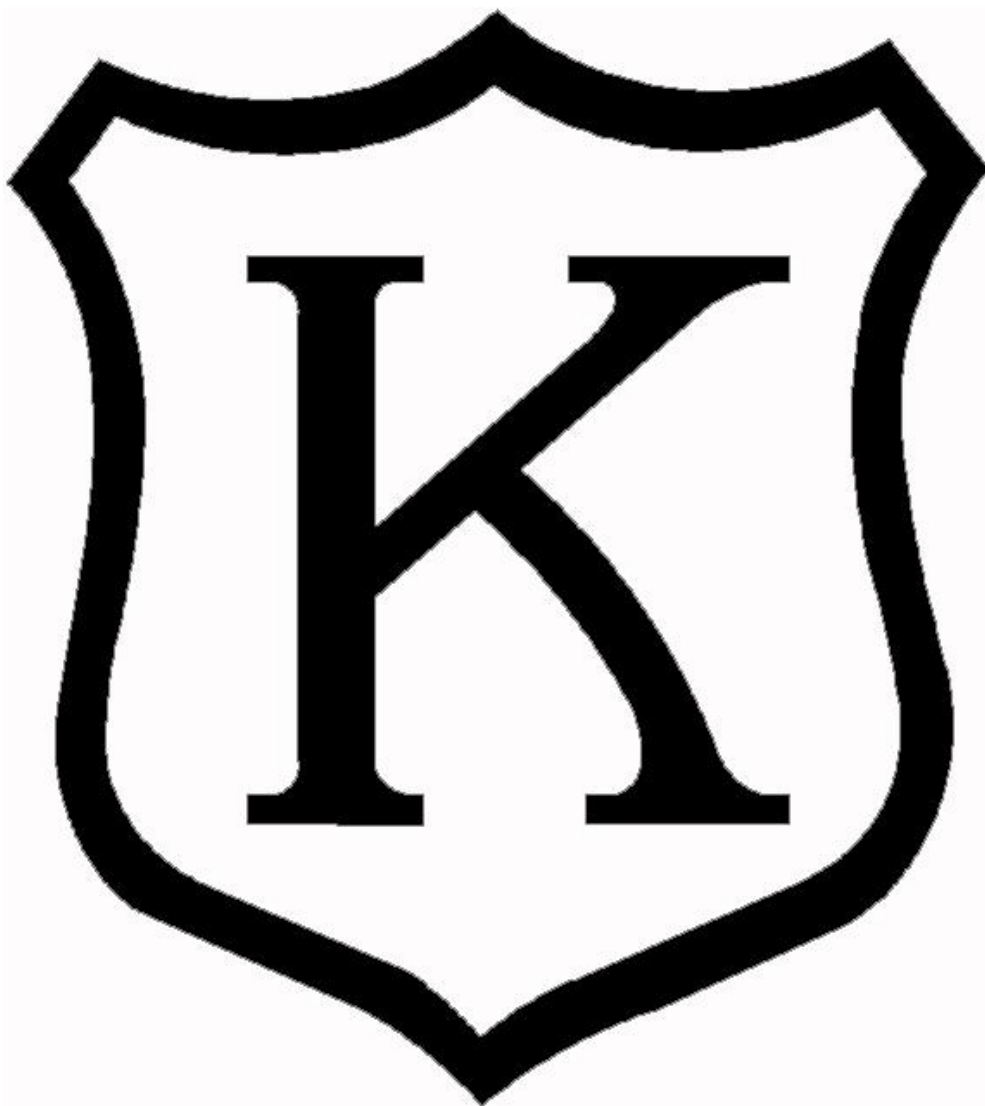


 Knabstrupperforeningen for Danmark



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## **CHAPTER 1 - THE SOCIETY'S NAME, DOMICILE AND PURPOSE**

### **§ 1 Name, Domicile, Logo and Organizational Relation**

1. The name of the Society is Knabstrupperforeningen for Danmark, and its physical location is at the current Chairman's address.
2. The Society's logo is a K surrounded by a shield. The logo is the Society's branding mark.
3. The Society's members are entitled to use the Society's logo. The logo is protected by copyright.
4. Knabstrupperforeningen for Danmark is affiliated to Landsudvalget for Heste, which has been founded by De Danske Landboforeninger and Dansk Familielandbrug.
5. Knabstrupperforeningen for Danmark is per 24th of September 1998 EU recognised by Fødevaredirektoratet (Danish DEFRA).
6. Knabstrupperforeningen for Danmark is EU recognised as the holder of the original stud book for Knabstruppers, cf. letter of 18.04.2002 from Fødevaredirektoratet.
7. Knabstrupperforeningen for Danmark cooperates with SEGES, Heste, who handels the practical side of stud book keeping and issues passports according to "Landsudvalget for Hestes Generelle Reglsæt for Stambogsføring".

### **§ 2 Purpose**

1. The Knabstrupper is an old Danish heritage breed. The Society's purpose is to preserve and promote the breeding of the Knabstrupper; in order to preserve and produce the spotted Knabstrupper according to standards agreed upon at the General Assembly. Promotion of this purpose will include the keeping of a stud book, organisation of gradings, registration, compulsory identity marking, progeny showings, publication of a magazine, home page, a sales list, research, cooperation and presentation at shows and similar events.

## **CHAPTER 2 – HORSE WELFARE**

### **§ 3 Horse welfare**

1. KNN requires that horse welfare be given high priority at the association's events.  
All horses presented must be in show condition – that is, in good feeding condition, sound and moving freely and well prepared for the task both physically and mentally. This also applies to broodmares that are not themselves being judged. Horses that do not meet these requirements cannot be presented or judged.  
All participants are expected to demonstrate good horsemanship and handle the horses with kindness, calmness, respect, and consistency. Poor horsemanship, abuse, mistreatment, aggression, violent handling, or similar behavior will not be tolerated.

## **CHAPTER 3 – THE SOCIETY'S MEMBERS**

### **§ 4 Members**

1. Anyone who is interested in the association's purpose can be admitted as a member.
2. There are 5 types of membership
  - Voting membership
  - Voting membership, family
  - Voting membership
  - Supporting membership
  - Membership of the Riders Club

The different types of membership cost different fees and give different rights:

Rights	Type of membership				
	Voting	Voting, family	Non-voting	Support	Riders Club
Present horses for inspection & grading	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entry onto the stallion list	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voting rights at the General Assembly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eligibility at the General Assembly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participate in member events & meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Receive the magazine, Knabstrupper News	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Receive the KNN-newsletter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to SEGES' database HesteData	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertise horses on KNN's website	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entry onto KNN's list of breeders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participate in KNN's Championship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Represent KNN in Shows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3. The membership is personal and by name and cannot be transferred to another person, however, associations and the like can be admitted as supporting members.
4. A family membership allows 2 adults and children under 18 years of age living at home to participate in the events of Knabstrupperforeningen for Danmark. The family membership is taken out by an adult of legal age and gives 1 vote at the General Assembly, 1 magazine and access to HesteData for 1 person.
5. Members can choose whether to receive the membership magazine in printed or electronic version. By choosing the latter option, the membership fee is reduced correspondingly to printing and postage costs.
6. All members, regardless of the type of membership, have the right to participate in the General Assembly, even if they do not have voting rights or are eligible for election.
7. Membership cannot be subscribed for less than 1 year at a time and always follows the calendar year. All members can change their membership at the turn of the year in connection with payment of dues. However, members can, against payment of the difference, upgrade to voting membership/family membership during the year.
8. Members must agree that data registered about the member's horse(s) can be used freely by Knabstrupperforeningen for fulfilment of the Society's purpose as well as its obligations in connection with its affiliation to Landsudvalget for Heste, Landskontoret for Heste and SEGES. Such permission cannot subsequently be rescinded even on departure from Knabstrupperforeningen.
9. Registration/entry in the stud book is not conditional on membership.
10. Notice of withdrawal must be given to the chairman or treasurer.

## § 5 Disputes, jury & exclusion

1. There must be no preference or discrimination between breeders.
2. Any disputes with breeders shall be settled by the Board of Directors, the Breeding Management and the Disciplinary Committee. If no solution can be found, the case shall be

brought before SEGES Innovation's independent appeals body: 'Appelinstans for disciplinærafgørelser truffet af hesteorganisationer' ('Appeals Body for Disciplinary Decisions Made by Horse Organizations').

3. Each year after the general meeting, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Disciplinary Committee consisting of five members and one alternate member. The majority of the committee is appointed from among the members of the Board of Directors and Breeding Management, and the association's chairperson is an ex officio member. The committee may seek advice from professionals such as veterinarians, consultants, lawyers, etc., as needed in the cases at hand.

The decisions of the Disciplinary Committee may be appealed to SEGES Innovation's independent appeals body: : 'Appelinstans for disciplinærafgørelser truffet af hesteorganisationer' ('Appeals Body for Disciplinary Decisions Made by Horse Organizations').

4. A jury or technical committee is appointed for the association's inspection to act as an Event Jury to ensure that the event runs smoothly and that the association's rules and horse welfare requirements are complied with.

Complaints about assessments are not dealt with by the Event Jury.

Cases that the Event Jury cannot resolve on the spot are reported to the Disciplinary Committee for a decision.

The decisions of the Event Jury may be appealed to the Disciplinary Committee.

5. If a case is to be heard by SEGES Innovation's independent appeals body, Appelinstans for disciplinærafgørelser truffet af hesteorganisationer' (the Appeals Body for Disciplinary Decisions Made by Horse Organizations), a deposit of 50% of the appeals body's appeal fee must be paid to the Knabstrupperforeningen for Danmark.

The parties agree that the costs of the case shall be apportioned in accordance with the decision of the appeals body.

6. Members and participants in the association's events waive the right to have decisions reviewed by the ordinary courts.
7. If a member violates the association's rules or contributes to activities that are detrimental to the association, they may be expelled from the association by a minimum 3/4 majority vote of the board. However, the expelled member has the right to present this decision at the next general meeting. The expulsion is decided here by a simple majority vote.

## **§6 Membership Fee**

1. The membership fee is fixed at each year's General Assembly.
2. The membership fee is paid for one financial year at a time. The Society's Board is entitled to dismiss the member following a reminder of outstanding payment, but this does not free the member from outstanding payments.
3. The membership fee must be paid by February 1st to be eligible for voting rights at the General Assembly.

## **CHAPTER 3 – THE SOCIETY'S MANAGEMENT – THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE BOARD**

### **§ 7 The Society's Management**

1. The Society's arms are the General Assembly, the Board and auditors.

### **§ 8 General Assembly**

1. The General Assembly is the Society's highest authority.

2. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) takes place each year before the end of March and is called with 14 days written notice. The Board determines the location of the AGM. When practical it should take place in Zealand every third year.
3. The agenda must include the following points:
  - 1) Election of Chair and two vote counters
  - 2) Account of the Society's activities by the Chairman
  - 3) Presentation of revised accounts by the Treasurer
  - 4) Consideration of petitions put forward
  - 5) Fixing of the membership fee
  - 6) Election of Board, auditors and alternates
  - 7) Any other business
4. Petitions to be considered at the AGM must be presented in writing to the Chairman before the end of January. Only voting members can present petitions for the AGM. Petitions regarding changes in Terms of Business, Breed Standards and General Pedigree Requirements must have an exact formulation and it must be stated where they are to be inserted as well as which formulations it may replace. In petitions concerning changes in rules where the point of insertion or formulation is unclear, the Board will determine the final formulation and point of insertion. Petitions received must be sent to all members together with the written notice of the AGM.

## **§ 9 Extraordinary General Meeting**

1. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called at the Board's discretion or at the request of at least 20% of the Society's members, calculated from the number of members with voting rights at the AGM in the respective year. Such a demand must be made in writing directly to the Chairman and the EGM will then be called according to the rules for the AGM. Members eligible for voting at the EGM are those who had voting rights at the AGM in the respective year.

## **§ 10 Voting**

1. All voting must be done physically in person. All voting is done by a show of hands, except where a secret ballot is requested. Election of offices must always be by secret ballot.

## **§ 11 The Board**

1. The Board consists of 7 members voted on for 2 years in such a manner that every year 3 or 4 members are rotated. At least 2 of the members must be from Jutland and 2 from the Isles and in addition at least 2 members must be from Denmark.
2. The Board has 2 alternates, each elected for a year. If possible one should be from Jutland and one from the Isles. The offices of the Board consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and a Treasurer who delegate affairs between them. The Secretary and the Treasurer do not need to be members of the Board.
3. The Board runs the Society's business in every aspect and is responsible to the AGM. The Society is bound by the signatures of the collected Board. The Board instructs sub committees when required, including the grading commission.

## **§ 12 Audit and Accounts**

1. Among the Society's members 2 auditors and 1 alternate are elected. The accounts and notes must be presented at least 14 days before each AGM to the auditors. The Society's accounting year is the calendar year. At change of Treasurer the accounts must be audited.

### **§ 13 The Breeding Work**

1. Knabstrupperforeningen for Danmark's Board appoints the Breeding Committee, which is responsible for the association's breeding work.
2. The Breeding Committee consists of 5 members and 1 alternate. Of these, there must be 2 board members, one of whom is the grading coordinator, 2 of Knabstrupperforeningen for Danmark's judges and an external consultant with a relevant background, for example from SEGES.
3. The Breeding Committee is appointed every year after the Board has been constituted. The Board can at any time remove/replace a member of the Breeding Committee.
4. The Breeding Committee and the Board together are responsible for preparing a breeding plan for the association.
5. The Breeding Committee handles grading, registration and the studbook as well as other matters relating to the breeding work, including recruitment and training of judges as well as hosting conferences for the judges.  
The Breeding Committee recommends the teams of judges to the Board for approval.
6. The Breeding Committee lays down more detailed rules on the breeding work.  
Rules that involve a significant change in applicable rules or practices can only be determined in collaboration with the Board of Directors.
7. The association's chairman may at any time participate in the Breeding Committee's meetings and other activities.

### **§ 14 Fees etc.**

1. The Board may hire paid help to assist at gradings, performance assessment, registration, maintenance of the stud book and other tasks.
2. Board members and other persons summoned to the Board meetings are compensated for travel expenses in connection with Board meetings, meetings in "Landsudvalget" and similar, corresponding to the lowest government rate plus possible compensation for food. Only travel expenses within Denmark's borders are reimbursed. Members are obliged to keep travel expenses down as far as possible by coordinated shared driving.
3. The Board can pay fees to the Chairman, Treasurer, Grading Coordinator, Editor and Webmaster. The fee is at present DKK 3.000 per year.

### **§ 15 Change of Rules and Articles of Association**

1. To accept changes in Terms of Business at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the members present at the AGM must be in favour.
2. Changes to Breed Standards and General Pedigree Requirements must have at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote.
3. Other changes are adopted by simple majority vote.

### **§16 Dissolution of the Society**

1. In order to dissolve the association, it is required that at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the voting members present at a general meeting vote for the association's dissolution. If such a quorum is not reached a new AGM must be called at ordinary notice and unresolved issues decided by simple majority. If the Society is dissolved any remaining funds must be given to a charity active within equine breeding.