



The Fell Pony Society of North America

Registered Overseas Branch of the Fell Pony Society (UK)

VETERINARY CERTIFICATION OF HEIGHT

This certificate must be completed by the examining veterinarian, and once completed it must be forwarded to FPSNA, Inc. via e-mail to awards@fpsna.org. For ponies competing in USDF All-Breeds, the certificate should be forwarded upon completion as ponies will not be eligible until height verification is received by FPSNA. For ponies competing only in PPA (and not All-Breeds), the certificate may be forwarded together with the year-end points and other PPA documentation.

The owner is required to declare if the animal has previously been submitted for measurement while in his/her ownership, or at any other time to his/her knowledge regardless of whether or not a certificate was issued. The owner is also required to present the FPS registration passport and any existing documentation (including previous height certificates) to the veterinarian at the time of measurement.

Measurement of the pony should be obtained using Joint Measurement Board (UK) guidelines <http://www.thejmbonline.co.uk/jmb%20measurement.htm>, other than for FPSNA/USEF purposes, measurements may be obtained with ponies shod (and a shoe allowance will be given), or pony may be measured unshod. The JMB guidelines include the following: The animal should be presented for measurement in a headcollar (halter) without a bit. The feet must be correctly prepared and balanced as for shoeing with the wall taken down level with the bearing edge of the sole. It must be properly positioned for measurement with the front legs parallel and perpendicular; the toes of the front feet should be in line, allowing not more than 1.5 cm (½ in) difference. Both hind-feet must be taking weight and as near perpendicular as possible; the toes of the hind feet should be not more than 15 cm (6 in) out of line with each other. The animal's head must be in its natural position in relation to its neck, positioned so that the eye is neither more than 8 cm (3in) below, nor more than 8 cm (3 in) above the highest point of the withers. The measurement must be taken at the highest point of the withers, (i.e. immediately above the spinous process of the 5th thoracic vertebra), which may be identified by palpation and if necessary marked before any measurements are made. **Measurements must be obtained with an accurate stick fitted with a spirit level. Two photographs MUST accompany the height certificate: 1. A photo to include the pony's full body, measuring stick held by vet at withers, & evidence of hard level surface; 2. A close-up photo of the height determined by the measuring stick, to include bubble at level and point of contact at withers.**

FPSNA regulations, which must be in compliance with both FPS and USEF, require that Fell Ponies are 14.0 HH (142.2 cm (or 56 inches)) or less, not including ½ inch (or 1.27 cm) allowance for shoes (if applicable). (USEF rule DR134 for pony measurement otherwise applies.) Note that ponies with a current valid USEF height certificate are NOT required to obtain this veterinary certification of height. This veterinary certificate is intended solely to meet the needs of those ponies competing in competitions without height restrictions, in which they may not have the opportunity to obtain a USEF height certificate. In these cases, this veterinary certificate will suffice for the purpose of FPSNA Awards ONLY, such as the USDF All-Breeds Awards (for which FPSNA requires certification of height). Note also that this certificate CANNOT otherwise substitute for the USEF Height Certificate (e.g., if the latter is required for any reason by USEF or USDF). All annual height certificates expire on December 31 in the year of measurement, unless the pony is at least 8 years old at the time of measurement (as per USEF DR134.) (N.B. For the purposes of measurement and competition, the age of a pony must be regarded as being one year old on 1st January in the year following foaling, two years old on the following 1st January and so on.)



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Type of Certificate – For the purpose of measurement as well as for any competition, the age is calculated from the 1st of January in the year of the pony's birth.

This pony is _____ years old.

- TEMPORARY:** Pony is less than 8 years old at the time of measurement
- PERMANENT:** Pony is at least 8 years old at time of measurement

I, _____, D.V.M./V.M.D., do hereby certify that I am a graduate veterinarian holding a current valid license to practice in the State/Province of _____, and that I have examined this day, the following registered Fell Pony and its accompanying Fell Pony Society registration passport.

Pony's Registered Name: _____

Microchip Number: _____ **FPS Registration #:** _____

Color: _____ **Markings:** _____

Name of Owner: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

The pony is shod unshod (*check one*). I have measured the pony (using JBM guidelines) on a suitable hard, flat, level surface (concrete or paved) and the height of the pony is: _____ cm (or) _____ inches.

I have examined the pony's FPS registration passport and verified that the animal presented to me for examination matches the identifying details contained within the passport, including age, color, markings, and microchip number.

Signature of Veterinarian

Examination Date

Veterinary Practice Stamp – REQUESTED

Clinic Name

Clinic Phone Number

Address, City, State, Zip Code

PHOTO 1: FULL BODY DURING MEASUREMENT

PHOTO 2: CLOSE UP DURING MEASUREMENT

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FOR FPSNA USE ONLY: Date Received: _____