

What every stud breeder should know

All correspondence and enquiries must be addressed to *The Secretary, Boran Cattle Breeders Society of SA, Box 506, Bloemfontein 9300 Tel.: (051)448 9347*

Membership

Application for membership must be made on the prescribed form and submitted to the office together with your cheque in respect of the fees detailed on the form.

Your membership may be registered in any one of the following ways. You may join -

- As an individual member in your own name
- In partnership in which event the names and addresses of each partner must be submitted with each partner completing a partnership form.
- With a tradename ie as Grootrivier Boerdery but for your own account. The owner's personal details must also be provided.
- As a CC, company or Trust. The words CC Ltd or Pty Ltd must appear after the name of the CC or Company and correspondence to the office should be on an official letterhead displaying the name of the company or CC as well as the names of the directors. The VAT number must be provided as well as a copy of the company's registration certificate.
- As a Trust, in which case the documentation in respect of the registration of the trust must also be provided.

Herdname

In accordance with the Animal Improvement Act of 1998 each breeder must register a herdname, also known as a studname or prefix for the naming of pedigree livestock, which herdname is allocated by the Stud Book Association and no duplication with any members and breeds is allowed. The herdname should not exceed 18 characters.

A list of five or six words in order of preference must be completed on the form. The name of a town, city or post office is not allowed.

Registration of herd designation mark (HDM)

Herd designation marks are registered in respect of each breeder. These may be the same as the registered branding but it is not essential. These letters are registered for the relevant breeder's sole use to identify the animals bred by him or her. Animals bred by you are branded with your herd designation marks followed by the abbreviated year letter and the sequence number of the calf. For instance if your HDM are "AV" the first calf born in your herd in 2005 will be identified as AV 05 1, the next one AV 05 2 etc. Bull and heifer calves are identified in the sequence in which they are born and numbers are therefore never duplicated. The same is applicable to Appendix cows. They are marked in the same sequence as the SP calves and no Appendix calf may have the same number as an SP calf.

Council recommended that Appendix animals may also be branded with the A,

B or C whereby the relevant appendix section may be distinguished.

Prior to inspection all animals must be branded or tattooed with the breeder's herd designation mark.

Breeders receive an annual visit from the Society's inspectors and breeders are requested beforehand to indicate the number of animals that will be presented for inspection. This enables the inspectors to draw up an itinerary.

Intergis registration number

When your participation is approved by the SA Stud Book you will receive an Intergis member number. You must use this member number on all documents of animals that you purchase, breed and register.

List of animals in your possession

A list must be completed indicating all the details of all animals purchased and in respect of which you are already in possession of registration certificates. Should you not yet be in possession of the documentation of the animals purchased, the identification of such animals must also be submitted.

Society and Stud Book fees are revised on an annual basis. The entry fee is however a once off fee but all other applicable fees are revised annually. Both the Society's and the SA Stud Book's financial year commences on July 01 of each year. At the end of April the SA Stud Book will provide you with a list of animals which, according to their records are in your possession. You have time until the end of June to check such list and to effect the necessary corrections. You will thereafter receive the Stud Book's account for your annual member fees

and levy on the animals remaining on your list.

Use of bulls

To Breed Appendix A animal

Commercial cows x SP- or C-Boran bulls.

To Breed Appendix B animal

Appendix A cows x SP- or C-Boran bulls.

To Breed Appendix C animal

Appendix B cows x SP Boran Bulls

To Breed SP Borans

Appendix C cows x ONLY SP BORAN bulls

OR

SP Boran cows x Appendix C Boran bulls

Appendix A and B bulls are not inspected and are regarded as commercial bulls.

C- and SP-bulls must preferably be inspected from the age of 24 months.

All stud bulls must be DNS tested.

DNS profiles may be done at any one of the following laboratories:

Irene (P/Bag X2, Irene, 1675)

*Unistel (Suite 13, P/Bag X22,
Tygervalley, 7536)*

Multisire matings is accepted but the parentage of calves must be verified prior to registration.

Birth notifications

The births of all calves from Appendix A, B, C and SP cows must be submitted within 90 days of birth, irrespective of whether the calf was born dead or alive. Calves may be identified with ear tags until the permanent brand or tattoo is

effected. **Birth notification certificates** will be issued by SA Studbook.

Inspections

All Boran cattle has to be inspected, erespective of grading.

All animals must be inspected and approved between the age of 12 and 36 months in order to be eligible for registration, except in the case of imported animals where no age limit shall apply. During an inspection all young bulls or heifers of the same age and same performance tested group must be placed before the inspector simultaneously as a group. The inspectors are empowered to use their discretion in holding any particular animal over for inspection during their next visit in which case the maximum age referred to above shall not apply.

Appendix A female animals (Calves of Commercial cows x SP- or C-Boran bulls) must be inspected at the age of 15 months before it can be recorded. A first acceptance form containing the animal's details must be signed by the inspector and submitted to the office. Registration certificates will then be issued by SA Studbook.

An animal will be seen as an inspected animal if such animal has been branded on its shoulder with the Society's diamond brand mark.

After inspection, **registration certificates** will be issued by SA Studbook

Application for inspection should be done through the office.

Performance Testing

Performance testing is compulsory.

Persons who participate must record

1. Weaning weight 205 days + Dam weight.

Further information and application forms can be obtained from the local office of the ARC-LBD

tel no: 051-447 6176 or from the Director, P/Bag X2, IRENE, 1675.