



# Sterling Ranch Horse Services, Inc.

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## US DOMESTIC BREEDING CONTRACT

This certifies \_\_\_\_\_, herein referred to as Mare Owner/Agent, has engaged one service to the stallion **RUFANICKI, AQHA #4799908** for the mare listed below for the **2018** breeding season beginning February 10th and ending July 2nd.

Mare: \_\_\_\_\_ AQHA # \_\_\_\_\_ APHA # \_\_\_\_\_ Is this to be an embryo transfer? \_\_\_\_\_

The Mare Owner/Agent/Agent agrees to pay a breeding fee of **\$2,500** which includes a **\$500** non-refundable booking fee. The balance of the entire breeding fee is due prior to first shipment of semen or insemination of mare. All payments must be made payable to Sterling Ranch Horse Services, Inc. herein referred to as SRHS, Inc.

Regardless of whether the breeding is through a service auction, donated, or reduced breeding agreement, a \$500 non-refundable booking fee will be due upon submission of signed contract. The following conditions of service (for which there will be no exceptions) are mutually agreed between the Mare Owner/Agent, named above, and SRHS, Inc, as agents for the above Stallion, upon the execution of this contract:

**Pre-Breeding Arrangements:** The Mare Owner/Agent must provide the following to SRHS, INC, when making a booking:

1. Copy of both sides of Registration Certificate.
2. Completed Information Sheet.
3. Copy of Signed Breeding Contract
4. We require a veterinary reproductive exam showing normal uterine cytology and uterine culture within 30 days prior to commencing coverage of your mare.
5. ALL applicable fees.
  - i. The booking fee is due in full at submission of signed contract;
  - ii. ALL Stallion Fees must be **paid in full a minimum of 7 business days before** any cooled semen can be picked up or shipped (where applicable);
  - iii. Any incomplete registration certification or unpaid charges will result in a hold being placed on the mare's name on the appropriate stallion breeding report.
  - iv. Unless shipping has been prepaid, by check or US money order, shipped semen (if applicable) will not be shipped to any mare unless a current credit card number, expiration date and security number is on file with SRHS.

**Breeding Arrangements:**

1. **Collection Schedule.** Stallions are collected on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** every week throughout the entire breeding season. It is the Mare Owner/Agent's and his/her veterinarian's responsibility to confirm breeding/shipping days.
2. **Requesting Semen.** Mare Owner/Agent must request semen by **5:00 pm CST the day preceding collection.** Cancellation or conformation must be made by **8:00 am CST on the day of collection.** SRHS, INC cannot guarantee that any late orders will be filled. Orders must be confirmed by SRHS, INC staff and not left on voicemail, text message or email.
3. **Shipping.** SRHS, INC is not responsible for the untimely delivery or condition of the cooled-shipped semen after it leaves the custody of SRHS, INC. Should there be a delivery delay of semen via FedEx or air carrier the mare owner will only be entitled to the amount refunded by FedEx or air carrier to SRHS, INC. Weather and mechanical delays are excluded by FedEx and air carriers as consideration for refunds.

4. **On Farm Breedings.** If a mare is to be brought on to SRHS, INC premises she must be in healthy and sound condition, having a current Coggins Certificate not older than 6 months, a Veterinarian endorsed Health Certificate not older than 1 month, and a list of all worming and vaccinations received in the last year. SRHS Inc, reserves the right to worm and vaccinate all mares coming onto the SRHS, INC property, with Strangles (Strep), Salmonella, E.W.T. and West Nile, at the discretion of SRHS, INC. Mare Owner/Agent hereby hold harmless and indemnify SRHS, INC and staff for the administration of said vaccines. Mare Owner/Agent hereby agrees to reimburse SRHS, INC for any costs associated with the administration of said vaccines immediately upon receipt of said invoice. Additionally, SRHS, INC or anyone associated with SRHS, INC will not be liable for the death, sickness and/or accident to the mare and/or foal.
5. **Semen Handling.** Mare Owner/Agent agrees to assume responsibility for all facets of breeding the Mare and agrees to have a qualified and experienced person responsible for insemination. Every effort will be made to accommodate Mare Owner/Agent's breeding time frame. However, it is the Mare Owner/Agent's responsibility to ensure that SRHS, INC has up to date information at all times throughout the process. In doing so, you are facilitating the insemination process. Failure to adhere to these arrangements may result in missed heats and delayed shipments (where applicable) at the Mare Owner/Agent's expense. A veterinarian knowledgeable in successful insemination techniques must oversee off site inseminations in order to maximize the potential of a timely pregnancy.
6. **Substitutions.** SRHS, INC reserves the right to approve any and all substitutions. If a mare dies, or is deemed unfit to breed, during the breeding season (a veterinarian report will be required as verification) a substitute mare, owned by the same Owner and approved by the SRHS, INC, may be bred without any additional breeding fee. Substitutions and/or switching of mares owned by the same owner for any other reason (after a booking has been accepted and booking fee paid) will be subject to a \$1000 transfer fee. Transfers of fully paid breeding contracts to an owner, other than the person stated on the contract, will be subject to a \$1000 transfer fee after approval by SRHS, INC.
7. **Pregnancy Confirmation.** Confirmation of pregnancy by ultrasound starting at 14 days post ovulation continuing through to the 45<sup>th</sup> day of pregnancy is REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THE LIVE FOAL GUARANTEE. If ultrasound is unavailable, Mare Owner/Agent agrees to have the mare checked for pregnancy by licensed veterinarian within 30 days of insemination.
8. **Live foal guarantee.** A live foal is defined as one that will stand and nurse. If foal is born dead, Mare Owner/Agent agrees to furnish a veterinarian's certificate describing the occurrence to SRHS, INC within 7 days. In addition the Mare Owner must confirm that the mare was inoculated on months 5, 7 and 9 of her pregnancy with a Pnuemabort-K Vaccine (EHV-1). In such a case return privileges will be available for one year only. Re-breeds must pay the fee applicable for the re-breed year and any relevant shipping charges. If the mare aborts or fails to conceive, she may return during the current breeding season. If SRHS, INC deems it too late in the season to re-breed a mare during the current season, SRHS, INC may permit the mare to be bred the following year. All re-breed fees and all relevant shipping charges MUST be paid in advance of re-breed. **If the Mare Owner/Agent fails to re-breed the mare the following year any and all fees become forfeited, the right to re-breed is cancelled, and the SRHS, INC is released from all further obligation of this contract unless provisions to the contrary have been agreed in writing and signed by both parties.**
9. **Embryo Transfer.** Should more than one embryo result from a breeding, Mare Owner/Agent will be responsible for paying an additional breeding fee, including the booking fee, for each embryo or resulting foal. This payment will be due within 60 days of breeding if embryos are flushed from the Mare in order to receive a breeding certificate for the additional foal. Failure to report an additional embryo could result in denial of a Breeders Certificate.
10. **Breeding Report.** Mare Owner/Agent agrees to provide the results of the ultrasound(s)/pregnancy exam(s) to SRHS, INC no later than 30 days following insemination. **Failure to notify SRHS, INC staff of the mare's pregnancy status by August 31st of the breeding year could result in the mare being left off of the breeder's report as well as a \$50 late fee. Fees for filing a late or amended report would have to be paid prior to the corrections being made with the appropriate association and release of the breeder's certificate.**

