

HEREDITARY EQUINE REGIONAL DERMAL ASTHENIA (HERDA)

Western Bloodstock is aware of the condition known as HERDA. The American Quarter Horse Association has recently announced to its members that Cornell University has made known the availability of a test said to aid horse owners in making educated decisions about identifying and breeding carriers of HERDA.

AQHA'S CURRENT POSITION REGARDING HERDA TESTING

“At this time, the test has not been published nor peer reviewed. The Association is making the information available as a service to its members and no decisions regarding marking papers or documenting test results have been made nor will be made until the published work of the HERDA test has been properly evaluated and any potential impact to the breed can be reviewed by the appropriate committees and the board of directors. AQHA staff will continue to monitor the development of HERDA research, including the release of a test from the University of California at Davis, funded by the AQHA Equine Research Committee.”

WESTERN BLOODSTOCK'S POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING HERDA AS OF JUNE 10, 2007

When the AQHA, other official associations or federal or state government regulatory authorities identify and adopt a final protocol for HERDA testing and identification, Western Bloodstock will act accordingly and will make all results disclosed to it available in its sale catalogs.

In the meantime, Western Bloodstock expresses no opinion as to current available HERDA tests. Western Bloodstock urges sellers of horses that have been tested for HERDA to make those test results available to potential buyers in its Repository on the sale grounds. Western Bloodstock does not interpret or endorse any test result, and makes no covenant or warranty as to the accuracy thereof, and will not announce any such results from the auction block.

Western Bloodstock encourages and thanks all researchers and scientists working diligently to identify the gene(s) that can cause the condition of HERDA in horses.

NOTICE TO ALL POTENTIAL BUYERS

HERDA testing & identification are not to be considered limited warranties of sale at this time. Therefore, all potential buyers are cautioned by Western Bloodstock that all horses consigned to the sale are offered in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of Texas, including but not limited to the Texas Business and Commerce Code and Section 2.316(f) thereof providing that **THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS DO NOT APPLY TO THE SALE OR BARTER OF LIVESTOCK AND ITS UNBORN YOUNG.** All Transactions between owner, auctioneer and buyer, and any other matter involving this sale in any way, shall be governed by the laws of the state of Texas without reference to choice of law rules, as more fully stated in the Conditions Of Sale printed in this catalog.