



THE MORGAN HORSE
BREEDING GUIDE

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Real, up-to-date data on Morgan breeding activity.

By Erica Eulau, AMHA Registrar

Well, we did it again! The breeders, owners, Morgan enthusiasts, and AMHA made this another exceptional year for the Registry, and it was because of you. Registrations increased again in 2023. While not as much as last year (24 percent), which would have been hard to match, registrations did increase by almost 2.5 percent, totaling 2,681—the most horses registered since 2007. We registered 1,295 Morgans foaled in 2023, compared to 1,226 foals registered during the same period in 2022. The oldest horse registered in 2023 was foaled in 2000. We are seeing more older mares registered each year as owners' interest in registering their offspring increases. In fact, we registered 85 Morgans over the age of five.

In 2023, we transferred 3,973 Morgans compared to 3,956 Morgans in 2022. This represents an increase of .43 percent and the most transfers recorded since 2007. Again, we thank the owners that transfer their Morgans on a timely basis and the Morgan sales throughout the country that not only require registration, but also complete the transfers for each horse and submit them to AMHA for processing.

Coat color testing was up almost 21 percent compared to 2022, as more Morgan breeders choose to do their coat color testing through the Registry so that the results can be included on their Morgan's permanent record. Thirty-seven SynchroGait® tests were requested through AMHA. This compares to 22 tests requested in 2022. SynchroGait® testing identifies the genetic factor responsible that has a major impact on gait and leg coordination and the ability to perform additional gaits.

The Registry team handled 11,977 registration transactions that required payment, an almost six percent increase from 2022. This does not include registry paperwork that is received without money, such as castration and death reports, and general correspondence. We did this with less staff thanks to the advances in computer technologies.

Increases in some registry fees went into effect January 1, 2024. Transfer fees increased by \$20. This was the first increase in these fees since 2002. The Horse Name Change fee increased from \$150 to \$250. This fee had not increased since 2014. And lastly, Prefix fees increased from \$300 to \$500. This fee also had not changed since

ABOVE: Mares at pasture at Scandia Morgans.

2002. In addition to the fee increase, the following provision to registering a prefix was also made in an attempt to discourage people from registering a prefix that they do not intend to use: If the prefix is used within five (5) years of reservation, it is reserved forever. If it is not used, the applicant would have to reserve the prefix for another five (5) years for an additional fee of \$500, which is effective forever until the applicant either uses or relinquishes the prefix.

In 2023, I attended six Morgan sales, two educational clinics, the Morgan Grand National, and the UPHA Conference. This is one of the most fulfilling aspects of my job. I really enjoy helping people in person, seeing old friends, meeting new people, and above all seeing our beautiful Morgan horses. I hope to increase my attendance in 2024 and to see you at one of the many events throughout our country. Let's make 2024 another banner year for our Morgan horses!

REGISTRY STATISTICS (THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023)

STATISTIC	12/31/2023	12/31/2022	CHANGE	12/31/2022	12/31/2021	CHANGE
REGISTRATIONS	2,681	2,616	2.48%	2,616	2,110	23.98%
TRANSFERS	3,973	3,956	0.43%	3,956	3,626	9.10%
DNA KITS	2,504	2,486	0.72%	2,486	2,325	6.92%
DNA KITS UNKNOWN HORSE	186	201	-7.46%	201	225	-10.67%
COAT COLOR TESTS	470	389	20.82%	389	440	-11.59%

MORGAN BREEDING ACTIVITY AS OF 4/11/2022 STALLIONS/MARES BRED

As of December 31, 2023, Stallion Service Reports for 779 stallions had been processed for the 2022 breeding year and 849 Stallion Service Reports had been processed for the 2021 breeding year.

As of December 31, 2023, Stallion Service Reports for 3,687 mares have been processed for the 2022 breeding year and 3,819

Stallion Service Reports had been processed for the 2021 breeding year. Please note that the Registry processes late Stallion Service Reports throughout the year and these numbers may increase. For instance, in April 2023, the Registry had processed Stallion Service Reports for 645 stallions bred in 2022 that included 3,089 mares.

STALLIONS SIRING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF FOALS BORN IN 2022 AND REGISTERED THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

RWF DRALION	38	KING-E OTTO B	16	MVMR MIDNIGHT SHADOW	12
BGMF KENTUCKY GENTLEMAN	33	BURKLAND HIGH OCTANE	15	CHANDELLE HIGH ORION	11
DRESSED UP GCH	28	LVM THE BLACK ACE	15	QUEEN'S SEBASTIAN GCH	11
LEDGEFIELDS INTRIGUE	27	EKL SHAKEDOWN CH	14	ACORN RIDGE TAKE IT EASY	10
DERAWNDA CHIPPEWA (CN)	24	GET BUSY	14	AKIRA DERRINGER GCH	10
WVS BLACK GOLD	21	ICF REASONABLY CERTAIN	14	EY MORNINGSTAR'S BROOKS	10
MERRIEHILL AFTER HOURS GCH	20	MINION MILLENNIUM	14	GRAYCLIFF TONY GCH	10
WVS EXTREME DEMANDER	20	KJM SOUL COMMANDER	13	LPS SAN QUENTIN	10
CAFFEINATED	19	MEM HOLLYWOOD BOULEDARE	13	MKB HOPETOWN COOPER	10
CBMF OVER THE MOON	19	RL JACKPOT	13	SPRING HOLLOW STATESMAN	10
DEMANDER'S HANDSOME DUDE	19	TRUWEST SILVER SUEDE	13	SUPERMAN	10
LACYN TIME	17	COOL COMET	12		
WVS FULL THROTTLE	17	DMB GUNPOWDER	12		



STALLIONS BREEDING TO THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF MARES IN 2022

AND REGISTERED THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

EKL SHAKEDOWN CH	50	WVS EXTREME DEMANDER	20	FLAIRE OF COURAGE	13
ROBERTO CAVALLI	48	KING OF THE WIND	19	JMF EBONY NITE (CN)	13
LEDGEFIELDS INTRIGUE	47	LEDGEFIELDS JAGGED EDGE	19	MSE CODY	13
RWF DRALION	46	MINION MILLENNIUM	19	WVS BLUE CHIP	13
MERRIEHILL AFTER HOURS GCH	44	NEWMONT'S ROOSEVELT	19	WVS SILVER LEGACY	13
DRESSED UP GCH	43	NORDBY MISTY'S SIR HARLEY	19	DRAGONSMEADE SPECTRE	12
CAFFEINATED	42	RG DENMARK'S QUINCY	19	MEADOWLANE DARK KNIGHT	12
BGMF KENTUCKY GENTLEMAN	39	ROXANNE'S BLACK GENTLEMAN	19	RRG MESMERIZE	12
LVM THE BLACK ACE	39	ACORN RIDGE TAKE IT EASY	18	WRR ASTRO BOY	12
MAN IN BLACK GCH	39	FAMS CAJUN MOON	18	WVS THUNDER ROLLS	12
JUS' SAYIN'	38	GRAYCLIFF TONY GCH	18	ASTRONOMICALLEE	11
DEMANDER'S HANDSOME DUDE	36	THE THRILL OF IT ALL LBR	18	CBMF CROWN PRINCE GCH	11
KING-E OTTO B	35	COOL WHIP	17	CHANDELLE HIGH ORION	11
CBMF OVER THE MOON	31	RL JACKPOT	17	ECS MADE YOU TENSE	11
MKB HOPETOWN COOPER	30	CHERRYDALE CASANOVA	16	GMV MORNINGSTAR TRUMP	11
MEM HOLLYWOOD BOULEDARE	29	DDF TRAVIS	16	JAKE RYAN CH	11
SAND RIDGE PAZAZZ	27	FLOWER OF DEJA VU	16	SUPERBOWL NIGHT HAWK	11
DRAGONSMEADE AXIOS	26	QUEEN'S SEBASTIAN GCH	16	TIMELESS DELIGHT	11
WVS BLACK GOLD	26	BKC VALIANT STAR	15	TRUWEST SILVER SUEDE	11
BEAUTYS BLACK SMOKE	25	DRAGONSMEADE SEA DRAGON CH	15	AKIRA DERRINGER GCH	10
CAMPBELL'S WVS JIM	25	MASKED EARL	15	CHIPNDALE	10
DRAGONSMEADE ELTANIN GCH	24	MVMR MIDNIGHT SHADOW	15	DENVERS SENSATION	10
KJM SOUL COMMANDER	24	SONOFAHOTSUMMERNITE	15	EQUINOX ROCK STAR	10
LEONARDO'S CRY CH	24	AMBERFIELDS EMBOSSEDNGOLD	14	FARRIER'S KING	10
NO CONTEST GCH	23	CENTERPIECE	14	FMG'S DAJ-A-VOU	10
BGMF RONDO	22	ELY PROMOTION	14	GET BUSY	10
TSL STARCRAFT	22	GET YOUR GROOVE ON	14	HWDY HIGH VELOCITY	10
SARALIN SEABOURN	21	INGATE'S EYE OF THE TIGER	14	MEM THE PATRIOT	10
DERAWNDA CHIPPEWA (CN)	20	LACYN TIME	14	QUEEN'S SMART MONEY	10
DMB GUNPOWDER	20	RG DENMARK'S JUSTA FARMER	14	TOCARA'S DOUBLE DOSE	10
MLF DYNAMIC GCH	20	ROWENDA BOOGIE ON DOWN	14		
MVMR BLACK DIAMOND	20	DDF RAPTOR	13		



FOAL CROP

The 2022 foal crop is currently 2,186. This is the biggest foal crop since 2008 and will continue to increase as more registrations are completed.

MORGANS FOALED EACH YEAR

AND REGISTERED THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

FOALING YEAR	FOAL CROP	MARES BRED	% OF MARES WITH FOALS
2023	1,295 (to date)	N/A	N/A
2022	2,186	3,675	35%
2021	2,099	3,819	57%
2020	1,987	3,295	64%
2019	1,902	2,962	67%
2018	1,881	2,897	66%
2017	1,624	2,657	71%
2016	1,426	2,399	68%
2015	1,364	2,072	69%
2014	1,321	1,959	70%
2013	1,375	1,940	68%
2012	1,545	2,094	66%
2011	1,450	2,254	69%
2010	1,665	2,385	61%
2009	2,018	2,603	64%
2008	2,521	3,265	62%
2007	2,906	4,211	60%
2006	3,276	4,781	61%
2005	3,313	5,211	63%
2004	3,176	5,279	63%
2003	3,293	5,014	63%
2002	3,206	5,378	61%
2001	3,463	5,344	60%

NOTES:

These numbers will increase as registration applications are received and completed.
Many breeders do not register their foals until they are over one-year-old.



COLOR LIVING REGISTERED MORGANS BY BASE COLOR & BY SEX

Foaled in 1993 or later and not reported as deceased

COLOR	MARES	STALLIONS	GELDINGS	TOTAL	PERCENT
BAY	13,870	5,102	8,021	26,993	38.34%
BAY/DUN	78	54	26	158	0.22%
BAY/DUN/GRAY	0	2	0	2	0.00%
BAY/DUN/SILVER DAPPLE	1	2	1	4	0.01%
BAY/DUN/SPLASH WHITE	1	0	0	1	00.0%
BAY/FLAXEN	7	3	0	10	0.01%
BAY/GRAY	22	9	8	39	0.06%
BAY/GRAY/SABINO	0	0	1	1	0.00%
BAY/SABINO	5	3	2	10	0.01%
BAY/SILVER DAPPLE	15	9	1	25	0.04%
BAY/SILVER DAPPLE/FLAXEN	0	1	0	1	0.00%
BAY/SPLASH WHITE	16	15	1	32	0.05%
BAY/SPLASH WHITE/PINTO	1	0	1	2	0.00%
BAY/SPLASH WHITE/SABINO	3	2	1	6	0.01%
BLACK	6,791	3,564	2,818	13,173	18.71%
BLACK/DUN/GRULLA	77	50	22	149	0.21%
BLACK/DUN/SILVER DAPPLE	3	2	0	5	0.01%
BLACK/FLAXEN	0	0	1	1	0.00%
BLACK/GRAY	38	21	15	74	0.11%
BLACK/GRAY/SILVER DAPPLE	0	1	0	1	0.00%
BLACK/ROAN	1	0	0	1	0.00%
BLACK/SABINO	0	2	1	3	0.00%
BLACK/SILVER DAPPLE	30	15	4	49	0.07%
BLACK/SILVER DAPPLE/FLAXEN	0	2	0	2	0.00%
BLACK/SPLASH WHITE	3	6	1	10	0.01%
BLACK/SPLASH WHITE/SABINO	0	1	0	1	0.00%
BROWN	2,245	988	1,188	4,421	6.28%
BROWN/DUN	1	1	1	3	0.00%
BROWN/DUN/SILVER DAPPLE	1	0	0	1	0.00%
BROWN/FLAXEN	1	0	0	1	0.00%
BROWN/GRAY	4	2	3	9	0.01%
BROWN/SILVER DAPPLE	6	7	0	13	0.02%
BROWN/SPLASH WHITE	0	0	1	1	0.00%
BROWN/SPLASH WHITE/SABINO	1	0	0	1	0.00%
BUCKSKIN	873	375	405	1,653	2.35%

*PLEASE NOTE that while AMHA does offers coat color testing the Association does not require it.
Therefore many of the coat colors and/or coat color characteristics have not been verified through AMHA.*



COLOR LIVING REGISTERED MORGANS BY BASE COLOR & BY SEX, CONTINUED

Foaled in 1993 or later and not reported as deceased

COLOR	MARES	STALLIONS	GELDINGS	TOTAL	PERCENT
BUCKSKIN/DUN	62	33	11	106	0.15%
BUCKSKIN/DUN/GRAY	1	1	0	2	0.00%
BUCKSKIN/DUN/SILVER DAPPLE	3	2	0	5	0.01%
BUCKSKIN/FLAXEN	3	2	2	7	0.01%
BUCKSKIN/FRAME OVERO	0	1	0	1	0.00%
BUCKSKIN/GRAY	8	1	1	10	0.01%
BUCKSKIN/SABINO	0	1	0	1	0.00%
BUCKSKIN/SILVER DAPPLE	6	6	0	12	0.02%
BUCKSKIN/SPLASH WHITE	8	4	0	12	0.02%
BUCKSKIN/SPLASH WHITE/PINTO	0	1	0	1	0.00%
BUCKSKIN/SPLASH WHITE/SABINO	0	0	1	1	0.00%
CHESTNUT	9,851	3,772	5,541	19,164	27.22%
CHESTNUT/DUN	26	16	10	52	0.07%
CHESTNUT/DUN/FLAXEN/SABINO	0	1	0	1	0.00%
CHESTNUT/DUN/SABINO	0	1	0	1	0.00%
CHESTNUT/DUN/SILVER DAPPLE	1	0	0	1	0.00%
CHESTNUT/FLAXEN	163	70	64	297	0.42%
CHESTNUT/FLAXEN/ROAN	1	0	0	1	0.00%
CHESTNUT/FLAXEN/SABINO	5	0	3	8	0.01%
CHESTNUT/FLAXEN/SILVER DAPPLE	1	2	0	3	0.00%
CHESTNUT/GRAY	13	3	12	28	0.04%
CHESTNUT/GRAY/SABINO	0	0	1	1	0.00%
CHESTNUT/PINTO	2	0	1	3	0.00%
CHESTNUT/PINTO/SABINO	1	0	0	1	0.00%
CHESTNUT/ROAN	1	1	0	2	0.00%
CHESTNUT/SABINO	24	14	10	48	0.07%
CHESTNUT/SILVER DAPPLE	3	2	1	6	0.01%
CHESTNUT/SPLASH WHITE	16	9	8	33	0.05%
CHESTNUT/SPLASH WHITE/FLAXEN	3	0	2	5	0.01%
CHESTNUT/SPLASH WHITE/PINTO	1	0	0	1	0.00%
CHESTNUT/SPLASH WHITE/SABINO	1	2	3	6	0.01%
CHEST./SP. WHITE/SABINO/FLAXEN	1	2	2	5	0.01%
CHEST./SP. WHITE/SABINO/FLAXEN/PINTO	1	0	0	1	0.00%
CREME	63	48	11	122	0.17%
CREMELLO	71	45	24	140	0.20%
CREMELLO/DUN	3	0	0	3	0.00%
CREMELLO/GRAY	2	0	1	3	0.00%



COLOR

LIVING REGISTERED MORGANS

BY BASE COLOR & BY SEX, CONTINUED

Foaled in 1993 or later and not reported as deceased

COLOR	MARES	STALLIONS	GELDINGS	TOTAL	PERCENT
CREMELLO/FLAXEN	1	0	1	2	0.00%
DUN	46	17	20	83	0.12%
GRAY	32	20	15	67	0.10%
PALOMINO	1,318	597	632	2,547	3.62%
PALOMINO/DUN	18	11	3	32	0.05%
PALOMINO/DUN/FLAXEN	1	1	1	3	0.00%
PALOMINO/FLAXEN	38	10	19	67	0.10%
PALOMINO/FLAXEN/SABINO	0	1	0	1	0.00%
PALOMINO/FLAXEN/SILVER DAPPLE	1	0	0	1	0.00%
PALOMINO/GRAY	4	2	1	7	0.01%
PALOMINO/SABINO	12	5	7	24	0.03%
PALOMINO/SABINO/PINTO	0	1	0	1	0.00%
PALOMINO/SILVER DAPPLE	4	2	2	8	0.01%
PALOMINO/SPLASH WHITE	1	6	3	10	0.01%
PALOMINO/SPLASH WHITE/SABINO	3	1	0	4	0.01%
PALOMINO/SPLASH WHITE/SILVER DAPPLE	1	0	0	1	0.00%
PERLINO	52	38	8	98	0.14%
PERLINO/DUN	3	1	0	4	0.01%
PERLINO/FLAXEN	1	0	0	1	0.00%
PERLINO/GRAY	1	1	0	2	0.00%
SMOKY BLACK	216	104	79	399	0.57%
SMOKY BLACK/DUN	21	16	4	41	0.06%
SMOKY BLACK/FLAXEN	0	1	0	1	0.00%
SMOKY BLACK/GRAY	6	2	4	12	0.02%
SMOKY BLACK/SABINO	2	1	0	3	0.00%
SMOKY BLACK/SILVER DAPPLE	3	3	0	6	0.01%
SMOKY BLACK/SPLASH WHITE	1	1	0	2	0.00%
SMOKY CREAM	12	9	2	23	0.03%
SMOKY CREAM/DUN	0	2	0	2	0.00%
TOTAL	36,237	15,132	19,033	70,402	100.00%

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.



COMPLETED REGISTRATIONS BY YEAR

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

2023	2,681	2016	1,334	2009	2,171	2002	3,976	1995	3,053
2022	2,616	2015	1,305	2008	2,512	2001	3,475	1994	3,038
2021	2,110	2014	1,389	2007	3,482**	2000	3,624	1993	3,120
2020	1,866	2013	1,419	2006	3,461**	1999	3,220	1992	2,408*
2019	1,739	2012	1,855	2005	3,156	1998	2,528	1991	3,444
2018	1,797	2011	1,481	2004	3,256	1997	3,415		
2017	1,436	2010	1,853	2003	3,079	1996	3,088		

Includes reciprocity registrations.

*Figures are reduced due to mandatory bloodtyping that went into effect 1/1/1992.

**The 2006 and 2007 totals are elevated because of the Canadian Moratorium.

2023 REGISTRY RULE CHANGES

MAY 6, 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

To amend Registry Rule 8-B waiving the Notary requirement of duplicate registration certificates when the owner of record resides outside of the United States.

To amend Registry Rule 4-D revising the wording to read “D: A registered prefix that has never been used to register a horse within 10 years after its registration may be registered to a new applicant upon proof that 30 days’ written notice has been provided to the prior registrant and the prior registrant has made no objection to use by the new applicant.”

To remove Registry Rule 3.H.2 which reads “The horse has not appeared on an AMHA Stallion Service Report or any other AMHA breeding record.”

SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

To increase all Registry Transfer fees by \$20, effective on January 1, 2024.

Moved by Dallas Bolen.

To increase the Registry Name Change fee from \$150 to \$250, effective on January 1, 2024.

To increase the Registry Prefix fee from \$300 to \$500, effective on January 1, 2024. If the prefix is used within five (5) years of reservation, it is reserved forever. If it is not used, the applicant would have to reserve the prefix for another five (5) years for an additional fee of \$500, which is effective forever until the applicant either uses or relinquishes the prefix.

NOVEMBER 4, 2023, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

To increase the Application for a Duplicate Certificate fee from \$25 to \$45 effective January 1, 2024, in keeping with the recently increased transfer fee.

To approve the new marking diagrams for the Registration Certificate.

To update Registry Rule 6.D as follows:

“For the purpose of transfer, the membership status of either the buyer or seller determines the fee. Member rates may be applied to the transfer of all Morgan horses sold at consignment auctions offering registered Morgan horses provided:

1. more than 50 registered Morgans are catalogued;
2. the sale manager is a current AMHA member; and,
3. a fee of \$100 is paid by the sales management per auction.”

REPORT ANY STATUS CHANGES TO THE AMHA REGISTRY

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INTERNATIONAL REGISTRARS' REPORTS

CANADA

On behalf of the Canadian Morgan Horse Association, thank you for giving us an opportunity to highlight what the Canadian Morgan Horse Association (CMHA) has been able to accomplish over the past two years. We are fortunate that we have a few breeders who continue to see value in breeding and registering a good number of Morgan foals along with our smaller breeders, who breed and register one or two a year. Whether our breeders are large, medium, or small, we appreciate them all and never take for granted their support.

Without the breeders, we would have a much harder time surviving as an association. However, we do acknowledge that all members of the Morgan community in Canada contribute in some way to make the CMHA a viable association. And for that we are thankful.

From the current statistics, business of registering, transferring, and recording herd prefixes and leases has slightly improved in 2023 over 2022, and we had a couple of exports to Greece and Switzerland. Of course, the United States is our biggest partner in imports and exports. When the Canadian dollar is weaker than the US dollar, our exports usually fair well.

I would like to highlight that the CMHA does register part-Morgans (must be either sired by a registered purebred Morgan stallion or out of a registered purebred Morgan mare). And we do accept part-Morgans from outside of Canada.

The membership statistics for 2023 included 441 members (Life, Youth, and Annual) and in 2022 we had 461. Membership has certainly struggled the past few years. COVID and the economy in general have been hard to recover from.

We produce a fantastic magazine which comes out four times a year. Two versions are printed and mailed to our members/subscribers and two versions are digital. Going digital was a new step for us in 2022 and has been mostly received favorably.

Our Annual General Meeting will be in Ontario (Cobourg, ON), about one-and-a-half hours east of Toronto, and we look forward to hosting members and guests from across Canada on March 1st & 2nd. ■

*Nancy Kavanagh, CMHA President
With thanks to Pamela Pearson, CMHA Registrar and
Brianna Sullivan, Canadian Livestock Records Corporation*

CANADIAN REGISTRY STATISTICS

REGISTRATIONS

2023	
PUREBRED	241
PART-MORGAN	10
2022	
PUREBRED	225
PART-MORGAN	6

TRANSFERS

2023	
PUREBRED	309
PART-MORGAN	10
2022	
PUREBRED	307
PART-MORGAN	9

IMP./EXP.

2023	
IMPORTS	31 (All USA)
EXPORTS	105 (102 USA, 2 Greece, 1 Switzerland)
2022	
IMPORTS	40 (All USA)
EXPORTS	102 (All USA)

PREFIX REG.

2023	2022
3	7

LEASES

2023	2022
12	10

GREAT BRITAIN

The British Morgan Horse Society (BMHS) was formed in 1975 with the import of the first Morgan horses to the United Kingdom. Founder Angela Conner was ahead of the times, establishing the British Morgan Horse Registry by making blood typing mandatory. It ensured the integrity of the breed in the U. K. from the very start. When, in 1988, the BMHS approached the AMHA to consider a reciprocity agreement, they could see that the BMHS worked in parallel with the rules and regulations of the AMHA Registry. Once reciprocity was granted, the BMHS Registry felt

truly recognized and established.

To date, the BMHS has registered 1,053 purebred Morgans. Registration requirements for British Morgan horses mirrors the AMHA, with DNA required as standard. In addition, it is a legal requirement for all horses bred in the U. K. to have a microchip and Equine Passport, providing additional forms of identity.

In recent years the BMHS Registry has seen a steady decline in the numbers of breeders and therefore foals being registered. However, it is encouraging that British Morgan foals are regularly being



sold all over Europe and also to Australia. We currently register between ten to 15 purebreds a year.

Creating a bigger gene pool within such a small number of horses is always at the forefront of any breeding program. This has relied on breeders importing new bloodlines from the United States or Canada,

which, in part due to transport costs, is very expensive and therefore somewhat prohibitive. However, the Morgan population is flourishing in Europe, mostly with bloodlines that are not within the U. K., which is promising for the future of the British Morgan horse. ■

Trudy Connolly, BMHS Registrar

TOP SIRES IN THE UK SINCE 1975

NAME	BREEDING	NO. OF GET
MOSSROSE TRIUMPHANT	(Sunup Neptune x Jacque's Lor-Don-Lin)	105
TARRYALL GENE THIERY	(Applevale Cadence x Michele's Desiree)	65
TAPROOT GREEN MT BOY	(Deer Run Command x Taproot Copper Iris)	56
TAPROOT YANKEE DOODLE	(Taproot CommandPilot x Taproot Twin Flower)	47
CHARLESTOWN SUPER SONIC	(Philharmonic x Festival Pride N Joy)	45
WASEEKA FIRECRACKER	(Waseeka's Here Tiz x Windcrest Sentimental Lady)	43
PEGASUS ROYAL PRIDE	(Topside Jolly Roger x Dainty Dot)	36
UC ECHO	(Ledgemere Bounty x U C Rhapsody)	33
MONNINGTON HERRICK	(Trebles Talisman x Saddleback Symmetry)	31
MONNINGTON OVERTURE	(Tarryall Gene Thiery x Saddleback Symmetry)	25
LANDSIDE MR PROMISE	(Olympus Mr Promise x Tarheel Sweet Accord)	23
MONNINGTON ANDANTE	(Ledgemere Alert x Novanna Ethan L)	22
LANDSIDE MASTERPIECE	(Landside Mr Promise x Bald Mt Pansy)	21
HARTLAND DEFIANCE	(Elm Hill Charter Oak x Highmeadows Victoria)	19
ROCKRIDGE GAMBIT	(Rockridge Promise Me x Rockridge Velvet Lyn)	19

AUSTRALIA

The Morgan Horse Association of Australia has a Registry of just 763 Morgans, with our first breeding stock imported in 1974. Although we have around 500 living Morgans, the actual productive breeding herd is tiny: under 50 individuals in the past few years. Australian Morgans are acknowledged as beautiful, sound, and well-made horses that are the quintessential all-rounders. They compete in all disciplines and are shown in open showing and in our State and Morgan Nationals. Morgan showing as it is done in the United States and elsewhere never gained traction here and so far few imports carry any modern show Morgan bloodlines. Our Australian National Morgan Show resembles the annual Lippitt Country Show in Vermont more than any other. Breeders tend to be converts and enthusiasts who evolve into dedicated fans, serving a horse all believe to be precious and worth preserving.

Australian Morgan breeders have focused on the strengths of traditional type Morgans for five decades. Some early Lippitt imports have had a huge influence, particularly through matches

with Western Working and Old Vermont and California lines. Brunk, Old Government, and Lippitt blends have formed a distinctively old Morgan type that dominates here, almost a genetic time capsule.

The challenges of a small gene pool are significant, as is the challenge of preserving genetic diversity alongside preserving and improving what we have created. Importing to Australia is expensive and outside the reach of most, so many fresh lines are obtained via frozen semen import, which is also difficult and costly. Very few North American stallions have tested frozen semen qualified for export to Australia, and of those that do, not all offer what Australian breeders are looking for. Any stallion owner considering this market should speak with breeders here first.

We have a wide range of choices in stallions, but they have few opportunities. Lippitt, Lambert, Brunk, Working Western, Government, performance, gaited, cowy, hunter jumpers, small, or tall: they are here. We also have enough to cater for purists in



conformation and type, and many bloodline threads. There are just not enough mares breeding. And mares have carried the gene pool forward so far. An Australian stallion on average will have 12 foals in his lifetime, eight if you exclude the very few who produced more than 20. Of these eight offspring, on average, two to three will breed on. Mares have an average of six, of which one-third breeds on. Given how few foals are produced each year, loss of genetic diversity is too easy, and outstanding individuals become very precious for the improvement of the breed.

However, increasingly we are seeing a healthy balance of linebreeding and outcrossing in each foal crop. The 2022/2023 season has produced more outcrossed foals than linebred on core Aus-

lia lines. We also have had some significant imports in recent years.

Australia has also had a long love affair with the part-Morgan. The Part Bred Registry dates from the same year (1990) as the Pure Bred, and in the early years it was the Part Morgan that drew attention to the breed. Today, several Australian breeders specialize in purpose bred performance part-Morgans, which have excelled in a wide variety of disciplines. These horses are not necessarily bred to replicate the Morgan look, but to add the hardiness, sound mindedness, good feet, trainability, and temperament of the Morgan, among other attributes, to produce an impressive performance partner. ■

Dr. Eva Hornung, Pure Morgan Registrar

MORGAN FOALS BORN IN AUSTRALIA IN THE 2019–2023 SEASONS

SEASON	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19
TOTAL FOALS BORN	24	22	24	18	37
MARES BRED	26	28	29	20	37
STALLIONS BRED	18	15	18	15	21
FILLIES	6	11	14	8	13
COLTS	17	10	9	10	19
PROSPECTIVE STALLIONS	3	2	2	1	3
LOSSES (FOAL DEATHS)	1	1	1	0	4
LOSSES (RESORBED/ABORTED)	1	5	4	2	1
PREFIXES (NO. OF BREEDERS)	15	13	15	10	14

IMPORTED BLOODLINES IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS

YEAR	NAME	SIRE/DAM	IMPORT TYPE	OFFSPRING TO DATE
2023	AMBERFIELDS EMBOSSEDNGOLD	(Amberfields StarsNStripes x RanchBoss Reining Gold)	Frozen	0
2023	RG DENMARK'S JUSTA FARMER	(RG Black Dandy x Coal Creek Lara)	Frozen	1
2019	QUIETUDE CEZANNE	(Cimarron Of Quietude x Quietude Wild Tansy)	Live	13
2019	TRUWEST SILVER SUEDE	(S Bar B Pierre Noire x TruWest Adobe Rose)	Frozen	4
2018	GPMF BLACK JACK REVENGE	(Derawnda Zeus x JMF Snow Princess)	In Utero	3
2018	JMF SNOW PRINCESS	(PKT Regency's Revenge x JMF Snowbird)	Live	4



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