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Rules for the New Zealand **American Miniature Mediterranean and Miniature Donkey Registry**

This registry was established in 2003 by the DONKEY SOCIETY of N.Z. (Inc.) to cater for these newly imported Miniature Donkeys and their progeny in New Zealand as well as establishing a Register to record Miniature donkeys of any breed.

Rules for the Miniature Register

Section A.

Pure American Miniature Mediterranean Donkey (AMMD)

* A registered donkey showing 100% American Miniature Mediterranean bloodlines.

Or

* Progeny of two permanently registered 100% AMMD's.

Or

* Progeny of a permanently registered 87.5% AMMD and a permanently registered 100% AMMD.

Notes:

All miniature donkeys to be 36 inches and under at age 3 years.

Oversized pure AMMD Donkeys will be registered as oversized, up to 38 inches for breeding purposes only. This will only be done if the donkey has a miniature pedigree (meaning **Both** parents must be 36 inches or under). All oversized donkeys will have an **O** in front of their registration number and the amount they are oversized will appear under "description" on the papers. If the donkey does not have a miniature pedigree of registered parents (that is, both parents registered 36 inches or under) it will not be registered as Miniature if it is oversized. It will be registered in the General Register.

The Donkey and Mule Soc. of NZ strongly recommends a minimum height of 30 inches for jennies and 29 inches for jacks to prevent loss of potential reproductive fitness including foaling difficulties. Small size may also adversely effect conformation and balance.

Section B.

Part American Miniature Mediterranean Donkey (Part AMMD)

Comprising the following:

87.5% AMMD

* Progeny of a permanently registered 75% AMMD and a permanently registered 100% AMMD.

Or

* Progeny of two permanently registered 87.5% AMMD's.

75% AMMD

* Progeny of a permanently registered 100% AMMD and a permanently registered 50% AMMD.

Or

* Progeny of two registered 75% AMMD's.

50% AMMD

* Progeny of a permanently registered 100% AMMD and a permanently registered donkey not exceeding 38" in height.

(Height certificate must be supplied).

Or

* Progeny of a permanently registered 75% AMMD and a permanently registered 50% AMMD.

Or

* Progeny of two registered 50% AMMD's.

Note:

As Section B of the Miniature Register is a Height as well as a Breed Register, all donkeys in this section must be 36" and under in height at age three, as well as having the required percentage of AMMD blood.

This means that if a 50% AMMD Donkey goes over height, of which many will, it cannot be registered as a Part AMMD and must be transferred to the General Register.

Consequently, if one was to breed from this now 50% AMMD over height donkey which is not eligible to be recorded in the Miniature Register, and put it to a Pure AMMD the offspring although then 75% AMMD, will be registered as 50% AMMD due to one of its parents not being eligible to be registered as a Part AMMD.

Section C.

Miniature donkey

* A donkey 36" and under in height after the age of three without the benefit of recorded pedigrees

Or

* Progeny of two permanently registered miniature donkeys.

Or

* Progeny of a permanently registered donkey 36" or under and a permanently registered standard donkey not more than 38" in height.

(A height certificate validated by an approved Donkey & Mule Society Miniature Donkey measurer must be supplied).

Note: Donkeys in Section C are permitted to also have entries in the General Register and may wish to do so if, for instance, they are pure English/Irish.

All donkeys under the age of three Regardless of Section are to be registered as Temporary.

The registry keeps full AMMD generation pedigrees back to foundation stock in America, when pedigrees are available. Some of the donkeys have pedigrees of over 400 traceable recorded ancestors going back to the original imports in 1929 from the Mediterranean to America by Robert Green, a New York stockbroker with a farm in New Jersey.

This information is vital for improving the breed and avoiding inadvertent in-breeding. It is therefore **most important that all new foals are registered to record their lineage for future years.**

Please note:

The NZ Registry differentiates between American bloodlines and non American bloodlines. If uncertain about a donkeys bloodlines, check with the Registrar to find out which section that donkey will be eligible to be registered in.