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## INFORMATION REGARDING FOXHOUND REGISTRATIONS

A. **RULES.** The filing of breeding records on an annual basis with the Keeper of the Association's Stud Book is obligatory for all Registered and Recognized Hunts and is the responsibility of the Master. The records comprise: a) pedigrees for all hounds entered in the current year by each Hunt according to the instructions provided, and b) an annual Foxhound Kennel List.

B. **ELIGIBILITY.** American, Penn-Marydel, English, and Crossbred foxhounds and harriers are eligible for registration or *listing* in the Stud Book providing that they have a satisfactory three generation pedigree and that they are the property of the Hunt or of the Master and are a bona fide part of the hunting pack. See also paragraphs C and D.

Hounds belonging to non-member hunts are eligible for registration in the Foxhound Kennel Stud Book, provided they meet all registration requirements as outlined below. Non-member hunts must also pay an initial administration fee of \$250.00 in addition to the litter registration fee. Any other registration fees will be the same as for member hunts. This is only a registry for hounds. If a hound is registered in the MFHA Stud Book it may compete in MFHA hound shows "if" the show allows them to enter.

C. **HUNTING.** All foxhounds registered in the Foxhound Kennel Stud Book and all sires and dams in the first and second preceding generations must be acceptably certified as having hunted (or having been entered to) fox, coyote, bobcat, lion or drag.

D. **BREEDING.** All foxhounds registered in the Foxhound Kennel Stud Book and all sires and dams in the first and second preceding generations must be acceptably certified as having been bred by a person or organization primarily devoted to hunting fox, coyote, lion, bobcat or drag.

E. **REGISTRATION.** Pedigrees should be on the form provided by the Association and should be submitted (together with the annual hound list) after all hounds for the current year have been entered and before December 31st. **A Hunt that does not submit records by that date will be assessed \$100.00.** All hounds entered by each Hunt must be registered, listed, or recorded with the Stud Book office. A hound is "entered" on acceptable live quarry or drag; he is "registered" in the Stud Book.

F. **LISTING.** Foxhounds with pedigrees containing not more than one fault in the third generation (unknown sire or dam, unknown prefix or date of entry) will be *listed* in the Foxhound Kennel Stud Book, providing that all other requirements are met. The progeny will be eligible for registration in accordance with present rules regarding the registration of American, English, Penn-Marydel and Crossbred hounds.

G. **THE NAME** of an entered hound consists of three parts: the prefix or name of the Hunt that first entered the hound, the given name and the year of entry. The prefix and year of entry do not change when an entered hound is drafted from one pack to another. A hound is entered when he has been hunted on a regular and systematic basis. The name of an unentered hound consists only of the given name (with the name of the Hunt that owns it as a temporary prefix).

### FOXHOUND BREEDS

H. **AMERICAN, PENN-MARYDEL and ENGLISH FOXHOUNDS** are defined as having no more than one outcross in the fourth generation or, in the case of hounds with Crossbred ancestors in more than one line, not more than one sixteenth (1/16th) total outcross. (For English foxhounds entered before 1978, the previous 1/32nd outcross rule continues in effect).

I. All hounds registered under these outcross rulings as American, Penn-Marydel or English hounds will be regarded thereafter as pure American, Penn-Marydel or English Foxhounds in determining the breed of their progeny.

J. **CROSSBRED FOXHOUNDS** are foxhounds which do not qualify under the 1/16th outcross rule as either American or English foxhounds.

K. **PENN-MARYDEL LISTED FOXHOUNDS (PL)** are Penn-Marydel foxhounds that are 1/8th (12.5%) or less out cross and when bred to a pure PM their get are considered pure PM.

L. **The rules to determine Crossbred, American, Penn-Marydel Listed (PL) and pure Penn-Marydel (PM) are as follows:**

The Dumfriesshire crossbred (English crossbred) is determined by the Stud Book computer formula the same as other crossbreds. If hounds get have a percentage of English from the Dumfriesshire on both the sire and dam side that percentage is added together and then cut in half to determine the Breed Coefficient of the litter. When that percentage becomes 1/16 or less, the get are considered pure PM.

Because this is a change from the way Penn-Marydel Foxhounds, Inc.'s Registry determined a PM, there will be cases the MFHA PM Registry will conflict with the Penn-Marydel Foxhounds, Inc.'s Registry. In the MFHA PM Registry, depending on the percentages, hounds are Crossbred, American, PL or PM. A major change is that in the Penn-Marydel Foxhounds, Inc.'s Registry a pure PM bred to another hound was considered a Listed Penn-Marydel. In the Penn-Marydel Foxhounds, Inc.'s Registry, once the hound is four generations removed from the outcross, it is considered a Registered Penn-Marydel. A hound which is not four generations Removed from the outcross is considered a Listed Penn-Marydel by their Registry.

In the MFHA PM Registry a hound is not considered PL until it becomes 12.5% or less out cross (English or American) until it reaches 7% and then is considered pure PM.

What this means is if a pure PM hound was bred to a pure Dumfriesshire or English hound its get would be 50% PM and be registered Crossbred. If you bred that get to another pure bred PM its get would be 25% and be registered Crossbred, if you bred that get to a pure PM its get would be 12.5% and be registered as PL. If you bred that get to a pure PM the get would become pure PM.

The same formula is used for the American cross. If you bred a pure PM to an American hound their get is 50% PM so the hound would be registered American. If you bred that get to another pure PM its get would be 25% and registered American, if you bred that get to another pure PM the get would be 12.5% and be registered as PL. If you bred that get to a pure PM the result would become pure PM.

This can be a lot harder to determine because up to the date the MFHA started registering PM in its stud book (2008), all PM were registered as American hounds. It takes considerable research, study and verification of each pedigree to determine if a PM was American or actually a PM. It will be necessary to prove a hound, once registered in the MFHA stud book as American, was actually a PM before we can make a correction. There will be errors as some of these registrations are difficult to make a determination, however, they can easily be corrected once so determined.

M. **OUTCROSS.** Descendants of an outcross to another scenting breed (such as beagle, coon-hound, bloodhound) may be *listed* with the Keeper of the Stud Book providing that other requirements are met and providing that there is not more than one such non-foxhound outcross in the third generation or not more than 1/8th total outcross. The progeny may be eligible for registration in accordance with the 1/16th outcross rules regarding the registration of American, English, Crossbred and Penn-Marydel foxhounds.

### FOXHOUND KENNEL LIST

N. Masters of all Hunts are required to send the Keeper of the Stud Book a list of all hounds in their kennels each year. The list should be sent in (with pedigrees for the registration of the current year's entry) after the beginning of the regular fall hunting season and before December 31st. Printed hound lists such as published by many Hunts at the beginning of each season are acceptable.

O. **ENTERED HOUNDS.** The list should give the prefix (if different from the name of the Hunt submitting the list), name, year of entry and sex for each entered hound, sire and dam. It should be arranged chronologically by year of entry and by litters within each year. Within each litter the hounds should be alphabetically listed, first dogs, then bitches. If you wish to indicate the breed, use the letters A, E, C, PM or PL for American, English, Crossbred, Penn-Marydel or Penn-Marydel Listed.

P. **UNENTERED HOUNDS.** The list should show unentered hounds with their sires and dams under a separate heading. They may be listed individually or by litter. A litter may be described, for instance, as "unnamed litter" or "six puppies." It is useful to establish this breeding record since a year or more may elapse before a pedigree is sent to the Stud Book office.

### FORMS

Three generation pedigree and foxhound kennel list forms are available from the Association office or can be printed out from the website at [www.mfha.com](http://www.mfha.com). An assortment of forms will be sent to one Master of each Hunt during September of each year.

### STUD BOOKS

The Foxhound Kennel Stud Book of America began publication in 1909 and has been published annually since 1973. A list of available volumes and prices may be requested. The **MFHA Pedigree Database Search**, an online hound search program, is another source of approximately 80,000 hound registrations from 1956 to current.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THREE-GENERATION PEDIGREE

1. BRED BY. The owner or lessee of the dam at the time of breeding is the breeder. If not a Hunt, give full name and address (town and state).

2. PLACE OF BIRTH. If not at (or under the auspices of) a Hunt, give town and state.

3. DATE OF BIRTH. Give month, day and year. If exact date is unknown, give month or season and year.

4. BREED. Indicate American, English, Crossbred, Penn-Marydel or Penn-Marydel Listed. For purposes of the Stud Book, other strains of Foxhounds developed in the United States such as Walker and July are registered as American hounds. Before 2008 Penn-Marydel hounds (PM) were classified as American providing they had less than 1/16th outcross. Since 2008 PM hounds have been given breed recognition and have their own section in the Stud Book. The additional term Penn-Marydel Listed (PL) applies to Penn-Marydel hounds that are 12.5% or less out cross and when bred to a pure PM their get are considered pure PM. Cross-bred classification will be verified by the Keeper of the Stud Book in accordance with rules of the Association.

5. YEAR OF ENTRY. Give the year when the hound or littermates to be registered were first hunted on a regular and systematic basis, whether by you or by a previous owner. The year of entry is part of a hound's name and is usually, but not always, one year after the year of birth and does not change when an entered hound is drafted from one pack to another.

6. FROM WHO ACQUIRED. If you are NOT the breeder, give the name of the Hunt or the full name and address (town & state) of the person or kennels from whom the hound was acquired.

7. DATE WHEN ACQUIRED. If you are NOT the breeder, give the date when you acquired the hound. If the exact date is unknown, give the month or season and year.

8. NAME OF HOUND. If you are the breeder (or had possession of the dam at the time of whelping), list ALL living and drafted hounds of the litter in the second column. Give the name of your Hunt in the first column for EACH hound entered by you even if subsequently drafted. If you have drafted an unentered hound or puppy of this litter to another pack, give the name of that pack in the first column, Say "not yet entered" or "unnamed" in appropriate cases. If you are not the breeder, list only the hound or littermates entered by you.

9. ENTERED BY OR DRAFTED UNENTERED TO. For each hound listed, give the name of the HUNT or person that first hunted the hound on a regular and systematic basis. For an unentered hound of this litter drafted by you to another pack, give the name of that pack.

10. SEX. Indicate dog or bitch (D or B).

11. TATTOO. If tattooed, give numbers and letters marked on hound.

12. COMMENTS. This column is for your use on the copy that you retain for recording colors, vaccinations, walks, or dates of death. If, at the time of registration, you have drafted an entered hound of this litter to another hunt, give name of Hunt and date of draft in this column.

13. PEDIGREE. A satisfactory three-generation pedigree showing the prefix (name of Hunt or person that first hunted the hound on a regular and systematic basis), name, and year of entry for all sires and dams is required for registration. However, if the sire and dam are registered with the Association, the third generation need not be completed. A hound whose pedigree is incomplete may be eligible for *listing* in the Stud Book and its progeny will eventually be eligible for registration.

14. PENN-MARYDEL PEDIGREES: All pure bred Penn-Marydel (PM) hounds before 2008 were listed in the Stud Book as American Hounds. It is essential that three and even four generations, if possible, be provided for all PM and PL hound registration requests. Anything less than three generations will be returned and not registered. It is imperative that when filling out the pedigree form the requester report the determination of the hound's parents, grandparents and great grandparents exactly as they are listed in the MFHA Stud Book for 2008 and after. If in past Stud Books a hound was listed as an American Hound and was in fact a PM, it should be brought to the Keeper of the Stud Book's attention so a determination/correction can be made. If there is a conflict with the Penn-Marydel Stud Book of the Penn-Marydel Association, the MFHA determination takes precedent.

15. The VOLUME & PAGE are used by the Association office to identify the sire and dam in the stud book. If you supply the correct and full name of a sire or dam and of its sire and dam, the volume and page may not be necessary.

16. OUTSIDE SOURCES. If the sire or dam was not entered by a Registered or Recognized Hunt, or is not registered with the Association, or is owned by a private individual or kennels, a separate certificate on a special form may be required and is available from the Stud Book office.

17. OTHER STUD BOOKS. If the sire or dam is registered elsewhere, give name of Stud Book, registrant's name (kennels or individual), and number. The Association has an extensive file of the English FOXHOUND KENNEL STUD BOOK, of the INTERNATIONAL FOXHUNTERS STUD BOOK (IFSB) published by the CHASE magazine, and of the STANDARD FOXHOUND STUD BOOK (SFSB) published by The Hunter's Horn magazine and can cooperate in determining the pedigree of any hound registered in those Stud Books. A certificate of registration issued by another registry may be submitted and will not be returned, but kept in file.

18. CERTIFICATION. All pedigrees submitted for registration must be signed, dated, and the name of the Hunt must be given.

19. SIGNATURE. The pedigree should be signed by the Master. If the pedigree has been prepared by another person, it may be signed by him but should be countersigned by the Master.

20. NAME OF HUNT. Give the name of the Hunt submitting the pedigree.

21. DATE.

22. REGISTRATION FEE. There is a \$25.00 fee for the registration or listing of each pedigree. Upon registration, the Keeper of the Stud Book will return a confirmation sheet showing all registrations in the form in which they will be published together with a bill for the fee. The sheet should be checked for accuracy and agreement with your records.

23. CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION. The Keeper will, upon written request, issue a certificate of registration for a three or four generation pedigree under the seal of the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America for any eligible hound. Fee \$25.00 per certificate.