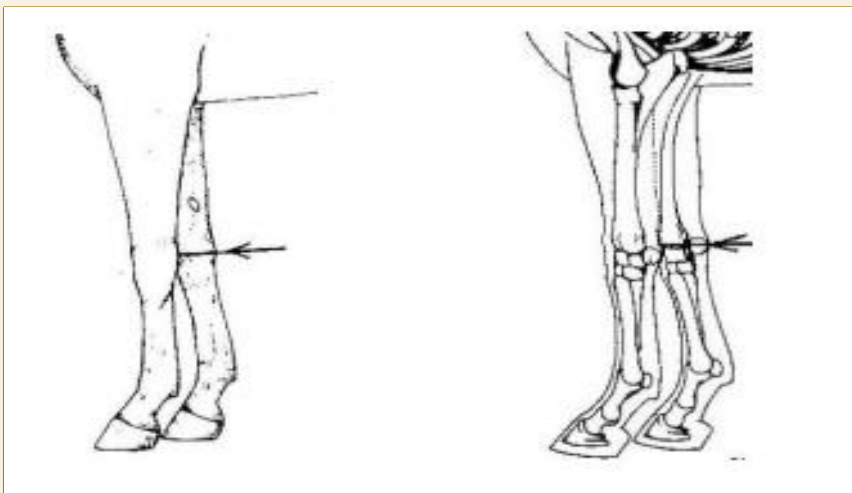
- Bay / brown, black and chestnut — the solid base colours
- Roan: bay roan, chestnut roan or blue roan
- Grey (a grey must have at least one grey parent) important to note true foal colour
- Single cream dilute: palomino, buckskin, dun, smoky black (conditions apply – see breed std)

Colours not permitted in the main section of the Studbook

- Piebald, skewbald, tobiano, overo or spotted / appaloosa patterns
- Double cream dilute (cremello, perlino, smoky cream, blue-eyed cream)
- Excess White markings (see below)

Permitted White Markings

- A pony shall not have any white markings on pink skin behind the head, above a horizontal line level with the bony protuberance of the accessory carpal bone at the back of the knee in the forelimb, and the point of the hock in the hind limb, unless proven to be due to trauma/injury



The lines on the diagrams show the permitted level of white on the forelegs

Identifying colours correctly



Buckskin (not Dun)



Chestnut Roan



Blue Roan



Bay Roan

The Part-Bred & First Cross Registers

Part Bred New Forest Ponies:

- Part-Bred horses/ponies must have at least 25% registered New Forest blood
- For 50% Part-Breds, the New Forest parent must be a pony registered in the main, approved for breeding section of the New Forest Pony Studbook
- For 25% Part-Breds, the parent that is 50% New Forest must be registered either as a First Cross New Forest or a 50% Part-Bred in the New Forest Part-Bred register
- No breeding up from either the First Cross or the Part-Bred New Forest registers into the main, approved for breeding section of the Studbook is allowed under any circumstances

First Cross New Forest Ponies:

- To breed a First Cross, one parent must be a registered New Forest and the other must be a registered pure-bred horse/pony from another breed
 - Cross-bred ponies cannot produce a First Cross.
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- Ponies in the First Cross and Part-Bred registers are issued with Equine ID only passports but with burgundy coloured 'New Forest Part-Bred' covers
 - They are listed in the PB/FX register, not the Studbook

Types of Registration & Passport Applications

Registration / Passport Application type

- Pure Bred (Green Passport)
- X Register (Burgandy Passport with 'X')
- Part Bred & First Cross (Burgandy Passport)
- Donkey (Pink Passport)
- Equine ID only (Pink Passport)



2026 Fees

(Members rates)

£20 to 30 September / £27 1 October

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£27 all dates inclusive

£27 to 30 September / £32 1 October

Non Members rates – double

- All applications, whatever class, must be submitted to the Society Office by **30 November in the year of birth** at the very latest. But please get them in as early as possible!
- Any pure-bred foal not registered during its birth year must be DNA tested to its sire and dam (at the breeder's expense) or entered into the X Register (and will not be approved for breeding)
- Unless sired on the forest by a forest run stallion, all mares must be included on a Stallion Return, signed by the stallion owner before an application for registration can be accepted

- The Society maintains a register of prefixes to be used with ponies included in the Studbook and the Part Bred / First Cross Registers
- Any Member may register a prefix consisting of one distinctive word, not already in use, and subject to the approval of the Society Council and the British Central Prefix Register (CPR)
- Prefixes must be at least two letters different, sound different and not include double prefixes (eg Burleybarrow)
- A prefix shall be included with the name of the pony only when the pony has been bred by the holder of the prefix
- Only those approved by the Society and formally registered by the CPR can use a registered prefix
- In the event of an owner ceasing to use a prefix the Council may consider allowing the prefix to be transferred on receipt of the written permission of the owner, their family or executors



Search for registered
Prefixes here:

[Central Prefix Register](#)

- The Fee to register a new prefix or add an additional society is £25
- Prefix application forms can be found here:
[CPR Application Form](#)

Passport and microchip derogation for forest-run ponies



- Ponies that are lawfully depastured on the forest (with a marking fee paid on them) can be exempt from part of the Equine ID regulations
- They do not need a microchip or a full passport issued as long as they are identified in the Society Studbook or Part-Bred register
- They are not exempt for the Zootech (Studbook) regulations, so must be registered in the usual way and subject to the usual criteria (and application fee). You must also tick the derogation box
- Once registered they will be issued with a 'derogation certificate' to identify them as falling within the exemption
- Derogated ponies must not leave the 'derogated area' of the New Forest, unless temporarily for welfare purposes
- If a pony leaves the derogated area or receives recordable veterinary treatment, then it must be microchipped and its derogation certificate upgraded to a full equine passport
- The forest run derogation does not apply to un-registered stock



THE NEW FOREST PONY BREEDING AND CATTLE SOCIETY
Certificate of Entry in the above Society's Stud Book
Volume 68 for the pony

CHURCHPLACE CLOCK WATCHER

Name (Nom): NF M68/004 UELN: 826038NFM680004

Microchip: [blank]

Sex (Sex): F Date of Birth (Date de Naissance): May 2021

Country of Birth (Pays de Naissance): UK - England

Plait (Coat): Roan

Breed (Race): NEW FOREST PONY

4 generations

GRAND SIRE (PERESPERE): WILLOWAY DOUBLE GOLD 532/099

SIRE (PERE): KNIVESASH GOLD FEVER 555/069

GRAND DAM (PERESCHAME): COPPER III M33/051

DAM (MERE): CHURCH PLACE CUCKOO CLOCK M35/278

GRAND DAM (DAMESCHAME): BROOKSHILL BRUMBY 546/095

BREEDER (MARSELLER): [blank] with FOREST BRED

30/12/2021

THE NEW FOREST PONY BREEDING AND CATTLE SOCIETY
THE DEEPSLADE HOUSE, RINGWOOD ROAD,
BRANKSORE, CHRISTCHURCH, DORSET
BH23 8AA ENGLAND Tel: (01425) 672775

INSTRUCTIONS
THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT AN EQUINE PASSPORT
The purpose of this certificate is to identify a pony that is entered in the New Forest Stud Book.
This certificate must be upgraded to a full passport if the pony is sold and/or leaves the open Forest (other than through the Beaulieu Road derogation) or receives recordable Veterinary treatment when a microchip will be required.

'Forest Bred' status



- **Forest Bred status** is given to a lawfully depastured pony that is known to the Council and agisters as being **both sired and foaled on the open Forest**
- It must also have **remained** on the open Forest **until 1 August in the year of birth** (except in extenuating circumstances to be agreed by Council)
- Ensure you tick the relevant boxes on the passport application form to confirm sired & born on the forest
- Forest Bred status will be noted in the non-statutory details (yellow pages) of the passport and will allow entry into Forest Bred classes and championships
- Forest Bred status is applied to Pure-bred ponies only



Transfer of ownership

- It is an offence to sell a horse without a passport
- Under the Horse Passport (England) Regulations it is a legal requirement for a **new owner** to update the ownership details on the passport with the Passport Issuing Organisation that issued the passport (NFPB&CS) **within 30 days** of purchasing the horse or pony
- Failure to do so is an offence and you could be fined by Trading Standards
- An equine passport does not constitute proof of ownership of the horse or pony, and the actual passport document remains the property of the NFPB&CS at all times
- The current transfer fee is £12 for members / £22 for non members

NEW FOREST PONY BREEDING AND CATTLE SOCIETY TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

Name of pony Reg no

Date of transfer

Seller to sign (if seller unable to sign, attach receipt, or owner to fill in Passport Disclaimer Form)

Print Name Signature

New owner to complete:

Title FName Surname

Address

..... Post Code

Telephone Mobile

Email

Payment Details

☐ Transfer fee non-member £22 ☐ members £12

☐ Tracked Delivery (recommended) £5

Method of Payment

☐ I have made a card/PayPal payment through the website order no.

☐ I enclose cheque / postal order made payable to NFPBCS to value of £

☐ I have made a payment with my PayPal account to payments@newforestpony.com

☐ I have phoned the office and made a card payment over the phone

☐ I have paid cash (direct transfers only, not recommended by post)

I hereby certify that the details provided herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of new owner Date

NFPBCS, Deepslade House, Ringwood Road, Bransgore, Hants BH23 8AA
Tel: 01425 672775 email: info@newforestpony.com www.newforestpony.com

June 2023/Jan 2025

Transfer forms can be found here:
[Transfer of Ownership form](#)

Completing a Passport Application Form

- Always complete all relevant parts of the application form, especially the sire & dam and the district the dam was running in for forest run stock
- Ensure you complete Sired **and** Born on the forest boxes if the pony is to be recorded as 'Forest Bred'
- It is important to note the true foal colour, especially if likely to be grey as an adult
- If the pony is bred using AI this must be noted (*as different registration conditions apply*)
- The breeder must sign and date the application form
- Complete in **Black Ink** and in BLOCK CAPITALS
- Always use the correct form (Pure, Partbred / Equine / Donkey)
- Forms can be found here: [Application Forms](#)

PURE-BRED REGISTER		NEW FOREST PONY BREEDING & CATTLE SOCIETY	
Method of Payment ☐ I have made a card/PayPal payment through the website order no. ☐ I enclose cheque / postal order made payable to NFPBCS to value of £ ☐ I have made a payment with my PayPal account to: payments@newforestpony.com ☐ I have phoned the office and made a card payment over the phone ☐ I have paid cash (direct applications only, not recommended by post) ☐ Transfer Fee ☐ Signed for Delivery Add £5		Office Use Date Received Date Approved Reg No Date passport dispatched	
PROPOSED NAME OF PONY			
Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Gelding ☐ (If a Gelding, castration certificate must be attached)			
Date of Birth Day Month Year			
Sire Reg No			
Dam Reg No Colour			
Hot Brand Brand Number			
Foal Colour Adult Colour			
AI ☐ Sired on the Forest ☐ Born on the Forest ☐ FR Derogation ☐ OR will be sold at BRd ☐			
District in which Dam was running at time of service			
Colour of Stallion in the area at time of service			
Please note both the breeder and owner (if applicable) must sign this form. The owner and/or breeder may be held liable for supplying wilfully incorrect information. I/We hereby certify that the particulars above and the diagram overleaf are correct to my/our best knowledge and belief. I/We have read and understood the document 'Registration Guidance and Fees for 2026 Foals' and accept the terms and conditions.			
BREEDER / OWNER (Name) (Signed)			
Address			
Post Code Tel. Date			
Email			
TRANSFER TO			
Title FName Surname Signature			
Address			
Post Code Tel. Date			
Email			
This form and correct fee should be returned to: NFPB&CS, Deepslade House, Ringwood Road, Bransgore, Hants BH23 8AA Tel: (01425) 672775 info@newforestpony.com			
February 2026			

Completing the ID Chart & Silhouette

- **White markings:** lightly hatch the FULL extent in **red** or **black** ink, not just the top edge
- **Flesh marks:** outline and shade completely; take care not to obliterate whorls
- **Hooves:** describe colour of the hoof / stripes as good point of ID
- **Whorls:** mark with an 'X' in black ink.
- **Acquired marks, such as scars:** show with V and describe in words
- **Brands:** draw in the brand and describe its location
- **Microchip:** mark where the chip is implanted with a circled 'M' and describe its location
- **In words too:** note each white marking's limit in the boxes provided. If the pony has no white, write "*nil white*" or "*no markings*". Record whorl positions in words as well (e.g. "*whorl mid-crest*")

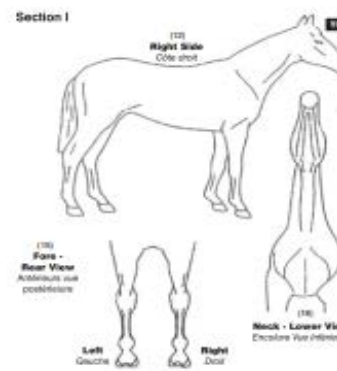
SECTION 1, PART A, IDENTIFICATION DETAILS

Species (delete as appropriate) Pure-bred New Forest Pony Part-bred New Forest Pony Equine	Sex	Date of Birth	Colour
Head			
Foreleg Left			
Foreleg Right			
Hindleg Left			
Hindleg Right			
Body			
Marks, including Hot Brand			

Whorls to be marked X and white markings hatched

Insert Microchip Number or Barcode Sticker Here

Section I



121 Right Side
Côté droit

122 Left Side
Côté gauche

123 Upper eye level
Ligne supérieure des yeux

124 Lower eye level
Ligne inférieure des yeux

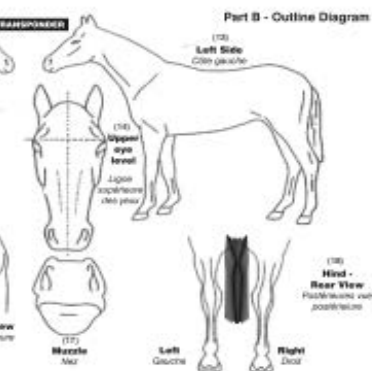
125 Front - Rear View
Antérieur et postérieur

126 Neck - Lower View
Ensemble Vue inférieure

Left Hoof
Huf gauche

Right Hoof
Huf droit

Part II - Outline Diagram



127 Left Side
Côté gauche

128 Right Side
Côté droit

129 Front - Rear View
Antérieur et postérieur

130 Neck - Lower View
Ensemble Vue inférieure

Left Hoof
Huf gauche

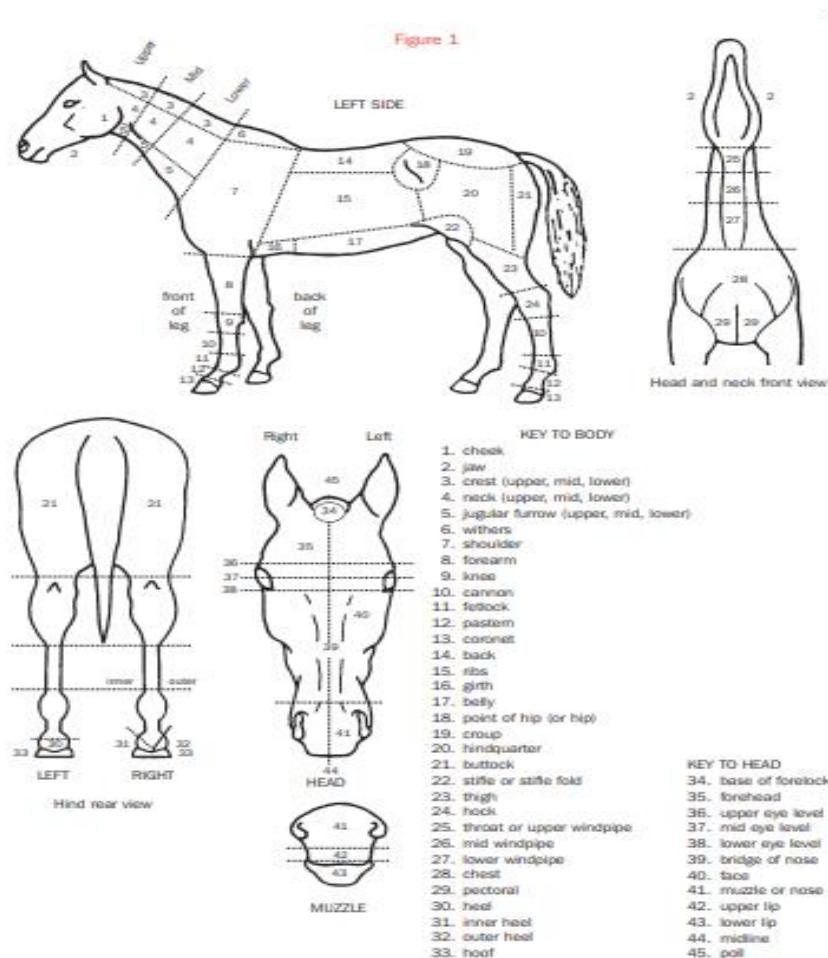
Right Hoof
Huf droit

Name of Pony/Name	SIGNATURE AND STAMP OF VETERINARY SURGEON/Signature et cachet du vétérinaire
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Using the correct descriptions



- Always use the correct terminology to describe the marking or the location of the identification point
- Remember, the written description on the form and the drawing on the silhouette describe the same pony
- If a marking is drawn, it must be named in words, and if it's named in words, it must be drawn
- Mismatches are the most common error received by the Society



A useful guide can be found here: [Weatherbys Identification of the horse guide](#)

Common mistakes and how to avoid them

If a passport application is returned for correction a £10 levy is charged

X Marking the top edge only
Hatch the full extent of every white marking, not just where it begins

X Vague leg descriptions
Say exactly how far white extends — “to below knee”, “to mid-cannon”

X Forgetting whorls
Mark whorls with X and note them in words; they're vital ID on plain ponies

X Adult colour for a foal
Give the genetic birth colour; grey is only ever stated for an adult

X Unsigned silhouette
The vet must sign and stamp the silhouette before you send it (if Microchipped)

X Description ≠ drawing
Cross-check both documents so every marking appears in both

X Not in block capitals / ink
Pencil or lower case is not accepted, use ink and BLOCK CAPITALS

X Leaving it too late
Late registration costs more, and DNA testing applies after the birth year

Remember: all applications must be submitted to the society by **30 November** in the year of their birth to avoid requiring DNA parentage testing

Tip: photograph both sides and the front before you draw — it makes transferring markings to the silhouette far easier.

Completing an Application for Registration

Use the forms provided to complete an application for registration and issue of a purebred registered passport. We will run through the completed forms together

PURE-BRED REGISTER		NEW FOREST PONY BREEDING & CATTLE SOCIETY	
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☐ Transfer Fee ☐ Signed for Delivery Add £5			
PROPOSED NAME OF PONY			
Sex Male ☐ Female ☐ Gelding ☐ (if a Gelding, castration certificate must be attached)			
Date of Birth Day Month Year			
Sire Reg No			
Dam Reg No Colour			
Hot Brand Brand Number			
Foal Colour Adult Colour			
All ☐ Sired on the Forest ☐ Born on the Forest ☐ FR Derogation ☐ OR will be sold at BRd ☐			
District in which Dam was running at time of service			
Colour of Stallion in the area at time of service			
Please note both the breeder and owner (if applicable) must sign this form. The owner and/or breeder may be held liable for supplying wrongly incorrect information. I/We hereby certify that the particulars above and the diagram overleaf are correct to my/our best knowledge and belief. I/We have read and understood the document 'Registration Guidance and Fees for 2020 Foals' and accept the terms and conditions.			
BREEDER / OWNER (Name) (Signed)			
Address			
Post Code Tel. Date			
Email			
TRANSFER TO			
Title FName Surname Signature			
Address			
Post Code Tel. Date			
Email			
This form and correct fee should be returned to: NFPB&CS, Deepslade House, Ringwood Road, Bramsgrove, Hants BH23 8AA Tel: (01425) 672775 info@newforestpony.com February 2026			

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Part-bred New Forest Pony			
Equine			

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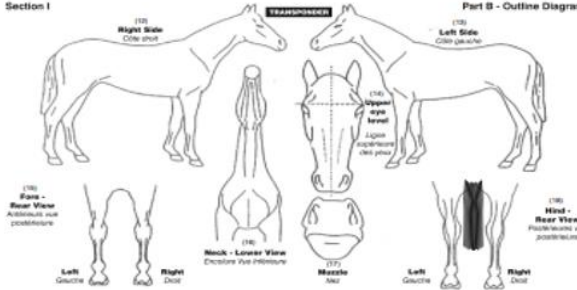
Marks, including Hot Brand

Whorls to be marked X and white markings hatched

Insert Microchip Number or Barcode Sticker Here

Section 1

Part B - Outline Diagram



Name of Pony/Team

SIGNATURE AND STAMP OF VETERINARY SURGEON (signature in capital letters)

Any Questions



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Thank you for coming!

Everything referenced in this guide is available on the Society website. Below are some useful links to the most common information needed for successful registering

All registration forms

Application forms (Pure inc. AI, Part Bred, Equine ID, Donkey), transfer, duplicate passport, lease & more

[NFPB&CS all forms](#)

Transfers, Upgrades & other misc forms

Forms needed to transfer, upgrade, add a microchip or duplicate passport requests and other miscellaneous forms

[Transfers Upgrades & other forms](#)

Breed Standard of the New Forest Pony

The breed standard page and the full Breed Description

[The New Forest Pony Breed Standard](#)

Society Rules

The objects and rules of the NFPB&CS including conditions of registration

[NFPB&CS Rules and Objects](#)

Registration, passport guidance & Fees

The terms you accept when you sign, deadlines, derogation and legal requirements

[Registration Documents and Fees](#)

The New Forest Pony Breeding Programme

The official breeding programme document setting out registration rules and policy

[NFPB&CS Breeding Programme](#)

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