



American Guinea Hog Association Registration/Transfer Procedures

As of March 1, 2009, the AGHA Registry is a closed registry. In a closed registry, the parents of future stock to be included in the registry must be registered. This ensures that the animals are an accurate representation of the breed. All animals registered are descended from the foundation stock. The registry will no longer accept outside animals without further DNA testing and at the Board of Directors' discretion.

In order to facilitate the registration process for its membership, the Board of Directors of the American Guinea Hog Association has updated the registration procedures as follows:

1. Litter Registration: It shall be the responsibility of the breeder to register his/her litter's **breeding stock** within 90 days of birth or prior to the sale of the first piglet from the litter, which ever occurs first. This form should be used when litter is from registered parents. The fee to register each litter is \$10. Litter registration will result in a permanent registration number being assigned to each hog for life. Failure to register the litter within this time frame will result in the breeder bearing the cost of individual registration at a fee of \$20 per animal. *No photographs required.* Unless requested at time of litter registration, individual registration certificates are not issued for animals being retained from a litter by the breeder. Should a breeder desire individual certificate(s), a fee of \$5 per certificate shall be mailed to the registrar either with the Litter Registration Application or any time after a permanent registration number is obtained for said animal(s). The fee covers the cost of processing and postage.

Please take the time to enter accurate litter information as well as specific markings on each piglet, if any are evident. If piglet is black, write black. If piglet has white points, please be specific as to the location and amount of white, i.e. pink spot between nostrils. The Litter Registration Form also requests additional information which is vital to tracking the health of the guinea hog population.

2. Hog Registration Application: This form shall be used when registering a hog with registered parentage that was not part of a permanently registered litter. The fee to register each hog is \$20.

3. Request for Registration from Unregistered Parentage: The owner or breeder is to complete this form for consideration for registration for any animal missing one or more registered parents. The registration application fee shall be \$40. This application is NOT a guarantee that this animal will be registered. DNA testing, cost to be borne by the owner, may be required at the AGHA Board of Directors' discretion. Registration fee will be refunded if this application is rejected.

Please attach a narrative of the history of this hog i.e., how and where you located it, whether or not you saw other hogs where this one came from, it's age, if known. Photos are required and must include full frontal & rear, side view, close up of head and all 4 feet.

4. Authorization to Transfer: The breeder should use an Authorization to Transfer for each hog sold from a registered litter that has not yet been issued an embossed registration certificate. The fee is \$10 per animal sold or otherwise transferred to a new owner. The Authorization for Transfer must have the individual hog's permanent registration number listed. An embossed registration certificate will be issued to the new owner.

5. Transfer of a Registered Hog – Upon transfer of any hog that has previously had an individual certificate issued, the seller must mail in the original embossed certificate with complete buyer information filled in at the bottom of the certificate, signed and dated by the seller. Under no circumstances will a new certificate be issued prior to receipt of the existing certificate by the Registrar. A fee of \$10 per animal sold or otherwise transferred to a new owner is due at that time regardless of the fee stated on the certificate. Upon receipt, an embossed registration certificate will be issued to the new owner in their name.

6. Deceased Hogs: The owner of any deceased hog that has a permanent registration number is required to return the original Registration Certificate to the AGHA within 30 days of death. Please note the date and cause of death on front of certificate, including butcher hogs. If no certificate exists beyond the litter certificate, please notify the Registrar by USPS or email.

Failure to fill in the forms properly or failure to include the proper fee will result in rejection of application(s).