

THE HAFLINGER SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN ADVICE ON BUYING A HAFLINGER

Advice to potential new Haflinger owners on the registration and transfer procedures of the Haflinger Society of Great Britain.

If in any doubt of the validity of passport or papers or the breeding status of a Haflinger that you are considering buying, please contact the Honorary Registrar: Mrs Sue Seel, 2 The Hopgrounds, Finchingfield, Essex, CM7 4LU.
Tel: 01371 810216 Email: registrar@haflingersgb.com

N.B. Commencing March 2003 the Haflinger Society of Great Britain issued passports to all pure and part bred on application of registration, therefore, all registered Haflingers born after that date will have been issued with a passport.

1. **AN ADULT** Haflinger mare, gelding or stallion should now have a passport or at the very least a blue registration certificate with a coloured Haflinger head. The passport will contain details of the Haflinger including drawings and written description of its facial and body markings (page 10 & 11) and these should be compared to the animal to which it refers. There may also be photographic identification (page 14). There will be a six generation pedigree (pages 13 & 14) and this should be stamped 100% purebred Haflinger. If there is only a certificate available check with the Registrar to see if this Haflinger has had a passport issued in its name. The certificate will contain details of breeder, all previous owners (where transfers have been registered with the Society) and a three generation pedigree. There should also be a registration number recorded on it. All equines, by law, should now have a passport.

Haflingers permanent registration numbers are numbered sequentially with a prefix or suffix to denote the sex and breeding status of the animal. These details can be found on page 14 of the passport with photographic ID and breeding status verification.

Stallions are numbered GB1, GB2 etc. Geldings are numbered 1g, 2g etc. Section A/Class One mares are numbered 1/GB, 2/GB etc. whilst Section B/Class Two mares are numbered B-1/GB, B-2/GB etc. Section B mares may be used for breeding, but colts born to a mare with any section B blood in her pedigree will never be considered as a stallion.

2. **YOUNGSTOCK** Prior to March 2003 Youngstock were issued with a "Temporary Certificate" *with a continuous number which is valid only until three years of age or until a colt is gelded (whichever is the earlier). It should be noted that geldings that are still on a Temporary Certificate or continuous number will require registering as a Gelding in addition to the Transfer Fee. (See item 4)

*As from 2003 all foals have been issued with a passport - the "continuous" number is the last four digits of the "life number" on the front page of the passport.

3. **REASONS** for the vendor not being able to show you a passport or a full or Temporary Certificate:

- i. The animal has not been registered with the Society or if registered at one time the papers have been lost. Treat with utmost caution if it is important to you to own a registered animal. Unless there is a good history known it is very difficult and often impossible to verify the identification of these animals.
- ii. Paperwork has been sent to the Registrar - please check with the Registrar.
- iii. **FOREIGN PASSPORTS** do not guarantee registration in Great Britain.

Unless the animal has a Tyrolean passport, it will be necessary for the pedigree to be checked before British papers can be issued. Some countries allow a small percentage of Arab blood in the pedigree and this is unacceptable in Britain. The Society issue guidelines for registering imported Haflingers that state the criteria required for registration to be considered.

4. **TRANSFERS**

When you buy your Haflinger, the Transfer Certificate** will need to be signed by the Vendor and sent with the Passport and appropriate fee to the Registrar who will record the transfer, and send the passport back to you. Should there only be a certificate you will also need to apply for a passport.

** The transfer certificate, which is yellow in colour, should be found in the back pocket of a passport or they are obtainable from the Registrar.