



Australian Stock Horse
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BRAND SEARCH

HOW TO TRACE A HORSE'S IDENTITY

With any horse of unknown parentage, we would recommend the following avenues to trace the horse's identity:

- **PREVIOUS OWNER** - Contact the person from whom you purchased the horse and/or any other past owner/s to establish the horse's bloodlines.
- **MICROCHIP** – Visit your local veterinarian to see if your horse has been microchipped. If microchipped, the Australasian Animal Registry (www.aar.org.au), Central Animal Records (www.car.com.au), or the like may have records. The Australian Stock Horse Society does NOT presently have a search facility for microchips.
- **BRAND REGISTRIES** – Contact the Department of Agriculture in your state and/or other states to locate the owner of the brand and their contact details. You would need to contact the person to find out further information on the horse's age and pedigree. A contact list are provided below.
- **DNA TESTING** - DNA testing is NOT able to determine a horse's breed or bloodlines.

When you have the horse's details (name, sire, dam, sex, foaling date and the like), search the Society's Online Stud Book (www.ashs.com.au) to locate the horse's registration details, or contact our office. Once the registration has been identified, contact the Society for advice on transfer of ownership.

All Registered Australian Stock Horses are required to be branded with a Stock Brand, Identification Number and a Year Number. If a horse is not branded, the horse would NOT be ASH registered. If a horse has been branded with a personalised stock brand (NOT a Registered Stock Brand), the brand will not be able to be traced and is only regarded as an acquired identification marking and you would need to obtain on information from past owners.

REGISTRY OF BRANDS and/or STATE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE contacts:

Australia Stud Book Thoroughbred Brand Register – www.studbook.org.au

Phone: 02 9663 8411

New South Wales – Local Land Services – www.lls.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 1300 795 299 or visit the website to locate your closest office.

Australian Capital Territory – Rural Resource Protection Unit

Phone: 02 6207 2264 or 02 6207 5176

Queensland – Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – www.daff.qld.gov.au

Registrar of Brands – 132 523 or visit the website to locate your closest office.

Northern Territory – Department of Primary Industry & Fisheries – www.nt.gov.au

Livestock Identifications Administrator – 08 8999 2033

Western Australia – Department of Agriculture and Food – agric.wa.gov.au

Brands Office – 08 9780 6207

South Australia – Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA – www.pir.sa.gov.au

Registrar of Brands – 08 8207 7890

Victoria – Does not have a brand registry and has no facility to locate the owner of a stock brand.

Tasmania – Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment – www.dpiw.tas.gov.au

Registrar of Animal Brands – 03 6165 3240

Complete ASH Rules & Regulations are available on the Society's Website