

CUMANN LUCHT CAPAILLÍNÍ CHONAMARA

**CONNEMARA
PONY BREEDERS
SOCIETY**



FILLY / MARE INSPECTION & CLASSIFICATION 2026

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING NOTES AND PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

The approved application form mare / filly Inspection and Classification may be completed online via www.cpbsonline.ie

Please see Appendix 5 of the CPBS Breeding Programme or the website for Scale of Fees.

The Lifetime Identification Document/Passport must be registered in the name of the applicant, otherwise the filly will not be inspected.

Where a filly has not been tested for HWSD previously, through the CPBS, a DNA sample will be taken for testing on the day by the attendant veterinarian. The fee for HWSD testing will be incurred by the owner and must be paid with application for classification fee to the CPBS.

Please read the Procedures and Conditions for Filly Inspections below.

A filly presented for inspection must be adequately trained, fit and clean to take part in all aspects of the inspection as specified in the Procedures and Conditions rules.

Inspection venues and dates will be posted on the website www.cpbs.ie

The closing date for submission of applications will be posted on the website

The CPBS reserve the right to terminate, postpone or re-arrange a scheduled Inspection for health and safety or other reasons at their discretion. In such case notice will be notice to all applicants, posted on CPBS website and social media and notice posted at venue

PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS

General

An Inspection Committee is appointed by the Society annually. This committee is responsible for the implementation of the Breed Standard. The purpose of inspections is to evaluate the performance of fillies in accordance with the breed standard and thereby for classification in the Studbook. Inspection results for individual fillies are maintained by the CPBS Office and recorded on the Society database. Inspection statistics for the current year are reported to CPBS members at the AGM and displayed on the website. Twice yearly inspections, in Spring and Autumn, take place at centres throughout the country.

Rules of Inspections

A breeder/owner does not have to be a member of the CPBS to have a filly inspected by the Society; however, a different scale of fees will apply: [CPBS Breeding Programme Appendix 5 Scale of Fees](#) at www.cpbs.ie

The Society will inspect fillies / mares from two years and over.

Owners/breeders must report to the inspection office with the Lifetime Identification Document/Passport on arrival at the inspection venue.

The inspection of each filly shall take into account the individual merits of the filly on the day of inspection.

Fillies must be presented for inspection in the natural state, i.e. with manes and tails not plaited. Fillies must be healthy, groomed, with hooves trimmed by a farrier. Fillies who present with tender feet, as a result of over pairing will not be inspected and will be deferred to a later date. It is recommended that fillies are prepared by a farrier no sooner than 14 days prior to the inspection.

Fillies may be presented in a bridle with a bit or a head collar. If they have a foal at foot, the foal must be on a lead and lead by an adult.

Markings shall not be obscured or altered in any way.

Should testing for HWSD be required, a hair sample will be taken on the day of inspection by the attendant veterinarian. The owner will be liable for the fee which will be payable to the CPBS. The classification will only be awarded once the HWSD has been resulted. The HWSD test result will be stamped on the passport and published with the linear profile results on the CPBS online database once resulted by Weatherby's Scientific.

In 2019 the inspection method known as linear profiling was introduced; see CPBS Breeding Programme Appendix 2: Linear Profiling, Appendix 4: Linear Profile Sheet and Section 8 at www.cpbs.ie.

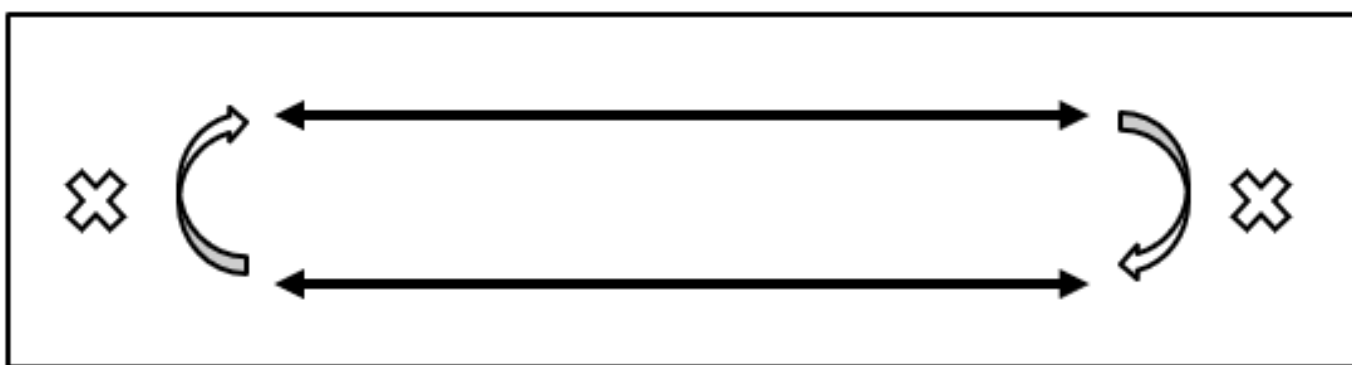
Two inspectors all trained and experienced in the method of linear profiling and scoring will participate at the inspections. A veterinary practitioner will also be in attendance and assess the filly for heart, eyes, skin and soundness.

Handlers should ensure they wear suitable attire with a view to safety. The CPBS accepts no responsibility for any accidents arising from the inspection.

Conformation Assessment/In Hand Gait Assessment on a Soft Surface

The filly will be required to stand for a visual inspection on a soft surface. The filly must be stood up with the off (right) side facing the inspectors. The handler should always lead from the near (left) side of the filly. The filly must be trained to show correctly. Upon request, the handler will walk the filly away from the first inspector and towards the second inspector, then present the filly for the second inspector. (as shown in Diagram A). The handler will then walk up and down between inspectors then repeat the process in trot.

Diagram A



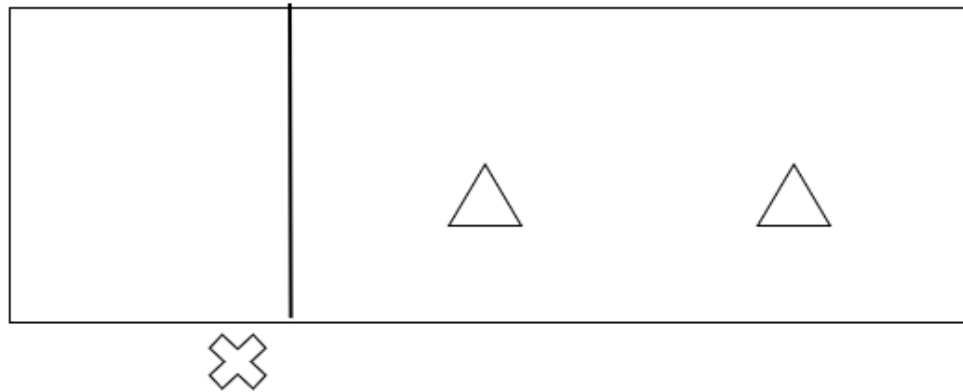
Fillies will have their transponder code (microchip) verified on the day of the inspection. If any discrepancy arises or if a code cannot be located, a sample for DNA comparison testing to verify parentage will be taken by the attendant veterinary practitioner. Owners/breeders will be liable for this cost. The classification will only be awarded once the DNA comparison has been resulted.

Fillies must be adequately trained and fit to take part in all aspects of the inspection including walking and trotting in hand, showing walk, trot and canter in loose area. Fillies who do not complete any aspect of the inspection will be deferred to a late date.

Fillies will be let loose in an enclosed arena to show free movement, **fillies must be able to be caught easily after this section.**

Fillies will be directed by two arena party trained staff, the inspectors will watch the filly trot and canter on both reins. The owner will remain outside the enclosed area during this time for safety at mark X. Inspectors will be in triangles. (As shown in Diagram B)

Diagram B



Fillies must be mannerly and fit to be handled by the veterinary practitioner appointed by the CPBS.

Mares / fillies eligible for either Class 1, 2 and Over Height before the visual inspection will undergo a veterinary examination. If the owner chooses not to have the filly inspected by the vet the filly will remain in Class 3. All fillies will be measured for height. All fillies will have their bone measured. They will also be checked for heart, eye, wind and soundness but not limited to just this, the vet can fail a filly/mare on this.

An owner may appeal a height measurement (see Appeals Procedure under Grievances and Complaints - <https://cpbs.ie/grievance-protocol-complaints-procedures-and-complaints-and-disciplinary-procedures>)

All fillies may be photographed at the inspection and these photographs can be used in Society publications, on the Society website and Society social media.

Classification, linear profile confirmed inspection results, HWSD status and height and bone measurement will be published in Society publications, on the Society website and on Society social media.

The decision of the inspection team and the marking sheet of the filly will be given to the owner on the day of the inspection. It is not permissible for any owner/breeder to enter into discussion or approach a member of the inspection team. The sub inspector or Chair of inspections can talk to any owner that has questions.

Fillies may be presented for possible reclassification at a later date. Reapplication for inspection is required.

The CPBS Safety Officer reserves the right to terminate an individual inspection for safety reasons.

The Vet reserves the right to terminate any individual filly's inspection due to animal welfare.