



## BREED REGISTRATION RULES

# New Zealand Donkey (NZD)

### OVERVIEW

New Zealand Donkeys are the breed of donkey unique to New Zealand. They are a mix of various breeds that have been imported to New Zealand over the past 150 or so years. They are mainly a mix of English/Irish and Australian Teamster, and some with Mammoth and Ponui Island blood. More recently some have AMMD bloodlines.

### HISTORY

About 50 years ago there was a surge in interest in donkeys but there were few donkeys available. The solution was to import Australian Teamsters wild from the Australian bush. The desire was for donkeys that looked like English donkeys and so the Teamster jennies were bred with English/Irish jacks. Very few people bred pure Teamsters. The Bredon and Kulnine studs are two of the very few to value the Australian Teamster at that stage. However, today the Teamster is sought after as its riding and driving abilities are recognised because of its size, athleticism and stamina. However the NZ Donkey has a character and ability of its own that makes it an ideal family donkey with a friendly and responsive temperament that will become part of the family, and if large enough it will be suitable for riding or pull a cart.

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

There are no height requirements or breed restrictions for NZ Donkeys. Nor are there any bloodline requirements. NZ Donkeys can be registered where breeding is unknown and they can be any colour. For imported donkeys the original registration certificate must be submitted to the registrar for verification.

### ACCREDITATION

Sires of NZ Donkeys are *not* required to be accredited.

### PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION

Permanent identification in the form of microchipping is strongly encouraged for registration of a New Zealand Donkey.