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Getting Paperwork Organized for an FEI Competition: The Passport

Making the step from national to international-level competition is always exciting! Of course, participating in shows governed by the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) comes with its own set of rules and paperwork. If you travel internationally, you need a passport, and similarly, your horse needs one to compete in designated international shows. If you're thinking of competing in an FEI show, it's important to make sure your horse's passport is ready to go.

Many changes and updates to a passport need to be completed at the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) office in Kentucky, so it is important to allow enough time for the passport to be mailed in, processed, and mailed back. Planning your competition schedule well in advance will enable you to have enough time to make sure everything is in order.

Validation

Like human passports, horse passports are valid for a fixed number of years. The FEI requires a passport renewal every four years. The first step is to check to make sure your horse's passport is current. Usually, you can find the expiration date on the front cover of the passport, though some passports have a more recent revalidation sticker on the back cover. If you need to renew your horse's passport, and that is the only issue with it, you can submit a "Passport Service Application" to USEF, and they will send you a revalidation sticker in the mail. If there is anything else that needs to be updated with the passport, you will have to send the passport in to USEF along with the application. If your horse has never had a passport, or an old passport is lost, you can submit the "Passport Service Application" to the USEF for a new one.

Ownership

When you revalidate a passport, USEF will check that the ownership listed in the passport matches the ownership in its database. If the information does not match, USEF will require an ownership transfer to be recorded to correct the discrepancy. Any time a passport shows a new owner listed inside the front cover, the owner must physically sign the passport to make it official, so allow time to get this step completed as well.

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