



The Fell Pony Society of North America

Registered Overseas Branch of the Fell Pony Society (UK)

VETERINARY CERTIFICATION OF HEIGHT

The Height Certification and accompanying certificate must be completed by a veterinarian. Measurement of the pony should be obtained using Joint Measurement Board (JMB, UK) methods, and must include:

- **Measurements must be obtained with an accurate stick fitted with a spirit level. Height tape measurements are not acceptable.**
- **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.**
- **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**
- **The owner is required to present the FPS registration passport and any previous height certificates to the veterinarian at the time of measurement.**

Measurements may be obtained with ponies shod, and a shoe allowance will be given. Additional guidelines include:

- the pony should be presented for measurement in a 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.
- The pony must be properly positioned for measurement with the front legs parallel and perpendicular; the toes of the front feet should not be more than ½ inch out of line with each other.
- Both hind-feet must be taking weight and as near perpendicular as possible; the toes of the hind feet should not be more than 6 inches out of line with each other.
- The pony's head must be in its natural position in relation to its neck, positioned so that the eye is neither more than 3 inches below, or 3 inches above the highest point of the withers.

Complete JMB instructions can be found here, specifically #54-59: <https://thejmbonline.co.uk/measurements/>

FPSNA regulations, which are in compliance with both FPS and USEF regulations, require that Fell Ponies be 14.0 HH or less (142.2 cm/56 inches), not including ½ inch (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 a FPSNA Veterinary Certification of Height. Our veterinary certificate is intended solely to meet the needs of those ponies which may not have the opportunity to obtain a USEF height certificate. Note also that this certificate CANNOT substitute for the USEF Height Certificate, if the latter is required for any reason by USEF or USDF. FPSNA requires Height Certificates from ponies competing in FPSNA programs beginning with the pony's four-year-old year. Height certificates are considered temporary until a pony reaches at least the age of eight years, at which point the certificate can be considered permanent. All temporary height certificates expire on December 31 in the year of measurement. 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, etc. FPSNA reserves the right to request an updated height certificate from any age pony.

Email completed certificate and photographs to: info@fpsna.org



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Type of Certificate: For the purpose of measurement, as well as for any competition, the age is calculated from January 1st.

- TEMPORARY:** Pony is between 4-7 years old **PERMANENT:** Pony is 8 years or older

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:

Pony's Registered Name: _____

Year of Birth: _____ **FPS Registration #:** _____ **Color:** _____

Microchip #: _____ The pony is (check one) _____ shod _____ unshod.

I have measured the pony, using JBM guidelines, on a suitable hard, flat, level surface and the height of the pony is: _____ inches (OR) _____ centimeters.

- PHOTO 1: FULL BODY DURING MEASUREMENT** **PHOTO 2: CLOSE UP DURING MEASUREMENT**

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

Clinic Name

Clinic Phone Number

Veterinary Practice Stamp – REQUESTED

Street Address, City, State/Province, Zip Code

Owner's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State/Province:** _____ **Zip:** _____

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FOR FPSNA USE ONLY: Date Received: _____ Age of Pony: _____ Temp or Perm: _____