

## SUFFOLK HORSE SOCIETY GRANTS FOR 2024

Detailed below are the grants offered by the Suffolk Horse Society in 2024. These grants operate alongside the HBLB code of practice, and with due regard to SPARKS 2024 which has been set up to promote the genetic health of the Suffolk horse population.

Grants and premiums are only payable to horses owned by fully paid-up members of the SHS. Only horses registered with the Suffolk Horse Society are eligible for grants.

Payment of grants and premiums is at the discretion of the Suffolk Horse Society Council.

The Society reserves the right to withdraw or alter the terms of these grants at any time. The Society is extremely grateful to the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB) and to all supporters who have helped to raise money for the Society, thus enabling it to offer breeding grants for 2024.

### Stallion Grants:

**Stallion - Listing Grant £300.00 for entering a UK registered, licensed stallion on the List of Stallions Standing at Stud until 31st July 2024.**

Condition:

1. Stallion owner/manager to provide the Society with a copy of the current negative BEVA Laboratory Certificate, 2024 Season swab certificate. Please request your vet to collect a standard set of stallion swabs as per the International (HBLB) Codes of Practice 2024 recommendations. (<https://codes.hblb.org.uk/downloads/2024/CEM.pdf>) that are submitted to a BEVA approved laboratory for bacterial culture or PCR testing. (Swab certificates must be sent to the SHS office before the first covering of the season (2024). Grants will not be paid out without evidence of the swab). If a stallion is licenced mid-season the Stallion Listing Grant will be paid the following season. A stallion listing grant is only available when a stallion is listed for a full covering season.
2. The stallion owner/manager must also supply up-to-date contact details, plus information and a photograph of their stallion for publication in the Suffolk Horse Magazine, on the Society's website and in the Stallion Booklet. Failure to comply will result in the SHS not paying the grant. Note: A stallion that has already sired more than 10 breeding progenies (fillies or licenced colts) is eligible only to a reduced grant of £175.00 A stallion siring over 30 offspring will not be eligible for further grants (as calculated at the start of the year ie January 1st).

### Stallion – Offspring Reported Births Grant or Foetus (over 120 days)

The Society will pay out the following grants when a foal is registered (Based on SPARKS individual mare sheets at the beginning of 2024 covering season – 1st February 2024 as can be subject to change).

Green Mating	Yellow Mating	Orange Mating	Red Mating
£100	£70	£50	£0

Condition:

1. The owner of the dam must report the birth of foal/ or aborted foetus to the SHS within seven (7) days of it occurring. (Confirmation must be given in writing/email to the SHS office) (Confirmation must be received from a veterinary surgeon to the SHS

to confirm the foetus was over 120 days gestation, (The SHS will pay up to £300 for a post mortem) The SHS will not pay out a grant without confirmation – a copy of a veterinary report is required).

2. The grant will be paid for each live, still-born foal or aborted visible/recovered foetus (older than 120 days gestation).
3. The grant will also be payable if the mare dies and is shown to be in-foal by a veterinary surgeon's post-mortem.
4. These events should be reported to the SHS office within seven (7) days of them occurring. (Confirmation must be given in writing to the SHS office).

### **Stallion – Covering Travel Grant**

Available to stallion owners for expenses incurred in travelling a UK registered, licensed Suffolk stallion to a registered Suffolk mare for a natural covering. Payable at £1.00 per mile for the round trip, excluding the first 50 miles, and not exceeding the amount of £200 per journey for UK registered, licensed stallions. One visit per mare. No travel grant will be given to a stallion travelling to a Red mating.

Condition:

1. Owners wishing to claim a stallion travel grant must complete the 'Stallion and Mare Travel Grant Application Form' and return to the SHS by post. The Application Form details the date of the journey, the postcodes of the home stable and the destination, the name and registration number of the mare, the owner of the mare and the distance travelled. Claims must be received by 1st October 2024 at the latest.

### **Stallion – Licensing Grant (please refer to the 'Conditions of Stallion Licensing' document)**

A SHS stallion licence is carried out by the SHS inspection team and comprises of a SHS recommended veterinary surgeon and two SHS Inspectors.

- £250.00 payable to the owner of a successfully licensed colt following presentation for inspection.
- £150 payable if a licence is failed or deferred. If the colt is reinspected and issued with a Stallion Licence the remaining £100.00 will be paid.

### **Colts whose inbreeding co-efficient exceeds 0.125 may be put forward to be licensed but will not be eligible for grant funding (ie licensing grant).**

Condition:

1. Animals achieving licence must be offered for service for a minimum of six months from the licence issue date. **If licenced in the autumn, the stallion must stand for the next year's covering season.**
2. If a stallion is licenced mid-season the Stallion Listing Grant will be paid the following season. A Stallion Listing Grant is only available when a stallion is listed for a full covering season and a swab is provided.
3. Once the Stallion Licence Application Form has been received in the SHS office, the Stallion Inspection must be carried out within 6 weeks. If the Licence is not carried out during this time the stallion owner may be eligible for costs associated with the licence inspection.
4. The Colt owner must complete the 'Stallion Licence Application Form – Addendum 14j' failure to complete this correctly could result in the Colt failing inspection and the Colt owner may be eligible for costs associated with the licence Inspection.
5. Colts are not eligible for Show Grants or points for trophies until they are successfully licensed.
6. If a Stallion Licence is deferred, the second inspection will need to be carried out at a venue of the Suffolk Horse Society's choice.

7. Copy of appeal is in Conditions of Entry (Item 12)

### **Mare Grants:**

#### **Mare - Swabbing**

Genital swabs as recommended by the International (HBLB) Codes of Practice 2024 (<https://codes.hblb.org.uk/downloads/2024/Codes%20of%20Practice%202024.pdf>) are recommended. The Society will pay £50.00 towards the veterinary cost of swabbing your mare.

Condition:

1. A BEVA Laboratory Certificate, 2024 season mare swab certificate must be sent to the office by the 1st October 2024 as proof to validate payment.
2. If you received mare in-foal information from your vet please forward a copy of this to the SHS office . ('Mare In-Foal certificate – SHS Addendum 11o)

#### **Mare – Covering Grant**

Available to the owner of each mare covered or inseminated by an established UK registered, licensed Suffolk stallion.

Green Mating	Yellow Mating	Orange Mating	Red Mating
£100	£75	£50	£0

Condition:

1. Only 1 grant per mare per season. (Payable using SPARKS 2024 on last stallion covering of the season) No mare grants are available if you choose to use a stallion with over 30 offspring (as calculated at the start of the year ie January 1st).
2. INTERNATIONAL REGISTERED MARES.
  - a. All AA (ANGLO AMERICAN) mares, if covered by a registered licenced UK stallion, will be paid a grant of £25 for a covering regardless of their percentage purity and SPARKS colour classification.
  - b. AA (ANGLO AMERICAN) foals will qualify for a registration grant of £100.00 and a free passport if registered by 1st October 2024
  - c. Once an AA (ANGLO AMERICAN) mare has reached the stage of entry to the main Stud Book it should receive the same grants as a fully UK mare.
  - d. There will normally be no travelling fee for AA horses but a £50 swab fee may be given.

#### **Mare – Grant for lost Pregnancy**

The Society will pay £125 for the mare owner for an aborted or lost foal.

Conditions:

1. The owner of the dam must report the birth of foal to the Suffolk Horse Society within seven (7) days of it occurring.
2. The grant will be paid for each still-born foal or aborted recovered foetus older than 120 days of gestation. Confirmation must be received from a veterinary surgeon to the SHS to confirm the foetus was over 120 day gestation, (The SHS will pay up to £300 for a post mortem) Please note: The SHS will not pay out a grant without formal written confirmation).
3. The grant will also be payable if the mare dies and reported to be in-foal by a veterinary surgeon's post-mortem. This paperwork evidence must be received in the SHS office within one month of losing a foal/mare.

4. These events must be reported to the SHS office within seven (7) days of occurrence.

### **Foal Registration Grant**

To provide mare owners with a registered Suffolk Horse Society Passport. The grant is used to contribute towards veterinary costs associated with providing a passport. The SHS pays for blood samples for parentage verification. The SHS member must send the blood sample to Weatherbys and the SHS will receive confirmation of parentage from Weatherbys directly.

Mare owners must apply by completing all foal registration paperwork to register foals before 1st October 2024 to obtain a Foal Registration Grant in 2024. (SHS Paperwork Addendum 12d, 12e & 12f) (Any paperwork received after 1st October 2024 could result in no Foal Registration Grant being allocated).

Green Mating	Yellow Mating	Orange Mating	Red Mating
£300	£200	£100	£0

The SHS will provide an equine passport free of charge as per UK legislation (Defra) all horses in the UK require an equine passport. A foal must have a passport within six months of its birth or by 30th November of the year of its birth whichever is later.

If a Passport is issued more than 12 months after its birth it will be issued as a duplicate or replacement passport and the animal cannot be used for human consumption.. A duplicate or replacement passport will be charged at £50.00 to the mare owner from the Suffolk Horse Society.

#### Conditions:

1. The owner of the dam of each foal is required to report the birth of the foal to the SHS within seven (7) days of it occurring.
2. Upon notification of each live birth the office will send a registration and identification form to the mare owner for completion by the owner and their nominated veterinary surgeon. The completed foal registration and identification form must be returned to the office before 1st October 2024. The document will be incorporated into the equine passport. Any paperwork received after this time could result in no foal registration grant being allocated.
3. The owner of the dam of each foal must provide the Society with a covering certificate for each foal to be registered. Covering certificates are mandatory under UK legislation (Defra).
4. The foal must be micro-chipped. (Please note under UK legislation [Defra] micro-chipping is mandatory for all horses issued with a new passport since 30th June 2009.)
5. A blood sample from the foal must be provided and sent to Weatherbys Scientific, Ireland, for parentage verification. SHS paperwork Addendum 12f.
6. If parentage cannot be verified by Weatherbys then the foal will not be eligible to be included within the main section of the SHS stud book.
7. To receive the free passport the owner of the Suffolk foal must be a fully paid up member of the Suffolk Horse Society (Please contact the office for details of membership and associated costs).
8. The Suffolk Horse Society reserves the right to publish any/all animal information which is included within the grant application.
9. The Suffolk Horse Society strongly recommends that all horses are immunized against Equine Influenza and tetanus. We strongly recommend that all foals are given tetanus anti-toxin (Tetanus toxoid), preferably within 24 hours after birth to

provide initial protection before a full immunization program against Equine Influenza and tetanus starts at 6 months of age. Veterinary advice pertinent to each owner's horses should be sought for best management practices.

### **Mare – Covering Travel Grant**

Available to mare owners for expenses incurred in travelling long distances to a suitable stallion, for a natural covering Payable at £1.00 per mile for the round trip, excluding the first 50 miles on the outbound and inbound trip, and not exceeding the amount of £200 per journey. The travelling grant is predicated upon the journey, not the mare. Therefore, the mileage calculation is the same regardless of the number of mares being moved.

#### Condition

1. Owners wishing to claim a Mare Travel Grant **MUST** complete the Stallion and Mare Travel Grant Form to confirm the mileage incurred. Claims must be received by **1st October 2024 at the latest**. (Mileage claims are not part of the Suffolk Horse Society Covering Certificates therefore must be completed as a separate document, failure to provide this information could result in no travel grant payments).
2. Only 1 Covering Grant and one Travel Grant claim per mare, per covering season, will be applied.
3. No travel grant will be paid to a mare travelling to be covered by a Red mating. (**see SPARKS individual mare recommendations**) **nor paid to a mare travelling to a stallion that has sired over 30 offspring** (as calculated at the start of the year ie January 1st).
4. Owners wishing to claim a Mare Travel Grant must complete the 'Stallion and Mare Travel Grant Application Form' and return to the SHS by post by October 1st.

### **Mare – Semen Transport Grant**

**The SHS will pay £50.00 towards the transportation of fresh or chilled semen (not frozen).**

#### Condition:

1. One Semen Transport Grant per mare per season
2. This grant will only be paid out on receipt of Stallion & Mare covering certificate (addendum 11n) & AI Vet declaration form (Addendum 11m).
3. No Semen Transport Grant will be paid out on a Red mating.

### **Mare – Embryo Transfer Grant.**

**Please notify the Suffolk Horse Society if you wish to undertake Embryo Transfer with your mare.** With improved success rates in other breeds and a growth in demand, the Suffolk Horse Society has recognised the need to support owners who wish to pursue alternative breeding techniques when breeding from their registered Suffolk mare.

This grant will only be paid out if the Artificial Breeding Technique protocols as listed in the Suffolk Horse Stud Book are **strictly adhered to**.

The Embryo Transfer grant will be paid in two parts and will be paid in addition to the usual breeding grants available to the mare. Grants will be paid out at each stage if requested.

Part 1 £500.00 – mare going to stud for embryo transfer. The mare must undergo embryo flush with a viable embryo to qualify. One payment per year.

Part 2 £500.00 – If a foal is born live or dead (after 120 days gestation). Grants will only be paid to a green or yellow mating using SPARKS. Only two foals in one twelve month period from a mare can be registered.

Conditions:

1. The Embryo Transfer certificate paperwork must be completed and returned to the SHS Office no later than the 1st October 2024. **NO COVERING GRANT WILL BE PAID FOR ET WORK.**
2. Once a donor mare has been flushed, she is eligible for a single payment grant for one Natural Covering
3. The Travel grant will not be paid as it is included within the Embryo Transfer Grant.

### **Mare – Fertility problems**

Owners whose mares aged between 5 years and 14 years of age and have failed to conceive for two consecutive breeding seasons/years, are asked to contact the office. Upon presentation of a veterinary report the SHS will contribute up to £250 for veterinary examinations and treatments to investigate the causes of subfertility.

Mares over 14 years of age that have been covered but not produced a live foal will not get paid a covering grant. However, if the mare goes on to produce a foal then the SHS will 'back pay' the grant entitlement.

Conditions:

1. If a Mare has been to stud for two consecutive years and been COVERED ON MULTIPLE SEASONS but not conceived or has not produced a live foal, the Mare Fertility Investigation form must be completed to entitle mare owners to receive any further payments the following year.
2. Please complete the Mare Fertility Investigation form and return it to the SHS office by 1st October 2024.

### **Foal Post Mortem Grant**

The Suffolk Horse Society will pay up to £300.00 towards the cost of a post mortem (PM) examination by a veterinary surgeon for aborted or still-born foals. Please check with the Society for more details.

Conditions:

1. A veterinary post mortem pathology report must be lodged with the Society.

### **Suffolk Horse Society Grant Exclusions**

The SHS will not pay grants in respect of the following close kinship matings:

- Father covering daughter / daughter covered by father
- Son covering mother / mother covered by son
- Full brother covering full sister / full sister covered by full brother

## **DOCUMENTATION**

**ALL INFORMATION GIVEN TO THE SHS OFFICE FOR GRANTS MUST BE PROVIDED AS A HARD COPY, NOT E-MAIL, EVEN IF INFORMATION WAS CONFIRMED OVER THE TELEPHONE.**

**GRANTS WILL ONLY BE PAID OUT IF THE CORRECT PAPERWORK IS COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIMESCALES.**

**PLEASE NOTE: SEMEN TRANSPORT GRANT, OR A NATURAL COVERING TRANSPORT, ONLY ONE GRANT WILL BE PAID OUT PER MARE PER SEASON.**

**LATE DOCUMENTS**

**THE RETURN DATE FOR DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR GRANT CALCULATIONS IN ALL CATEGORIES AS SET OUT ABOVE IS 1ST OCTOBER 2024. OWNERS MAY FORFEIT THEIR GRANT IF THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK IS NOT RECEIVED BY THIS DATE.**

**If you have any questions regarding the grants, or wish for confirmation of the paperwork you need to complete, please contact the office for further advice. Failure to complete the correct paperwork may result in no grant payment being made.**