

## Donkey All Breeds Society of Australia Inc.

### AMERICAN MINIATURE MEDITERRANEAN REGISTRY OF AUSTRALIA

A register of American Miniature Mediterranean Donkeys has been established for Miniature Donkeys born in, and imported from America, and their offspring. These Donkeys were originally imported into America in 1929, mostly from Sicily and Sardinia, with at least one from Ethiopia (Abyssinian), and the breed was further developed in America.

The purpose of this registry is to keep track of the original American imports and their offspring, to support breeders who wish to maintain these bloodlines. Between 1996-2007 seventeen American Miniature Mediterranean Donkeys were imported to Australia from America and from New Zealand (from American imported stock).

These Donkeys included:

'Riverside Sparky Magnito', 'Lil Bit of Magic', 'Happy Snookums', and 'Shania' from Ass-Pirin Acres. 'Millennium Special Angel', 'Millennium Romulus', 'Little Remus' and 'Country Music Cassanova' from Chateau. 'Lucky Penny', 'Juliet', 'Belle', 'Cupid' and 'Startrek' from Copperas Creek. 'Lil Half Pints Abner's Caesar', 'Hickory Hill Cocoa Bean' and 'Pygmy Acres Alice'.

All American Miniature Mediterranean Donkeys in Australia currently are descended from these original imported animals. This list will be updated as more American Miniature Mediterranean Donkeys are imported.

The DABSA Inc.'s American Miniature Mediterranean Donkey (AMMD) Registry of Australia will work with the American and New Zealand registries to acquire full generation pedigrees back to foundation stock in America, when pedigrees are available.

Some of the Donkeys have pedigrees of over 400 traceable recorded ancestors, going back to the original imports in 1929 from the Mediterranean to America by Robert Green, a New York stockbroker with a farm in New Jersey.

This information is vital for improving the breed and avoiding inadvertent inbreeding. It is therefore also most important that all new foals are registered to record their lineage for future years.

An official Breed Standard from the National Miniature Donkey Association of America can be viewed from our download bank.

The Breed Standard is intended to describe the breed and assist breeders in the selection of stock. This Standard is a working document that will evolve as the knowledge and understanding of the Miniature Donkey grows. In developing a Breed Standard the NMDA included a range of qualities that are necessary for the future integrity of the breed. Many breed organizations have attempted to reach an ideal animal with too much emphasis on only one quality or fad, such as size or colour. The results have been loss of function with reproductive, birthing, conformation and temperament problems. This Standard is meant to assist people interested in the stewardship of the Miniature Donkey, with the final purpose of passing on healthy, vigorous and fully functional animals for the generations that follow.

In the United States THE NATIONAL MINIATURE DONKEY ASSOCIATION is a non-profit, membership supported organisation established in 1990. The goals of the Association are to protect the Miniature Donkey breed, to educate owners and breeders on care and management, and to promote the breed. The official publication of the NMDA is the Asset, which is provided to members quarterly.

DABSA Inc will establish a Studbook for all eligible, (as deemed by DABSA Inc. register regulations), American Miniature Mediterranean Donkeys, and an appendix register for percentage crosses.

The DABSA Inc. Studbook and Partbred Register for American Miniature Mediterranean Donkeys will be open to any owner/breeder of American Miniature Mediterranean or part bred Donkeys who are financial members of DABSA Inc.

Eligibility to the American Miniature Mediterranean Registry will be automatic for any imported Donkeys who meet the criteria below, subject to any requirements set by DABSA also being satisfied such as membership, vet certificates/optional DNA recording /identification via brand, microchip, or as per any future requirement set by the committee. This includes:

- Any Miniature Mediterranean Donkeys born in and exported from USA, that have existing Miniature Donkey registration.
- Any Miniature Mediterranean Donkeys born in and exported from USA, or the progeny of two such parents who has other registration acceptable to the DABSA Committee.

There will be an Appendix Register for part bred American Miniature Mediterranean Donkeys, with 50% being the lowest percentage admitted. They shall be entered in the Register with the appropriate percentage % next to their name.

At some future time, if decided by the committee, the Studbook and Part Bred Register may be closed if deemed appropriate.

Any Donkey in either the Studbook, or Part Bred Register may be at any time inspected by the Committee, and if found substantially differing to height or conformation standards, have its registration cancelled or refused.

Studbook (100%) defined as:

- An American Miniature Mediterranean Jack or Jennet born in and exported from America, or the progeny of two such Donkeys, who have appropriate registration certificate;
- Progeny of a registered 87.5% AMMD and a registered 100% AMMD

Due to the limited gene pool of this breed in Australia at this time, and consistent with the American Miniature Mediterranean Donkey and the English and Irish Donkey Register of DABSA Inc., this register will allow up-grades from 50% to Studbook 100% status.

The part bred register has grades of 87.5%, 75% and 50%. To obtain a 50% Jennies must be 36" or under, and bred with 100% Jacks. The general principle is that to upgrade you need to use a 100% Jack or Jenny.

Any other percentage cross will yield the following grades:

50% + 100% = 75%  
50% + 87.5% = 50%  
50% + 75% = 50%  
75% + 100% = 87.5%  
75% + 87.5% = 75%  
75% + 75% = 75%  
87.5% + 100% = 100%  
87.5% + 87.5% = 87.5%

### Requirements:

To Register a Donkey in The American Miniature Mediterranean Studbook or Part bred Registry of Australia:

- ✓ You must be a member of the EIDSA All Breeds Register Inc.
- ✓ Register a Stud Name - \$10.00
- ✓ Application to Register form filled out
- ✓ Service certificates required
- ✓ Photos – [4] – [2 identical sets] of each side of the donkey. One side with face turned towards the camera.
- ✓ Vet certificate of soundness on the EIDSA form is required for all jacks before breeding
- A mature donkey 3 years of age and over must not exceed 36"

**Mature up-date at 3 years of age:**

New photos are required and registration certificate forwarded to registrar.  
Height must be taken by independent person, such as farrier, vet, pony club instructor, and must not exceed 36".

This 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 sought from registrar.

**Notes**

Oversized AMMD Donkeys will be registered as oversized, up to 38" for breeding purposes only. This will only be done if the Donkey has a Miniature pedigree, (meaning both parents must be 36" or under). An oversized Donkey will have an O in front of their registration number, and the amount they are oversized will appear on the certificate.

**Fees**

## Registration:

Jennies	\$20.00
Jacks	\$35.00
Geldings	\$10.00 – If 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 DABSA Inc. Register).