



THE MORGAN HORSE  
BREEDING GUIDE

# REGISTRAR'S REPORT

*Real information about the state of Morgan breeding activity.*

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**I**t was another monumental year in 2020 for the AMHA Registry. Despite the pandemic and changes in staffing the Registry remained strong, registering the most Morgan horses since 2009, when 2,171 Morgans were registered. Thankfully, due to the office relocation, the Registry had already prepared for staff working remotely with a cloud-based system in place.

The Registry handled 8,442 transactions, compared to 7,998 in 2019. These numbers do not reflect additional paperwork that is processed without money, such as castration and death reports.

Of the 1,866 Morgans registered in 2020, 907 were 2020 foals,

623 were foaled in 2019, 149 were foaled in 2018, 68 were foaled in 2017, 30 were foaled in 2016, 25 were foaled in 2015, 13 were foaled in 2014, 12 were foaled in 2013, six were foaled in 2012, eight were foaled in 2011, two were foaled in 2010, three were foaled in 2009, three were foaled in 2008, five were foaled in 2007, five were foaled in 2006, five were foaled in 2005, one in 2004, and one in 2003. In 2014, the AMHA Registry Committee and Board approved the current registration fee schedule, which decreased the fee for registering older horses. Since then, the registry has seen an increase in those registrations.

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**ABOVE:** Charlestown Carole Ann (Carlyle Command x Charlestown Vigilann) and foal Subtle Details (by Astronomicallee) (photo by Johanna Andrews, DVM).



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REGISTRATIONS	1,739	1,797	-3.23%
TRANSFERS	2,820	3,024	-6.75%
DNA KITS	1,826	1,745	4.64%
COAT COLOR TESTS	241	194	24.23%

YEAR-END STATISTIC	12/31/2020	12/31/2019	12/31/2018
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\*These numbers represent completed registrations as of 12/31/2019

## REGISTRY RULE CHANGES AND MOTIONS 2020

### April 2020

#### RULE 3—REGISTERED NAMES

**RULE 3H** A horse's name may be changed once during its lifetime by the recorded owner if

- A. The horse has no registered progeny.
- B. The horse has not appeared on any AMHA breeding record.
- C. The change is requested before January 1 of the year in which the horse becomes a two-year-old.
- D. The Registry has the written permission of the owner of the dam at the time of foaling.**
- E. Requested names must meet all other requirements of Rule 3.

The Board approved the removal of drawn markings from AMHA Registry Certificates.

### August 2020

The Board approved charging a flat fee of \$30 for members and \$115 for non-members for reciprocity transfers.

### November 2020

#### RULE 7—SALE OR DISPOSAL WITHOUT REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE; **NON-REGISTRATION**

- A. The recorded owner of any registered horse sold or dispersed without ~~the a~~ a Registration Certificate, (i.e., "sold without papers"), shall surrender the original Registration Certificate to the Registry for cancellation along with a written statement. **of the rationale for cancellation. Cancellation will not be accepted if the request is made as a reflection of purchase price or for any other reason deemed by the Registrar to be inappropriate.**
- B. After cancellation of the Registration Certificate, it may be renewed, reissued, or reinstated only upon **written** request of the recorded owner.
- C. A breeder can choose to not register a horse. The breeder may submit to the Registry a letter documenting the breeder's intention that the horse remain unregistered. The stated intention may later be revoked by a further writing from the breeder.**



**NOTE:** Since Stallion Service Reports are not due until after press date, we will review the 2019 statistics.

## STALLIONS/MARES BRED

**S**tallion Service Reports for 557 stallions were processed as of April 7, 2020. This compares with 565 Stallion Service Reports that had been processed at this time in 2019, representing a decrease of approximately 1.4 percent. Last year we saw an increase of approximately 8.2 percent from the prior year.

2,377 mares were reported bred, compared to 2,332 mares at this time in 2019. This represents an increase of approximately

1.9 percent. Last year, we saw an increase of approximately 14.3 percent from the prior year.

When comparing the percentage of mares bred with foals registered from 2013 through 2017, the average percentage of mares with resulting registered foals was approximately 64 percent. Last year, the average of mares bred with registered foals from 2012 through 2016 was approximately 62 percent.

## FOAL CROP

**O**ver the last five years, the average percentage of foals registered for the preceding year, at the time the reports were run, was 73 percent.

For instance, as of April 7, 2020 there were 1,542 registered Morgans foaled in 2018, compared with 1,158 registered Morgans

foaled in 2018 registered as of April 10, 2019.

Many are concerned when they see the annual foal crop statistics, however when the year-end 2020 numbers are compared with 2019, each year the foal crop increases as more Morgans are registered.

### AS OF 12/31/2020

FOALING YEAR	TOTAL COUNT
2020	907
2019	1,519
2018	1,663
2017	1,516
2016	1,368
2015	1,333
2014	1,283
2013	1,339
2012	1,519
2011	1,424
2010	1,638
2005	3,306
2000	3,228

### AS OF 12/31/2019

FOALING YEAR	TOTAL COUNT
2019	876
2018	1,493
2017	1,434
2016	1,324
2015	1,301
2014	1,268
2013	1,323
2012	1,501
2011	1,415
2010	1,632
2005	3,302
2000	3,228



## COLOR

### ALL REGISTERED MORGANS LIVING AND DECEASED BY BASE COLOR & BY SEX

Registered as of 12/31/2020

COLOR	MARES	STALLIONS	GELDINGS	TOTAL	PERCENT
BAY	32,035	13,319	17,255	62,609	31.81%
BAY DUN*	5	4	6	15	0.01%
BLACK/DARK CHESTNUT	1,020	407	503	1,930	0.98%
BLACK	10,738	6,158	4,546	21,442	10.90%
BROWN	5,244	2,673	2,590	10,507	5.34%
BUCKSKIN	1,077	495	489	2,061	1.05%
CHESTNUT	47,674	19,712	25,042	92,428	46.97%
CHESTNUT DUN*	3	0	2	5	0.00%
CRÉME	65	55	11	131	0.07%
CREMELLO**	68	48	23	139	0.07%
DUN	87	38	34	159	0.08%
GRAY	106	196	28	330	0.17%
GRULLA*	7	9	4	20	0.01%
PALOMINO	2,015	984	915	3,914	1.99%
PERLINO**	53	36	6	95	0.05%
SMOKY BLACK**	198	104	72	374	0.19%
SMOKY CREAM**	11	9	2	22	0.01%
BLANK***	254	356	5	615	0.31%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100,660</b>	<b>44,603</b>	<b>51,533</b>	<b>196,796</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

#### NOTES:

\* Bay Dun, Chestnut Dun, and Grulla added in 2004

\*\* Cremello, Perlino, Smoky Black, and Smoky Cream added in 2006

\*\*\* Computerization of records from the 1800s did not always include coat color

In 2006 the AMHA Board passed a motion that there will be an expanded range of colors offered on the Registration Application. Foal owners were requested to report base coat color and characteristics.



## COLOR CHARACTERISTICS

### ALL REGISTERED MORGANS LIVING AND DECEASED BY COLOR CHARACTERISTIC & BY SEX

Registered as of 12/31/2020

COLOR	MARES	STALLIONS	GELDINGS	TOTAL	PERCENT
SILVER DAPPLE	53	40	7	100	7.92%
DUN	201	137	53	391	30.96%
FLAXEN	188	89	83	360	28.50%
GRAY	79	42	40	161	12.75%
OVERO	1	1	0	2	0.16%
PINTO	3	2	1	6	0.48%
ROAN	3	1	0	4	0.32%
SABINO	65	42	27	134	10.61%
SPLASHWHITE	51	36	18	105	8.31%
TOTAL	644	390	229	1,263	100.00%

**NOTE:** These numbers do not represent individual horses, as a horse can have more than one color characteristic.

Thank you to all the Morgan breeders and the entire Morgan family. Without people buying Morgan horses, we may not have seen growth. We appreciate your support of AMHA and the

Morgan horse and very much enjoy our interactions with you.

We may be a small breed; however we are a mighty breed with mighty people! ■



**LEFT TO RIGHT:** Thunderous (KS Bluestem The Old Guard x Coral Forest); Swish And Flick (Flower Of Alliance x Levees Edge Beignet) with a friend; Dragonsmeade Adele with Arcola's Stirred Up (by Dressed Up GCH). All photos in this article previously appeared in *TMH's* Amazing Morgan Foals photo contest.