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# AUSTRALIAN MINIATURE DONKEY REGISTRY

# <u>Australian Miniature Donkey</u>

To be eligible for the Australian Miniature donkey section, donkeys must meet the criteria below:

- Mature height must not exceed 36" inches at 5 years of age
- For temporary foal registration 1 parent must be 36" or under and the other parent's height must not exceed 38" inches at 5 years of age

# Foundation Miniature Donkey

To be eligible for the Foundation Miniature donkey section, donkeys must meet the criteria below:

- Mature height must be over 36" inches and up to and including 38" inches at 5 years of age
- For temporary foal registration both parents must be 38" inches or under at 5 years of age

# Notes on the Australian and Foundation Miniature Donkey Sections

In response to the growing interest among some breeders of English/Irish donkeys in. Miniature donkeys, DABSA established a miniature donkey register in 2005 with two sections: Section A for 36" and under and Section B for 36.1-38".

The number of Miniature Donkeys in Australia was boosted with the establishment of the English Donkey Society of Australia -a small group of enthusiasts of the breed who had either imported English donkeys from England, Ireland or New Zealand, or who had first generation of the progeny of these donkeys. Thanks to the excellent registration system established at the time it is possible to trace some of the very first Miniature Donkeys, who are likely to be the foundation stock for many of the English/Irish and Australian Miniature donkeys in Australia today. Volume one of the Stud Book of the English Donkey Society of Australia, published in 1983, is a wonderfully useful research document, as many of the donkeys listed also have their heights recorded. The following donkeys were originally recorded as 9.2hh or under.

- Shamrock Shannon 9.2hh
- Shamrock Shaun 8.2hh
- Spanish Point Moneymoon 9.1hh
- Spanish Point Almond 8.2hh
- Taranganba Muldoon 8.2hh
- Shamrock Georgette 9.2hh
- Spanish Point Groundsel 9hh
- Spanish Point Lola 9hh
- Spanish Point Shilling 9hh
- Taranganba Griselda 9.1hh

### Requirements for Registration

To register a donkey in The Australian Miniature Donkey Registry

- You must be a member of the Donkey All Breeds Society of Australia Inc
- Register a Stud Name \$10.00.
- Registration Application form to be filled out (fully completed)
- Must be individually & permanently identified (i.e. micro chipped or branded as required)
- Service certificates required
- Optional photos 4 photos [2-identical sets] of each side, one side with face turned towards the camera].
- Vet certificate of soundness [including height information] on the DABSA form is required
  for all jacks before breeding [Jacks cannot be registered as Stud animals until the age of 2].
   Foals cannot be registered unless sire has vet certificate of soundness
- Donkeys will be temporary registered in each section until they reach maturity registrations will be cancelled if mature up dates are not received within 24 months of the date required.

### Mature Up-date

- Mature up-dates are required for Australian and Foundation donkeys at 5 years of age New photos are required and the temporary registration certificate must be forwarded to registrar
- Height must be taken by an independent person (acceptable by DABSA & using an acceptable measuring stick), such as a farrier, vet or pony club instructor.

The above application is a public statement and all care should be taken that honest and accurate measurements are recorded. As it is difficult to get absolute readings an average of several should be taken. A small allowance of fractions of inches difference is not unexpected and should not be seen as automatic disqualifications - rather advice should be sort from the registrar. DABSA reserves the right to measure any donkeys entered into DABSA sponsored donkey events (or at any other time). In the event that the donkey does not meet height or other requirements, it will be deregistered or transferred to another appropriate registry. This change of status will also reflect on all progeny.

As English/Irish Donkeys can increase in height until the age of five, in order to maintain the integrity of these sections of the Miniature Register, mature updates for Australian and Foundation donkeys will be at 5 years of age.

Reflecting the small number of Miniature Donkeys in Australia, the Foundation Miniature section currently accepts donkeys over 36 inches and up to 38 inches.

Oversized Australian Miniature donkeys will be transferred to the Foundation section if their mature height is over 36" inches and does not exceed 38" inches. Owners of oversized Foundation Miniature donkeys can choose to have the donkeys transferred into one of the other registers assuming they meet the criteria of that register.

At DABSA discretion the registry will record all known pedigree information including overseas registered animals and animals registered with other societies.

### Fees for Registration

Foals \$10.00Jennies \$20.00Jacks \$35.00Geldings \$10.00

If a jack is later gelded a refund of \$25.00 will be provided on receipt of gelding certificate

• Transfer \$5.00 responsibility of vendor

 Dual Reg \$5.00 if registered in any other Donkey all Breeds Society of Australia Inc registry.