



# BAPSH Ltd Registry News

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## **Brief History of the Stud Book in recent years**

Until a few years ago, FESCCR (Fondo de Explotacion de los Servicios de Cria Caballar y Remonta) ran the Studbook for the Spanish Purebred Horse (PRE). In March 2006 the decision was taken by MAPA, the Spanish department of Agriculture, to transfer the management of the Spanish PRE Studbook to the breeders organisation, ANCCE (La Asociación Nacional de Criadores de Caballos de Pura Raza Española) effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007.

## **Recent History in the UK**

UK Breeders will be aware that covering certificates, passports, etc have not been issued by ANCCE for the past 18 months. 2007 foals ( and some 2006 foals) are still awaiting passports thus placing owners in the situation of not being able to comply with the UK law that states a foal must have a passport within 6 months of being born (or by 31<sup>st</sup> December whichever is later). Owners could not get a British passport either because a horse can only have one passport, and if it's not Spanish they can not be registered in the Spanish PRE Studbook and will lose their Purebred status. ANCCE has explained that the delays have been caused by issues with the handover of the database from FESCCR, and the failure of the original specially commissioned software program to handle the management of the PRE Studbook.

## **Positive Progress**

In November 2007 ANCCE commissioned a new company to create an all encompassing online PRE Studbook program to allow payments, requests for service, inscriptions, gradings, etc., to be entered directly into the live Studbook database. Initially this was launched within Spain during March 2008, and then in June 2008, BAPSH representatives attended a training course in Seville to learn how to use the International version of the software.

Since the beginning of July it has taken a lot of time and much work to sort out the 20 month backlog of breeder code applications, horse ownership transfers, new import registrations, and foal inscriptions etc that ANCCE have passed back to the BAPSH Registry office unprocessed. However good progress has been made and it is now possible for the majority of British bred PRE youngsters born in late 2006, 2007 and 2008 to complete their registration requirements and obtain their Spanish International Passports.

## **The Future.....**

.....is brighter but there are a few hurdles to clear. The good news is that BAPSH have more control over requesting services and tracking their progress. A lot of the work done by ANCCE has been transferred to the individual associations freeing up their time to resolve issues.

The BAPSH Registrar's workload has dramatically increased. Problems with inaccuracies in the ANCCE Studbook database still exist and it's the responsibility of BAPSH to identify and gather evidence for error corrections for all UK PRE horses.

## **Summary**

We can now start to correct issues, move services along with more speed and have visibility of all registered PREs in the world. The additional burden on the registry office is considerable but there will be a reduction of time spent chasing ANCCE and the frustrations of not being able to provide people with breeder codes for months and having foals with no passports should gradually become a thing of the past.

Your patience over the past year and a half has been appreciated. Your continuing cooperation will be required to assist with the rectifying of data errors but we hope you will start to see the improvements in the service the BAPSH are now able to provide.