

Kurdish Horse Project

Introduction

The establishment of a sustainable horse industry in accordance with international standards is well underway in the Province of Kermanshah, with the DNA sampling and micro-chipping of the Kurdish Horse which has permitted the international registration of one of the oldest pure breeds of horse in the world today. Using this as a focal point for the establishment of a sustainable horse industry has many merits in itself, but it does not address the broader issue of maintaining the industry and promoting its future development.

The industry is a multi faceted covering a wide range of disciplines from Breeding, Dressage, Endurance, Polo, Racing, Show Jumping, Showing, and Three Day Eventing. But it needs a home, a base to work from, and a show place for the rest of Iran and the Middle East to see and an establishment that the broader community can take pride in as being their own industry.

It also needs ethical, honest and open set of international rules and regulations that provide for the interests of all concerned, this is an area where governmental responsibilities need to be carefully reviewed and considered, and where penalties need to be applied and enforced to maintain credibility.

The Industry can create of itself sustainable long term benefits for Iran, both economically and socially, but it requires a disciplined dedicated driving force to create it, government support, and direction to maintain it, and the broader community to support it. This can be achieved in a number of ways, but primarily it will require recognition to enable it to demonstrate the potential.

Globally the horse industry is a vast and complex industry, its contributions to the economies of many countries is so important governments the world over spend massive amounts of money maintaining and protecting it.

Summary of the Kurdish Horse Project

The international registration and recognition of any breed of horse in the world today is a major international event, when you combine that with a country whose equestrian history is as well known throughout the world as Iran and you have a horse that represents one of the oldest pure breeds in the world today, then the significance is magnified substantially.

I feel privileged to have participated in a project of this nature, a project which given the opportunity can have an impact upon the horse industry both in Iran and globally.

Breed Registration and Country Designation (IKHC) (IRA)

Kurdish Horses registered anywhere in the world must under international law carry the International Kurdish Horse Company's designation **(IKHC) (IRA)**. This establishes the Stud Book of the international Kurdish Horse company of Iran as the Master Stud Book horses registered throughout the world must be entered into the Stud Book and be confirmed by the company.

The **(IRA)** designation lists the country of origin of the breed and is recognised internationally as Iran all horses must carry this designation to be registered; this was intentionally done to prevent Syria or Iraq from claiming origin or parentage concessions.

Compiled in accordance with Islamic and International Law

- Code of Practice for the Welfare of Horses
- Code of Practice for the Welfare of Horses at Race meetings
- Constitution of the International Kurdish Horse Company of Iran
- Judging Procedures and Protocols

- Prohibited Substances Rules and Regulations
- Racing Rules and Regulations
- Rules and Regulations for International Kurdish Horse Company of Iran
- Rules and Regulations for the Showing of Kurdish Horses
- Trackwork and Training Rules and Regulations

Conducted Meetings with Horse Owner's and Breeders

Throughout the program horse owner's and breeders were consulted and kept informed of the protocols and procedures necessary for international registration, this required numerous meetings but insured the overall integrity of the program.

DNA Protocols & Procedures

Australian Agricultural Resources Group Pty Ltd entered into a formal agreement with the Australian Stud Book and the Australian Equine Genetic Research Centre (Members of the international Stud Book committee) for the DNA testing of Kurdish Horses in Iran.

Our company formulated and developed internationally acceptable procedures and protocols for:

- Australian Government Approval for Acceptance of Biological Materials
- Eligibility of horses to be tested
- Iran Government Approval for Shipping of Biological Materials
- Sampling and Micro-Chipping
- Shipment of Samples
- Storage of Samples
- Veterinary Procedures and Protocols

International Accreditation and Recognition

Australian Agricultural Resources Group Pty Ltd has been in contact with and held meetings with equestrian organisation from around the world to ensure that the international registration of one of the oldest pure breeds of horse in the world today was recognised and attributed to Iran.

We have developed accreditation and affiliations with over 185 equestrian organisations from around the world and stand ready to proceed to the next stage of international events and the creation of an export industry.

International Standards Accreditation (I.S.O)

Throughout the program all procedures and protocols used were in strict accordance with I.S.O requirements, the program carries full I.S.O accreditation as evidenced by letters attached.

Modern Interactive Website

Modern interactive websites were established by our company both to promote the breed and assist those interested in obtaining details of the program. www.kurdishhorse.org

Registered International Kurdish Horse Company of Iran

Registered in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Islamic Republic of Iran the "International Kurdish Horse Company of Iran" (Kermanshah). The board and members of the company being horses breeders and owners residing in the Province of Kermanshah Iran.

Registered International Kurdish Horse Company of Iraq

In an effort to prevent interference in the program by other entities the international Kurdish Horse Company was registered inclusive of the website www.kurdishhorse.net

Registration of Trademark TM® and Copyright ©

Registered internationally the name "International Kurdish Horse Company" logo and associated rights and reservations as displayed on the website www.kurdishhorse.org

Tourism Marketing Program

Developed a tourism marketing program initially for the Province of Kermanshah but expanded to include other venues or areas throughout Iran