

Horse Service/Breeding Certificates Explained



What is a Horse Service Certificate?

A Horse Service Certificate (also known as a Breeding Certificate) is an official document that verifies and records the breeding of horses. It serves as proof that a specific stallion has bred with a specific mare on a particular date.

Why is it Necessary?

- **Legal Documentation:** Required for registering offspring with breed associations
- **Proof of Parentage:** Confirms the lineage of foals
- **Quality Control:** Helps maintain breed standards and prevents fraudulent breeding claims
- **Financial Protection:** Protects both stallion and mare owners' investments

Key Information Included in a Service Certificate:

- Stallion's registered name and registration number
- Mare's registered name and registration number
- Breeding dates
- Stallion owner's signature
- Mare owner's information
- Breeding method (live cover or artificial insemination)

Important Notice Regarding Semen Doses:

In most cases, the splitting of semen doses or straws is not permitted. If additional doses are required, a separate service certificate must be purchased. This practice helps maintain breeding records' integrity and ensures proper compensation for stallion services.

When is it Required?

A breeding certificate is typically required:

- When registering a foal with breed associations
- For proof of breeding in sales contracts
- During transfer of ownership of a pregnant mare
- For insurance purposes