

## **PREPARING FOR A CTHS INSPECTION**

Paperwork: Much of this can/should be completed well in advance to save time and confusion  
Animals to be inspected must be registered.

CTHS registered horses:

The ORIGINAL PINK CERTIFICATE must be submitted to the Registrar either in advance or at the time of inspection. The marks and inspector's signatures will be entered and the certificate will be returned to you.

Transfer horses:

The CTHS Registrar will need a copy of the Original certificate( front & back to show ownership.) of Transfer (Arab, Thoroughbred, Arab-Trakehner or Thoroughbred-Trakehner) horses. Horses that have Trakehner breeding but are registered ATA, NATA or Sport Horse will, if they pass inspection, be registered CTHS.

If the Transfer horse has a CTHS Appendix certificate and it passes the inspection this certificate will be replaced by a CLRC certificate and a PINK CTHS Certificate of Breeding.

Stallions must be presented for inspection in an indoor arena.

Advance payment must be received by the CTHS office.

If the stallion passes inspection there is an additional fee to the advanced fee.

### **PRE-EVALUATION OF STUD COLTS:**

Colts under age 2 may be pre-evaluated at the owner's request. There is a fee for this. You must be a full CTHS member in good standing or pay the higher non-member fee.

### **DNA Typing:**

If your horse passes inspection & is not already DNA typed, you will be given the kit and be charged the cost of the kit

### **PREPARATION OF THE HORSE:**

Braiding & bridling are not required. However, the horse should handle well: ie. stand quietly to be measured: height, heart girth, cannon bone. It should also tolerate being shown in hand and being stood up in front of the judges.

The inspectors prefer to see horses unshod, but they should be properly trimmed (as this can affect their movement as well as their appearance). Groom your horse and have mane & tail trimmed if desired at a flattering length.

Mares with foals:

If at all possible have a handler for the foal~ both mare & foal should be comfortable with

separation. The inspectors can get a much better look at the mare if her foal is out of the way. They may, however, want to see the foal's movement as well.

#### Footing:

It is really important to show your animal on good level footing. An indoor arena is best. The area should be large enough so that the horse can move out in a straight line. It should be safe with no obstacles, no ice, deep mud, etc. As a fee will be charged per site visited, it may be worth your while to team up with someone near you who has good facilities. Other horses, barking dogs, yelling children are undesirable distractions to the horse & to the inspectors.

#### Handler:

Get in shape. Running with a well-moving horse can leave you breathless. Practise this ahead of time. Place yourself on the side of the horse away from the inspectors. They are going to judge the horse not you. The horse will be shown in hand at the walk and at the trot. The canter is always done at liberty. The horse will then be caught and stood up for the inspectors

#### Photographs:

For CTHS records & for publication we like to get GOOD photos. Select a good spot outdoors where your horse can be photographed to best advantage. Be very aware of backgrounds: a plain wall is good. Avoid poles, bars, etc. Again your horse should have some experience to handle this.

For very quiet horses or on very hot days a plastic bag or some other device will be useful to get the horse to look sharp with ears forward.

To sum up: the marks your horse gets will usually be with the horse for life. They will be given based on what the inspectors see on that day. Choose the footing, surroundings & handler with care. Feel free to ask questions on inspection day as well as before.