

How Do I Do That?

Guidelines on Videoing Or Photographing Your Horse For Registration

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Photographing and videoing your horse is hard at its best and nearly impossible to do by yourself. The following hints cover some of SSHBEA's most asked questions. Please use these suggestions as guidelines to save you time, effort and expedite your Spotted Saddle Horse registration process.

VIDEOING YOUR SPOTTED SADDLE HORSE

Video Requirements & Helpful Hints



1. Clean and groom your horse prior to taping.
2. Starting at the front, video all (4) four sides of your horse without the saddle. Thirty (30) seconds on each side is sufficient.
3. At the beginning of the tape the horse should be orally identified by registering name, color and sex.
4. If your horse is to be taped while riding him, turn video off while you are saddling him.
5. Try to keep the horse centered, filling the entire view area of your camera, but do not cut off the view of the riders head or the feet of the horse.
6. The horse should travel in a straight direction for two (2) minutes, then turn and travel in the opposite direction for two (2) minutes. The speed of the horse should be regulated to demonstrate an easy gait, not just a fast walk and not a trot. Footage should show horse with sufficient continuous movement and length to show a gait.
7. Do NOT video horse from a great distance...approximately 20 feet away should be the maximum.
8. If you are videoing a baby colt or one that is not under saddle yet, item #6 also applies.
9. Riding the mare and leading the colt is sometimes a useful way to accomplish getting the proper video.
10. If you are leading the colt, having someone lead the mare is also helpful as you follow with the foal.
11. Assistants are needed to accomplish much of this.
12. You must step the horse/foal up enough to be able to see an easy gait. Just a walk will result in your having to resubmit your video.
13. Hold your camera as steady as possible during the entire filming process.
14. Re-Check your video's to make sure the speed is set correctly. You must actually put it on a TV to review, NOT just review it on your camera.
15. Last but not least....review your video again and set it at the EXACT point that it will start showing your horse when the Inspector plays the tape. There should be nothing on the tape you send in except the horse/horses you are registering.

NOTE: SSHBEA is able to view standard VHS tapes, VHS-C (adapter for VHS), Standard size DVD's, CD's (Mini's if programmed properly) and 8 MM. (CANNOT view mini 8 MM)

PHOTOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS

For Registering Your Horse

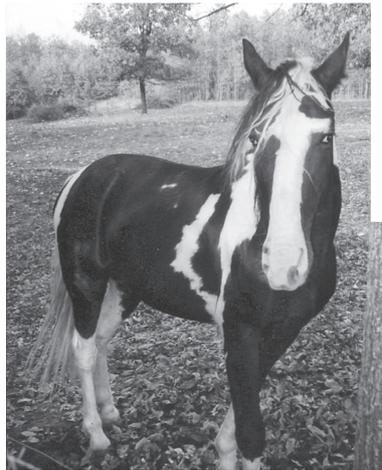


PHOTOGRAPHS- Halter Views

1. You must submit a photograph at (4) four angles, straight on of the left side, right side, front and rear of the horse. If there are markings on the belly, we need a photo of the underside as well.
2. Photographs need to be taken with out saddle or tack on the horse with the exception of a halter or bridle.
3. Photograph must show all four legs and feet.
4. If there are markings that are covered by mane or tail, have an assistant move them to the side so that the area under the neck/tail can clearly be seen.
5. Ensure that all marking are clearly shown.
6. WE WILL ACCEPT DIGITAL PHOTOS ON PHOTOGRAPHIC PAPER ONLY. Any thing else will result in your having to resubmit photos.

HELPFUL HINTS

1. Photographs should be taken outside with no flash (morning or evening lighting is best)
2. The sun should be at YOUR back.
3. The horse should be clean and free from any dirty spots that would cover markings,
4. Excessively long hair, dirt, mud will detract from the white markings and may cause additional pictures to be submitted. Pictures taken of horse within another group of horses are usually not acceptable.
5. Light colored horses (Example: Palomino) should be wet to clearly show markings.
6. It is always helpful to have an assistant to either hold your horse or take the photographs.
7. Make sure your photographs are sharp, clear and in focus.



Incorrect way to take your side photograph.
You CANNOT see markings on neck,
legs or rump.



Correct way to take your side photograph.
You can see all markings from neck
to rump.



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