

DELIVERING THE NATIONAL EQUINE DATABASE

Members of the equine world and Defra are working in partnership to develop the National Equine Database. For the first two years Government will support the start-up cost of the database.

Once the database has been established, it will be governed by the National Equine Database Society Limited, a co-operative organisation consisting of horse passport issuing organisations, competition disciplines, key equine industry bodies and a Government representative.

STEPS TOWARDS ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL EQUINE DATABASE

- › Active collection of data from passport issuing organisations, breed societies and competition disciplines from middle of 2004.
 - › Database build from last quarter of 2004 to first quarter 2005.
 - › Mandatory horse passport data available to PIOs from early 2005.
 - › Breeding and performance data is planned to be available on NED Online from spring 2005.
 - › The volume of data will build up over time.
- * The horse industry and Defra are encouraging as many organisations as possible to send passport, breeding and performance data to the National Equine Database. Make sure your organisation's views and data help shape the future of the database.

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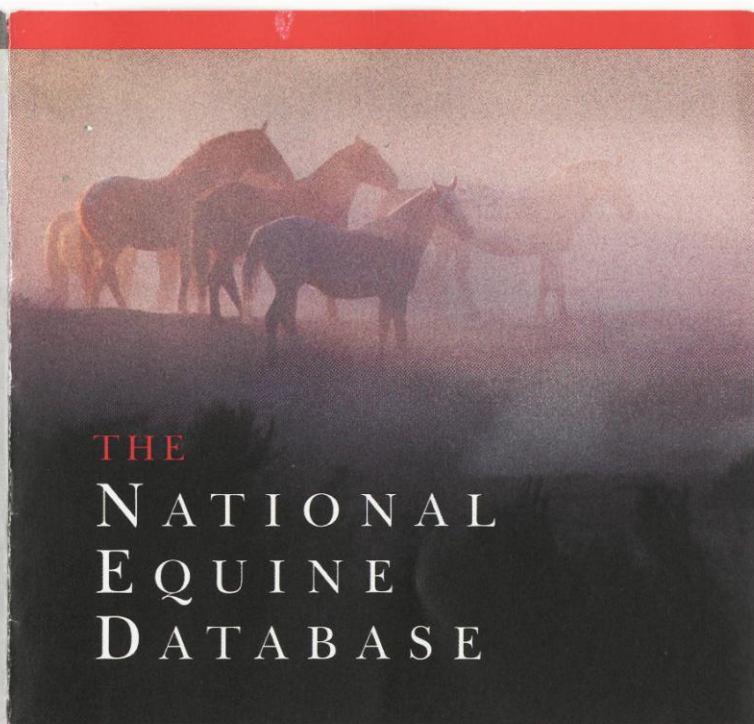
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THE NATIONAL EQUINE DATABASE

**What it means for you,
your horse and the
equine industry**



IMPROVING QUALITY AND EXCELLENCE
IN THE EQUINE INDUSTRY

THE NATIONAL EQUINE DATABASE

The National Equine Database (NED) will be a unique database which will contain valuable information about every horse in the United Kingdom (UK) with a passport.

To make this happen equine organisations around the UK are working together with the National Equine Database to enter horse passport information into the database and shape its future.

The database will offer the equine industry, horse owners and Government great opportunities and it will be used to establish the size and shape of the UK equine industry.

From the spring of 2005 information provided by breeding societies and competition disciplines about existing and past horses is planned to be available through a public Website, NED Online.

The database will also be used to administer horse passports and carry out important disease surveillance and control activities.

ENHANCING THE FUTURE OF THE EQUINE WORLD FOR YOU AND THE INDUSTRY

HOW THE NATIONAL EQUINE DATABASE CAN HELP YOU:

IF YOU'RE BUYING A HORSE

The National Equine Database will provide one central source of consistent and reliable information about horses in the UK.

You will be able to use NED Online to search for a horse on the Web and gain confirmation of basic details before you purchase it. For a small additional charge, you will also be able to gain a full history of the horse.

IF YOU'RE SELLING A HORSE

The track record and breeding of your horse can be demonstrated when you are selling it, as the database will already hold these details. It will enable potential purchasers to compare the characteristics of your horse with others and this could add value to your animal as a result.

IF YOU'RE BREEDING HORSES

You will be able to use NED Online to search for horses' breeding and competition data across breeds and disciplines to help you find the ideal stallion or mare for your own horse or horses.

A WEALTH OF OPPORTUNITY AND BENEFITS:

The National Equine Database offers many opportunities and benefits for the horse community as a whole:

- The database will provide a one-stop access point for reliable information on horses bred, owned or registered in the UK.
- The database will be used to improve standards in horse welfare and for disease surveillance and control activities.
- The database, used together with microchipping, will help to identify keepers of abandoned animals and will deter theft as such animals will be more traceable.
- The breeding and performance data provided by the National Equine Database will contribute to the successful breeding of higher-quality horses for the benefit of the industry.
- The introduction of the National Equine Database will help demonstrate the UK's compliance with EU passport legislation.

HOW WILL NED AND NED ONLINE WORK?

1 Passport information is passed to the National Equine Database by a registered Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO). The National Equine Database stores information on each horse including owner/keeper details, horse name, breed, sex and age. Owner/keeper details will be confidential to the Government and will **NOT** be available to the general public via NED Online.

2 Breeding, evaluation, grading and performance results are provided on a voluntary basis by those organisations holding such data. Data will therefore be fully verified by established equine organisations.

3 NED Online will provide a channel for the general public to gain access to horse information such as a horse's name, breed, sex and age. There will also be access to a horse's breeding line, competition results, show grading or performance achievements.

* Some information provided by NED Online will be subject to a fee - to support the future of the National Equine Database.

* The National Equine Database conforms to the Data Protection Act 1998.

