**Rules of procedure regarding breeding disputes**

Should there be any dispute over the pedigree of a horse registered in our studbook the complainant will be asked to follow our normal procedure to pay a deposit of £200 to IMHPS whilst an investigation is carried out into the alleged discrepancy.

The person responsible in giving the information to IMHPS at the time of applying for a passport should be aware that they may well have to prove by way of DNA testing that the disputed horse is what it is claimed to be.

Currently IMHPS is using the DNA Testing Laboratory in Cornwall to carry out such tests.

All expenses incurred must be met by the complainant and breeder.

Any member found to be deliberately falsifying their horse’s pedigree will immediately be banned from the Society.

Any issues once the pedigree has been resolved regarding a sale or purchase of same horse will be up to the two parties to sort out between themselves.  IMHPS will do all they can to assist but cannot be held responsible for erroneous actions of fraudulent breeders.  The seller is responsible for substantiating their records given to IMHPS.