



Australian Stock Horse
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HELMSMAN AUCTION - Stallion Service 2008

AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

21st – 23rd November 2008 – White Park, Scone, NSW

Funds raised from the Helmsman Auction will go towards the prizemoney and running expenses of the Australian Stock Horse Championships.

THE BENEFITS

- A Helmsman Auction is a buyer friendly system that provides an opportunity for interested persons to purchase a service or services at market value without the pressure of a public auction.
- Bidders can place bids of their choice on any service, irrespective of order and the Helmsman Auction provides plenty of time to assess each stallion and time to place your bid.
- There is no pressure to place another bid and you may bid on more than one service at a time. You can regularly check whether your bid still stands or has been overbid. The system is quite flexible and provides purchasers with time to consider another service if a bid has gone beyond their limit.
- All horses will be **advertised on The Australian Stock Horse Society Website** (www.ashs.com.au), Helmsman Page, Service Catalogue for the bidding period. The standard advertisement for all stallions will include a photograph of the stallion, region standing at stud, type of service offered (natural, artificial or both), breeding and editorial about the sire and/or his progeny. The advertisement will also include the last registered bid and the Bidder's Identification Number.
- All nominated stallions will be **promoted and displayed at the Australian Stock Horse Championships** on 21st – 23rd November 2008 at White Park, Scone, NSW.
- **Nominated stallions and/or progeny may be paraded** (maximum of two horses) prior to one of the major finals – day and time to be announced.
- Once the **first bid has been recorded** for a stallion, the registered stallion owner's membership (donating the service) will receive a **free membership for 2009**; or if already financial, a voucher to the value of a 2009 membership.
- Stallion owners will receive a **Breeders' Directory size colour advertisement** on the Helmsman Auction page of the November/December 2008 edition of the Australian Stock Horse Journal – **Free of Charge**.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SERVICE

- The service must be taken prior to 31st May 2010, otherwise the service will be null and void and no refund will be offered.
- Mares may be served a maximum of two cycles and any additional returns must be negotiated between the stallion owner and purchaser. Stallion owners are not obligated to provide further free returns or live foal guarantees for difficult breeders.
- In the event of the mare aborting the foal or the foal being stillborn, any returns must be negotiated between the service provider and purchaser.
- The mare owner is responsible for ensuring that the mare is free of any contagious diseases and is in normal breeding condition. The mare owner agrees to abide by any delivery conditions imposed by the stallion owner.

- Transportation of the mare to and from the premises where the stallion is standing is the responsibility of the purchaser.
- Stallion owners will provide a maximum of two weeks' free agistment, and any mare remaining at the property where the stallion is standing beyond 14 days will incur agistment fees at a rate negotiated with the stallion owner.
- Stallion owners at time of service must be financial Members of The Australian Stock Horse Society and the stallion must be Sire Registered and DNA Recorded with The Australian Stock Horse Society at time of nomination.
- During the auction period, the stallion owner may opt to purchase the service and pay the purchase price rather than take an outside mare.
- If the stallion dies, is gelded, becomes infertile or unfit for service prior to the service being taken, The Australian Stock Horse Society will refund the full purchase price upon written request and confirmation from the stallion owner.
- If the stallion owner dies, goes into liquidation, is not contactable prior to the service being taken, The Australian Stock Horse Society will refund the purchase price upon written request, following an investigation to confirm the circumstances.
- If the stallion is sold prior to the service being taken, the stallion owner is liable to refund the purchaser with the purchase price, or ensure that the new owner of the stallion guarantees the service under the same conditions.
- If the stallion is standing in a different location to that originally advertised (due to the stallion being sold or the premises being sold) and the new location remains within 500km of the advertised location - one way, direct route, the purchaser will remain responsible for transport of the mare. In the event that the stallion is standing in excess of 500km from the advertised location, the stallion owner and mare owner would need to negotiate a shared agreement for the transport costs in excess of the 500km.
- Services may be offered as natural, artificial insemination or both. The type of service offered must be clearly indicated on the stallion's advertisement, including the general area where the owner will be standing the stallion.
- In the event that semen is offered, the stallion owner will determine the number of semen straws provided to enable the mare to be inseminated for two cycles. Any foals resulting from artificial insemination will be required to be DNA tested and sire verified prior to being eligible for ASH registration.
- The Australian Stock Horse Society accepts no responsibility for any accident, disease, death or injury to any horse and the stallion owner and the mare owner each indemnify and shall keep indemnified the Society against any claim, action, loss or liability which may be made against or incurred by the Society arising directly or indirectly in relation to the respective service.
- The stallion owner is authorised to engage a veterinarian at the mare owner's expense to perform any service or treatment, as the stallion owner or senior employee of the stallion owner considers necessary and reasonable, at their absolute discretion.
- The mare owner on collection of the mare from the premises where the stallion is standing must pay any outstanding veterinarian and/or agistment fees.
- The stallion owner has the right to request that the mare owner is to have the mare pregnancy tested within 60 days at the mare owner's expense.
- In relation to matters that may need to be negotiated between the stallion owner and mare owner, the Society will not be involved in the negotiation of these matters or any disputes that may arise in relation to them.
- Horse information is based on details provided to The Australian Stock Horse Society by Members for the purpose of the Society's record keeping. Whilst exercising due care, the Society is unable to guarantee the accuracy or authenticity of such information and cannot accept any responsibility for reliance by any person upon any of the information.

CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

- Bidding details must be lodged with The Australian Stock Horse Society Head Office on the appropriate form. Upon receipt of the form, purchasers will be given a Bidder's Identification Number (BIN) and Password. Bid Registration is Free of Charge.
- Once the Auction commences, all advertised services are on the market simultaneously. Registered bidders may place a bid at any time in accordance with the Conditions for Bidding.
- Any bid submitted must include the Bidder's Identification Number (BIN), Password and telephone number (BH).
- The Auction of services will commence on 15th July 2008 and will close on 23rd November 2008.
- Bidding for any service will commence at \$500.00. Bid increments may vary with a minimum bid increment of \$10.00. There is no limit on the size of the bid.
- Bids may be placed with the ASH Head Office – Auction Co-Ordinators (Teresa, Amanda or Cecilia) either in person, by telephone (02 6545 1122), or by email (journal@ashs.com.au) until 4.00pm on 20th November 2008. Registered bids will be updated weekly on the Society's Website from 15th July 2008 to 1st November 2008. From 1st – 20th November 2008, registered bids will be updated daily.
- From 21st – 23rd November 2008, bids may be placed in person at the Australian Stock Horse Championships Event Office. Such bids must be registered with the Event Office between 9.30am and 2.00pm. Bids will be displayed on the Auction Board near the Australian Stock Horse Championships Event Office at White Park, Scone NSW 2337.
- If unable to attend the Championships, bidders may make arrangements with Head Office – Auction Co-ordinators prior to 4.00pm on 20th November 2008 to check the current bid and/or place bids on the closing day of the auction (23rd November 2008) after 11.00pm.
- Whilst all efforts will be made to ensure that the bids are updated, neither the Society nor the stallion owner can accept responsibility for equipment failure.
- Bids will be recorded and displayed with the Bidder's Identification Number (BIN). A bid once submitted and accepted cannot be retracted and the bidder will be responsible for the bid until it has been overbid.
- Bids will remain open until 2.15pm on 23rd November 2008. If a bid has been registered in the last 15 minutes for a particular service, an auction time extension of two minutes will occur. Any further bids will also extend the auction time for another two minutes until no bid has been received for that particular service. If the selling time extends to beyond 2.30pm, the extension time may be shortened to 30 seconds to speed up the conclusion of the Auction. The Auction will conclude when no further bids have been received within the allotted time. The winner is the bidder registering the highest bid for that service at the conclusion of the Auction.
- The successful purchaser is required to honour his/her bid, in full, within 30 days of the event by forwarding payment to The Australian Stock Horse Society, PO Box 288, Scone NSW 2337. Late payment of purchase money, after 30 days, will attract interest of 10% from due date to the actual date of payment. After 60 days, the bid will become invalid and the Society may offer the service to another bidder.
- In the event of any dispute arising between bidders, such dispute shall be dealt with in such a manner as the General Manager of The Australian Stock Horse Society in his/her absolute discretion will determine.
- The Australian Stock Horse Society without prejudice will regulate bidding and may refuse to accept any bid without assigning a reason.
- Bids are GST exclusive and that GST will be added to the purchase price.