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Prevent a Description Dilemma

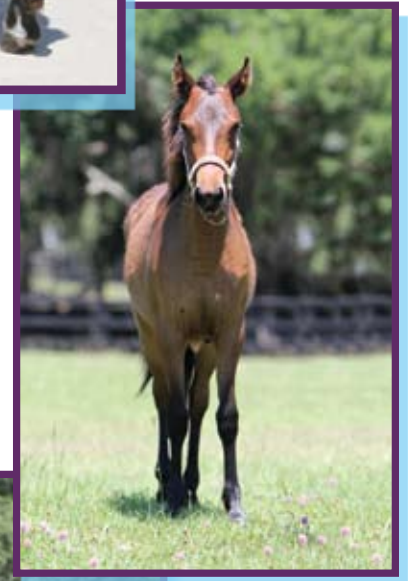
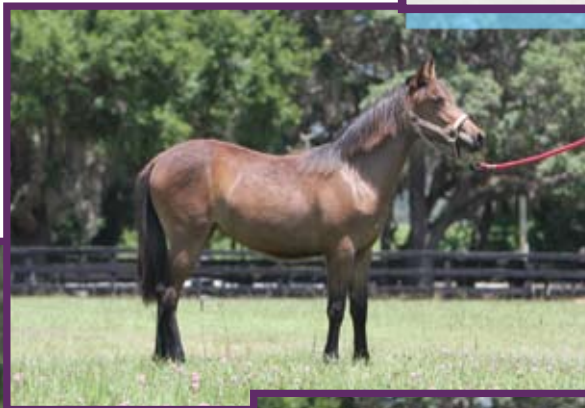
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Most people are great about providing payment information in Section 3 of the registration application, so I'm going to skip straight to Section 4 – Description. This section requires you to provide photos of your horse, as well as written and illustrated explanations of all markings. Both aspects of the description section are equally important, and not completing all of the requirements will cause your registration to be pending.

Any photos being submitted with a horse registration must be in color, have a clear resolution, provide a view from all angles (front, back, and both sides including legs), and show any markings. If your horse has something that is difficult to see from the normal angles, like a scar, dorsal stripe, or white coronet, sending an additional photo to show that characteristic will be very helpful. Photos do not have to come as prints with your registration application; they can also be emailed to the PFHA office. If you choose to email your horse's photos, make sure the image is large enough to be viewed clearly.

Often, owners assume submitting good photos means they do not have to draw the markings or write a description on the registration application; this is not the case. The information provided on the registration application is used to verify the markings our employees spot in the pictures. Section 4 illustrations are also important when multiple registration applications and sets of photos are mailed together; we can make sure the correct pictures are matched with each horse.

If you are having difficulty deciding how to describe your horse or how the markings should be drawn, you can always reference the horse's Coggins or Health Certificate or contact a PFHA employee for helpful tips. I can be reached at 859-825-6005 or shawkins@pfha.org.





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Who is the Original Owner of a Foal?

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The last two sections of the PFHA registration application are seemingly the most confusing. The majority of pending registrations I handle have mistakes in Section 5 and/or Section 6, but I'm hoping through this article you can gain a better understanding of how to correctly complete the final portions of the application.

Section 5 requires the signature of the original owner of the foal being registered, and per the PFHA Rulebook, the original owner of a foal is considered the recorded owner of the dam when the foal was born; there are two scenarios that will dictate how these sections should be filled out.

Scenario 1: You are the current owner on record of a mare, and that mare has a foal. When filling out the registration application for the foal, you will be required to fill out and sign your name in Section 5. Nothing will be required in Section 6; it can be left blank. As the dam owner at time of foaling, you are considered the original owner of the foal.

Scenario 2: You purchase a foal, but do not own the dam. In order to register the foal and have it listed under your ownership, you must

obtain the dam owner's signature in both Section 5 and Section 6, print your name as buyer in Section 6, and submit additional money for the transfer fee. Once the foal's registration is complete, the dam owner at time of foaling will appear on the ownership history, but will not receive any type of documentation for the horse. The original certificate and all correspondence for our office will go through you, the buyer listed in Section 6.

Many people who buy an unregistered foal assume they will be considered the original owner and sign their name in Section 5 of the registration application; however, this is not correct and will cause the paperwork to be pending. I understand that many members hurry through the last couple sections of the application in an attempt to just get it finished, but this is when mistakes occur. By referencing this article and reading the instructions in Section 5 and 6 carefully, you can tackle the confusion and register horses without risk of having the paperwork pending. As always, for clarification or questions regarding the registration process, please call me at (859) 825-6005, or you can also speak with any of our other PFHA employees.