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Rules and Regulations for Registering

EXOTIC HOOFSTOCK

Under EWA Registration Programs

Exotic Hoofstock currently in the EWA Registry:
Axis, Blackbuck, Fallow, Kudu, Red Deer, Sable, and Sika

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EXOTIC WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICIAL HANDBOOK, CODE OF ETHICS, AND RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EWA EXOTIC HOOFSTOCK REGISTRY

This Handbook ("Handbook") supersedes all previous editions. The rules published herein are effective May 1, 2025, unless otherwise specified at the time of their enactment. These rules remain in effect except as superseded by rule changes enacted by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee as published on Exotic Wildlife Association's website at myewa.org. Refer to Exotic Wildlife Association's website for the most updated version of the rules.

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES

I) To provide a Registry for recording of privately owned Exotic Hoofstock and Exotic Hoofstock herds in North America.
II) To encourage the selection and control in breeding of Exotic Hoofstock.
III) To promote the accurate record of parentage of pure Exotic Hoofstock in private ownership.
IV) To provide a database of performance parameters by which superior breeding stock may be measured.

PURPOSE

The rules and goals of the Exotic Wildlife Association ("EWA") and its registry programs are to provide for the growth and development of the Exotic Hoofstock livestock industry and, in doing so, provide for the interests of the Association and its members. The rules provide a framework under which registered Exotic Hoofstock herds can be managed. These rules will ensure that accurate identities will be provided for animals, purity of species is identified, and ancestral history of each animal is recorded.

The purity of the breed is fundamentally important to the progress of a breed. The improvement of a breed is rooted in its integrity of pure stock and with the blending of pure animals a breed will improve and prosper. To record improvement, it is necessary to identify all animals and parentage. By identifying exceptional animals and tracking their offspring, owners will be able to develop a breeding program that will improve the overall performance of their herds. With registered animals that have permanent identification markings, the ownership record of the animal is maintained throughout the life of the animal. Registry members can assess lineage via the EWA Registry.

The rules are designed to protect the integrity of the breed and the individuals who raise the animals. The rules are fair and impartial guidelines, equally applicable to all members and upon which all members can depend. The rules are reasonable, and their benefits and protections are numerous. In recognition of these various advantages, each member agrees to respect and obey the rules as a part of the daily operation of their Exotic Hoofstock herds.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Membership in EWA is a privilege, not a right, application for which shall be made by procedures prescribed by EWA. Membership, or application therefore, may be terminated or rejected by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors for cause detrimental to the interest of EWA, its programs, policies, objectives and harmonious relationship of its Members as determined by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.

2. All Members of EWA shall obey and be bound by all bylaws, rules and regulations of EWA and decisions or actions of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

3. Every Member by joining EWA, or non-member by purchasing Exotic Hoofstock registered with EWA, or filing registration applications or other documents with EWA, does thereby agree:

(a) If unsuccessful in an attempt to overturn EWA decisions, actions, rules or regulations, to reimburse EWA for its reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and other expenses in defense of such suit, and

(b) He/she will not commence any action, whether in law or equity, against EWA in any courts other than those Federal and State courts located in Kerr County, Texas.

4. As reciprocal assistance to EWA for privilege of membership, participation in the EWA Registry, and ownership of EWA-registered Exotic Hoofstock, EWA may use any photograph or other form of likeness, reproductions of a member, event participant, Exotic Hoofstock owner, or their Exotic Hoofstock and EWA registered names, to promote EWA's objectives and activities including, but not limited to, use by third parties with authorization from EWA. Members also agree that EWA may provide mailing list information to third parties (e.g., EWA, affiliates and corporate partners) with authorization from EWA.

5. An EWA member, including a member using EWA data for commercial purposes, and a non-member has a duty to preserve and protect the pedigree registry records and the property of EWA, including, but not limited to, EWA electronic data made available to members via the EWA website or other pre-arranged consensual access thereto, and the duty to use such data only for the purposes for which EWA has granted conditional license. Publication of such data shall carry the following designation: "This information was provided by the Exotic Wildlife Association from its Official Records."

EWA EXOTIC HOOFSTOCK REGISTRY CODE OF ETHICS

The following is the EWA Registry Code of Ethics (the "Code") governing the conduct and practices of its membership regarding the keeping, capture, transportation, marketing, and harvesting of indigenous or non-indigenous animals and conduct detrimental to EWA.

1. EWA Bylaws and Code of Ethics
   A. All associations operate under a set of bylaws written and adopted by its duly elected board of directors. The EWA Registry will also be governed by a Registry Committee.
   B. The EWA operates under a set of Bylaws which may be amended from time to time by the EWA Board of Directors.
   C. Membership in the EWA is one of support and trust on behalf of the membership and one of support and trust on behalf of the duly elected Board of Directors. The Bylaws and Code of Ethics of this organization are the policies and guidelines that allow the organization to operate in an orderly fashion thus preventing disorder and chaos within the EWA and the Registry.
   D. All members and non-members are expected to follow these policies and guidelines and conduct themselves accordingly.
2. Care.
   A. All non-indigenous wildlife raised or kept for any purpose shall be maintained in an enclosed area, pasture, or structure suitable for the particular species of wildlife so raised or kept. The enclosed area, pasture, or structure shall be sufficient to prevent the escape of such animals and shall be designed to protect such animals from undue injury or abuse.
   B. All animals raised or kept shall have access to adequate pasture and/or grazing lands suitable for such animals or be provided with supplemental feed and water as required to maintain the health and vitality of all such animals so raised or kept.
   C. All animals raised or kept shall be provided with appropriate veterinary services, as may be required, to maintain the general health and vitality of such animals.
3. Capture
   A. In capturing any species of animal preparatory to transportation, marketing, or other lawful use, such capture shall be by method, or methods, calculated to inflict the least amount of stress on the animal species being captured.
   B. Capture operations shall be conducted by persons familiar with the animals and the capture procedure being utilized, and who are qualified and competent to carry out such capture operations without inflicting undue stress or harm to the animals so captured. Animals shall not be captured or handled more often, or for longer periods, than is reasonably necessary to properly manage, control, care for, or market such animals. Unnecessary capture or handling of exotic animals is detrimental to the well-being of such animal species.

4. Transportation
   A. All transportation of exotic animals or birds by or on behalf of EWA members shall be as follows:

(1) All transportation of animals shall be in vehicles, trailers, or containers, suitable in design for the transport of the specific animals being transported. It should also be constructed in a manner to minimize stress and the possibility of injury to such animals.

(2) All animals so transported shall be provided with adequate food, water, and care, as appropriate, during transportation.

(3) Animals shall not be consigned for transportation to any common carrier not properly equipped to transport or care for such animals during transportation.

5. Marketing

A. It shall be unethical for any EWA member to misrepresent the age, condition, bloodline, breed, or species of any animals sold or advertised for sale. A year of birth is required by the lab for testing. It is the responsibility of the owner of record to issue an accurate year of birth. If the year of birth is estimated, that should be indicated on the sample submission envelope. In the event the year of birth needs to be updated due to new information supplied by the owner of record, EWA administration will indicate that the animal's age is estimated, the estimated year of birth will show on the EWA Registry.

B. No EWA member shall knowingly sell any non-indigenous wildlife species to anyone not qualified to properly care for or keep such animals. Nor shall any EWA member knowingly sell such animals to any person for any unlawful purpose whatsoever.

C. No marketing method shall be used for a particular species which causes undue stress to the animal or animals so marketed, and all marketing procedures employed shall be appropriate to the particular species marketed.

6. Harvesting

A. The EWA recognizes that management through hunting is an appropriate means of removing excess animals; however, such harvesting shall be conducted as follows:

(1) It shall be unethical to participate in any illegal taking of any animal.

(2) It shall be unethical to participate in an "unfair chase." Only fair chase hunting methods, consistent with the geographical area in which the animal is harvested, shall be deemed consistent with this Code. "Fair chase" hunting shall be defined as hunting in any area, by any method that provides the hunted animal with a reasonable chance and opportunity to avoid being found by the hunter, or having once been found by the hunter, to escape.

(3) EWA members and non-members shall make reasonable efforts to determine the competency of the person or persons attempting to harvest any non-indigenous animal species to properly carry out the harvest method being employed to ensure humane harvesting of animals. EWA members and non-members shall not allow any person desiring to harvest an animal to do so by a method in which they are not sufficiently competent to reasonably ensure a proper and humane harvest.

(4) EWA members and non-members shall not misrepresent the breed or species of any animal to a person harvesting such animal.

(5) Venison harvests and the euthanasia of a wounded or sick animal shall not be included within the meaning of hunting for purposes of this section.

7. **Enforcement of penalties for Code of Ethics or Bylaws violations**

A. General

(1) Any practice or procedure engaged in by any member of the EWA or non-member, which is contrary to the standards set out in the Code of Ethics shall be considered a rule violation.

(2) Any member violating the Code of Ethics, or any Bylaw may be sanctioned by the EWA as provided in this section, and any non-member may be denied any or all EWA privileges.

(3) All inquiries into alleged violations of this Code or Bylaws shall be conducted by the standing Ethics Committee of the EWA appointed by the President of the EWA.

B. Procedure

(1) All alleged violations of the Code or Bylaws shall be designated "inquiries." No action shall be taken on any inquiry until it shall be made in writing by the person alleging such violation, addressed to the Ethics Committee chairman, and sworn to before a notary public. Only a member of the EWA may submit inquiries to the Ethics Committee. All inquiries shall be made within ninety (90) days of the alleged violation, or the committee shall have no authority to act.

(2) Upon receipt of a written inquiry, the chairman of the Ethics Committee shall enter the complaint in a log maintained for such purpose and mail a copy of the inquiry to the accused member.

(3) The chairman of the Ethics Committee shall review each inquiry when received to determine if the facts alleged would, if true, constitute a violation of this Code. If the chairman determines that no violation is alleged, he shall present it to the next meeting of the Ethics Committee with a recommendation that the inquiry be dismissed. Dismissal of the inquiry shall be by majority vote of the members of the ethics committee present at a meeting as per 7.B below.

(4) If the chairman determines that a violation of the Code or Bylaws is alleged by the inquiry or the Ethics Committee does not accept the chairman's recommendation in Section 7.B.(3) above, the chairman, or a member of the Ethics Committee designated by the chairman shall investigate the inquiry. An investigation may be by personal interview, correspondence or other methods as the investigator deems prudent. Any correspondence to the person accused in the inquiry shall be marked "personal and confidential." Upon completion of the investigation, the investigator shall inform the chairman who shall thereafter convene the Ethics Committee to consider the inquiry. The chairman and Ethics Committee shall use best efforts to ensure that investigations are completed within thirty (30) days of the date the inquiry is received.

(5) The chairman shall notify both the accused member and the person making the inquiry of the date of the Ethics Committee meeting when the inquiry shall be considered. The notices shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall be mailed not later than twenty (20) days prior to the hearing.

(6) The chairman should endeavor to have all witnesses and other relevant evidence available at the time of the Ethics Committee meeting.

(7) Conduct of Ethics Committee meetings to consider inquires:

a. A quorum (majority of the Ethics Committee) must be present to consider any inquiry in any manner, including hearing of evidence, discussion of the allegations, or action on the inquiry.

b. The Ethics Committee meeting shall be conducted by the chairman. No persons other than the accused member, and his or her attorney, if applicable; the person initiating the inquiry; EWA attorneys, if desired by the chairman; registry manager; and committee members shall be present during a committee meeting. Witnesses testifying to the committee may be present during their testimony only.

c. The Ethics Committee shall first hear the person making the inquiry and his witnesses or supporting evidence. The accused member shall then be allowed to present all the evidence he may have to the Ethics Committee. Questions shall not be allowed by any party except; however, committee members may direct questions to any witnesses, the accused member, and the person who initiated the inquiry.

d. After all the witnesses have been heard and all evidence presented, the Ethics Committee shall go into closed session to discuss the inquiry. Only committee members and the EWA attorneys, if desired by the chairman, shall be present. The committee, by majority vote of the members present (if there is a quorum), may take the following actions:

i. No action, inquiry dismissed.

ii. Private reprimand of the accused member. Such private reprimand, or its existence, shall not be made public to any person except the accused member and his or her attorney, the Ethics Committee member, the EWA Board of Directors, and EWA legal counsel. Disclosure by any person to any third party of such private reprimand shall, itself, constitute a violation of this Code.

iii. Recommendation of public reprimand to the EWA Board of Directors.

iv. Recommendation to the EWA Board of Directors that the accused member be expelled from the EWA.

All such recommendations shall be in writing from the chairman of the Ethics Committee to the chairman of the EWA Board of Directors and shall be kept confidential.

If the Ethics Committee recommends action under Sections iii or iv above to the EWA Board of Directors, such recommendation shall not be made known to any person except the members of the Ethics Committee, the EWA Board of Directors, the accused member and his or her attorney, if applicable, and the EWA' s attorney. Disclosure of such recommendation to any person other than those set out above shall, itself, constitute a violation of this Code.

(8) Action by Board of Directors

a. Upon receipt of a recommendation from the Ethics Committee, the president of the EWA shall call a special meeting of the Board of Directors or place the matter on the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. However, the Board must consider all such recommendations within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof.

b. At any Board of Directors meeting which considers a recommendation from the Ethics Committee, during discussion of such recommendation, no person other than the directors, the

chairman of the Ethics Committee, and the EWA' s attorney may be present. No action can be taken by the directors unless a quorum of the directors is present.

c. The Board of Directors, by majority vote of the directors' present may take the following actions:
   i. Take no action and dismiss the inquiry.
   ii. Issue a public reprimand to be published in the EWA newsletter.

d. The Board of Directors, by vote of two-thirds of the members present, may expel a member from the EWA and cancel such member's affiliation with the EWA. A member, at all levels, so expelled shall not receive a refund for all or any part of such member's annual dues previously paid.

e. Unless the Board of Directors issues a public reprimand or expels a member, no disclosure of the board's action shall be made to any person other than those present or entitled to be present at such board meeting. Disclosure of the board's action to any person other than those entitled to be present shall constitute a violation of this Code.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EWA EXOTIC HOOFSTOCK REGISTRATION

QUALIFICATION FOR HERD REGISTRY

Any member who is an Active, Active Corporate, Patron or Lifetime Member of EWA, and a Voting Member in Good Standing, as defined in the Bylaws of EWA, is entitled to register Exotic Hoofstock in the EWA Registry.

A herd of animals comprised of Exotic Hoofstock may qualify for entry into the EWA Registry.

A farm or ranch owner who does not remain a Voting Member in Good Standing of EWA or fails to remain current with annual dues shall lose their ability to register their Exotic Hoofstock and access to the EWA Registry.

QUALIFICATION OF ANIMALS FOR REGISTRY

The following conditions must be met before an animal can be entered into the Registry. Other rules of the Registry as noted in the handbook or adopted by the Executive Committee of EWA may also apply.

a) Applicant must be current (paid in full) Active, Active Corporate, Patron or Lifetime Member of EWA. Through the payment of a membership fee to EWA, an individual acknowledges that membership in EWA is voluntary and agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions provided in this Handbook.

b) Applicant must complete and return the EWA Submission Envelope for registration for each animal including all appropriate information.

c) Applicant must pay the appropriate fees that apply for each registration, which shall be determined by EWA from time to time and subject to change.

d) The animals proposed for registration must be representative specimens of the Dama Dama species and be documented as privately owned livestock of the owner of record.

PROCEDURES FOR REGISTRATION

The applicant registering an animal can be either the seller or owner of record at the time of registration.

An applicant who intends to register an animal or animals must submit a submission envelope for each individual animal to the EWA office. Submission envelopes are available upon request from the EWA office. The applicant will fill out the submission envelope completely and return the envelope accompanied with the appropriate registration fees.

The EWA office will process the envelope and check for the correct payment of fees. If there is any incomplete information on the envelope the office will notify the applicant at the time the submission envelope is received by EWA. All fees associated with work (registrations, transfers, etc...) shall be submitted at the time the submission envelope is sent in. Failure to submit proper payment will result in a portion or all the work being held until proper payment is received.

It is the intent of EWA and the Board of Directors that the registration process ultimately be based on the ancestral parentage of the sire and dam. Eligibility for inclusion in the EWA Registry is currently determined by, and conditioned upon, satisfactory genetic testing and other proof, as may be deemed necessary by the Registry Committee and/or the Executive Committee.

Upon receipt of the submission envelope, the EWA office will add the animal to the EWA Registry and order Baseline or Parentage testing from its official lab. EWA's official laboratory will forward the results of the Baseline or Parentage testing to the EWA office. The laboratory will not provide any information to the applicant. When the EWA office receives satisfactory results from the lab, as determined by the EWA, a Registration Certificate will be issued and mailed to the applicant.

Individual sire/dam identifications by the lab are considered conditional until the "mating pair" are identified. The certificate evidencing registration is issued, in such cases, on the following condition, which may, at the discretion of the Registry Committee, be printed on the face thereof: "This certificate is issued in reliance on the written application signed and attested by the individual specified by EWA rules; and upon the express condition that EWA has the privilege to correct and/or cancel the certificate for cause under its rules and regulations."

It is the responsibility of the owner to read all sections of the laboratory report and if there are any questions regarding the sire/dam identifications, "Results and Interpretation" section, or overall interpretation to contact the EWA office.

The information needed for registration will be noted on the Submission Envelope and will be self-explanatory. Refer to the sample envelope included in this handbook. *See Exhibit 1: Sample DNA Submission Envelope & Instructions.*

Failure to provide the required information will result in notification from EWA of an incomplete envelope and will delay the registration process.

Normal postage associated with mailing of certificates, etc. will be paid by EWA. In the case of requests for priority mail, UPS or other expedited service, all charges will be paid by the applicant.

The applicant is responsible for supplying hair, antler shavings or semen samples in good condition from the animal being tested. The results provided by the laboratory is the sole determination of the laboratory, and EWA accepts their findings as authentic. In the event of an error on the part of the applicant supplying the hair, antler shavings or semen or the laboratory analysis findings, EWA shall have no liability or responsibility for false results. EWA will issue a Baseline or Parentage report and registration certificate based on the published findings of the contracted laboratory and shall not be liable for errors, omissions, or false findings on the part of others.

EWA is the sole owner of any and all DNA material and results processed by EWA official laboratory pursuant to EWA registration rules and/or EWA request. The lab recognizes EWA as the owners of the DNA.

For complex transactions EWA may charge for excess time expended by employees at an additional fee to be determined at the time of the transaction. EWA will notify you if your case falls into this category prior to completing any work.

OWNER OF RECORD

The owner of record is defined as the person or entity listed as owner of the animal in the EWA Registry. An EWA Voting Member in Good Standing may opt to register an animal at the time of sale. The seller can initiate a sale, register an animal, and provide for the original Registration Certificate to be issued in the name of the new owner of record. An owner of record is not required to be a member of EWA to be listed as owner of a registered Exotic Hoofstock in the EWA Registry; however, all persons are required to be an EWA Voting Member in Good Standing to be able to transfer or register an animal themselves, and to have access to the EWA Registry. Only the owner of record is permitted to make changes to their animal's information.

TRANSFER OF ANIMALS

Each transfer of ownership of a registered Exotic Hoofstock shall be recorded by EWA. A new owner can be issued the Registration Certificate at the time of original registration upon application by the seller, or the Registration Certificate, once issued, can be transferred when the animal is sold. When a registered Exotic Hoofstock is sold and the certificate is transferred to the new owner, it is the obligation of the new owner to complete an EWA Transfer Form and mail it to the EWA office within 90 days from the sale date.

If the new owner is not an EWA member, the animal is placed in a Non-member account and held there so that it will still be assessable through the registry. EWA will process the transfer and record the new ownership of the animal. It is the seller's responsibility to sign over the EWA Certificate to

the new owner of record. A certificate of registration may be transferred to an owner who is not a member of EWA, and a non-member can own registered Exotic Hoofstock. However, an owner must be a member of EWA to be eligible to transfer Exotic Hoofstock, register additional Exotic Hoofstock, register the offspring from any registered Exotic Hoofstock that he/she may own, and to access the registry. *See Exhibit 2: Application for Transfer — Exotic Hoofstock & Instructions.*

Non-members who are listed as a record owner in the EWA Registry and non-members who file or submit applications for Baseline or Parentage testing or any other documents or requests with EWA, by such actions and in regard to such transactions, agree to be bound by all bylaws, rules and regulations of EWA and decisions and actions of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee. EWA reserves the right to reject documents submitted by non-members who have engaged in acts detrimental to the humane treatment of Exotic Hoofstock or have engaged in acts detrimental to the intent of EWA, its programs, policies, objectives, or the harmonious relationship of its members.

IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS

The Registry requires (1) one specific form of animal identification.

1) **Visible dangle ear tag or**
2) **Microchip Number.**

NAMING OF ANIMALS FOR REGISTRATION

a) The name of an animal being registered should not exceed 28 spaces. The numerical portion of a name and spaces are included in this maximum amount.

b) All names should be appropriate and not blatantly offensive. Masculine names should be given to males, feminine names to females.

c) Symbols other than standard letters or numbers are not acceptable as a part of the name.

d) No owner of Exotic Hoofstock can use a name prefix that has been established and used previously by another owner designating the name of his farm, himself, herd, or town.

e) No EWA registered name can be duplicated exactly. If the name has been previously used, your ranch initials will be used behind the name.

g) The name of the registered males and females may be changed prior to registration of any progeny or within 30 days of the male or female is identified as a first time Sire or Dam and only after the statement from the owner of record authorizing such a change is submitted to the EWA office. Names of males and females may be changed when transferred to a new owner, only if that animal does not have any offspring identified in the registry, name change is submitted in writing (email).

h) Any name change that is requested by the owner of record, once a male or female has offspring identified, the owner will be required to pay the fee for said animal and the fee for an updated certificate for all offspring affected, if updated certificate is requested.

i) EWA highly recommends that name changes do not happen after the first breeding of an individual animal. EWA also expects all name changes to be properly processed through the EWA office.

DECEASED REFERENCE SIRE

Deceased sires without DNA profiles may be registered through submission of antler shavings.

EWA CERTIFICATES

The only registry certificate that should be used for any Exotic Hoofstock registered with EWA is the EWA Certificate issued by the EWA office. It is unethical to produce a certificate or any other article using information obtained by the EWA Registry. See Exhibit 6 for an example of the official EWA Certificate. No Member or non-member may submit for registration or register any animal on any other registry that has already been registered on the EWA Registry.

CORRECTION OF CERTIFICATES

When new certificates are received from EWA, the applicant should immediately check them to determine if they are correct. If any error is discovered or a change on a certificate found necessary, the EWA office should be notified, the inaccurate certificate destroyed, and the EWA office will issue the corrected certificate. No alterations of any kind should be made on a certificate except by the EWA office. Errors made by EWA will be corrected free of charge; if the error is by the owner or applicant, a fee will be assessed. Additional genetic tests or investigation may be required as the Registry Committee determines, including, but not limited to, questions of true parentage or identification of Exotic Hoofstock. Taking into consideration the results of such tests, and other information as may be available, the Registry Committee may authorize such corrections in the records as may be determined necessary or appropriate.

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATES

An Additional Certificate of Registration shall be issued only if changes to the parentage are necessary, or if the certificate is lost or destroyed. If there have been changes to the lineage via additional parentage verifications, the certificate will be issued at no charge to the owner. If a certificate has been lost or destroyed, a new certificate will be issued upon the payment of the appropriate fee. Additional (newest) always supersede the original, thus, if an original certificate is found after an additional (new) certificate has been issued, the original must be destroyed. EWA expects all members to abide by this requirement. If at any time EWA

determines that a member is not following proper protocol, they may face disciplinary action, up to and including forfeiture of their membership in EWA.

SURRENDER OF CERTIFICATES

When an owner of any registered Exotic Hoofstock disposes of that animal with papers or the animal dies, the owner shall notify EWA of that fact within 30 days of such occurrence. EWA also expects the owner to destroy the certificate of that animal.

All registration certificates are the property of EWA. Should questions arise regarding eligibility of a particular animal for registration, identity, or parentage after a registration certificate has been issued, upon request of the manager of the Registry, the owner of record must surrender the certificate to EWA until the questions are resolved or face possible disciplinary action.

FEE CHANGES

All fees are established by the Executive Committee and/or Registry Committee of EWA and may be changed by their direction. A fifteen (15) day notification to all Exotic Hoofstock Registration Members shall precede any new fee structure.

DISAGREEMENTS OR DISPUTES BETWEEN SELLER AND BUYER

EWA Certificates of Registration are not certificates of title. EWA will not assume the responsibility of settling disputes between seller and buyer concerning financial settlements, ownership, health, or fertility, nor will EWA be liable to accept responsibility for any other matters involving misrepresentation, deception, or fraud in relation to the registry of animals in the EWA Registry. However, if there are any alleged violations of the Bylaws or Code of Ethics, those violations will be handled by the appropriate EWA Committee under the procedures set forth in this Handbook.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EXOTIC HOOFSTOCK REGISTRATION

Failure of any member of EWA or participant in the EWA Registry to comply with the Rules and Regulations for Exotic Hoofstock Registration contained in this Handbook (the "Exotic Hoofstock Rules") may be grounds for disciplinary action. An EWA member may be disciplined, suspended, fined and/or expelled from EWA, and any non-member may be denied any or all EWA privileges.

a) If a member or non-member of the Association is charged with misconduct, misrepresentation, or willful violation of the Exotic Hoofstock Rules in connection with the breeding, registration, purchase, or sale of Exotic Hoofstock, they will be referred to the EWA Executive Committee for action. The Executive Committee will review the facts and recommend any disciplinary

action to the Board of Directors. If that action results in suspension or expulsion from membership in the Association or access to the EWA Registry, all parties in the matter will be notified by the Executive Committee detailing the action taken. Any member who is the subject of a disciplinary action brought by the Executive Committee that results in expulsion from the Association may appeal that decision by appearing at a hearing in front of the full Board of Directors. Requests for an appeal hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days after receiving notification of the proposed action. At the hearing, the member will have the opportunity to present evidence on his/her own behalf and to hear and refute evidence against him/her. Proceedings shall be informal; the standard by which admissibility of evidence is determined is such that an ordinarily prudent person is willing to rely on it. Any member, person, or witness participating in such a hearing shall be immune from any civil liability whatsoever, including, but not limited to, libel, slander, invasion of privacy, defamation, or product disagreement, for truthful testimony given during the preparation for or at the hearing.

b) In all proceedings concerned with or affecting the registrations and records of EWA, and in all disciplinary actions, the burden of resolving any doubt as to the true parentage, identity of the animal, or qualification for registration shall be upon the applicant or owner. The determination and decisions of the Executive Committee upon all such questions shall be final and binding upon all parties. As the owner has the burden of persuasion, by failure to present relevant evidence concerning such questions, or at a hearing scheduled to resolve the questions, the owner shall be deemed to have waived his rights to present such evidence to a court of law, if he seeks judicial review of EWA actions.

EWA DNA Submission Envelope

EWA is the sole owner of any and all DNA materials submitted per the Rules & Regulations

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☐ Red Deer ☐ Fallow ☐ Axis
☐ Sable ☐ Kudu ☐ Sika
☐ Blackbuck</td><td>Animal Name:</td><td>Date of Birth
(Year of Birth MUST be entered)

□ Estimated YOB</td></tr>
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Submit envelope with payment to:

EWA
231 Thompson Drive
Kerrville, TX 78028

Exhibit 1:
EWA SUBMISSION ENVELOPE INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE SUBMISSION ENVELOPE:

Complete the boxes as follows for each type of information.

A. Owner Name & Address:
B. Owner Phone:
C. Owner Email:
D. Species: check specific species being registered
E. Animal Name:
F. Date of Birth: Enter the date of birth. If you do not know the exact date of birth, you MUST enter a year of birth on each sample before the sample will be processed. If the YOB is estimated, please check the appropriate box.
G. Sex: Male or Female
H. Ear Tag #
I. Embryo Transfer; Check Yes or No.
J. For Exotic Hoofstock, please put the color of the animal.
K. Paternal Reg #: If you want parentage tested, please put the name or registration # of the Sire to be tested as the possible parent. If there are several possible Sires please list on a separate piece of paper or in a spreadsheet.
L. Maternal Reg #: If you want parentage tested, please put the name or registration # of the Dam to be tested as the possible parent. If there are several possible Dams please list on a separate piece of paper or in a spreadsheet.
M. Microchip #: Not necessary if you do not have one.
N. Other ID #: Not necessary if you do not have one.
O. Additional Parentage Info:
P. Test Ordered: Check Baseline — if you want your animal's DNA put in the registry for future parentage of offspring. Check Parentage — if you know the possible Sires or Dams of the animal you are registering.

Exhibit 2:
EWA APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER - EXOTIC HOOFSTOCK

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER - EXOTIC HOOFSTOCK

I hereby authorize transfer of ownership on the records of the association of this animal.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete information in all spaces provided, if unknown, write "unknown".
2. Seller's signature is required, and Buyer's signature is recommended to process all transfers.
3. Mail this form to the EWA office address listed below.

ANIMAL TO BE TRANSFERRED:

Name: _____ Registration #: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Ear Tag#: _____

BUYER INFORMATION:

Name: _____ EWA Member #: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

SELLER INFORMATION:

Name: _____ EWA Member #: _____

Telephone: _____

I/We certify that the animal to be transferred is the actual animal registered with EWA which is described and identified on the original Certificate of Registration. EWA is hereby authorized to record the transfer of ownership to the party identified as "Buyer" above.

The transfer is not effective until filed with:

Exotic Wildlife Association
231 Thompson Drive
Kerrville, TX 78028

_____ _____

Printed Name of Seller Signature of Seller

_____ _____ _____

Printed Name of New Owner Signature of New Owner Date

Exhibit 2:
EWA APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER - EXOTIC HOOFSTOCK INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM:

1) **Name of Exotic Hoofstock:** Enter name of animal to be transferred exactly as it appears on
the registration certificate.
Registration #: Enter the registration number of the animal to be transferred exactly as it appears on the registration certificate.
Ear Tag #: Enter the tag number of the animal to be transferred.
Sex: Indicate Male or Female of the animal to be transferred.
Date of Birth: Enter the birth date as recorded on the registration certificate.

2) Buyer's name, EWA member number and address: Enter the name of the person that the animal is to be transferred to, their EWA membership number and complete address. If the new owner is not an EWA member, put N/A in membership number.

3) Seller's name and EWA member number and telephone number: Enter the name of the person selling the animal and their EWA membership number. Verify that the person selling the animal is the last recorded owner on the registration certificate.

4) Signature: the signature of the person selling the animal and the date the form was completed is required.

5) Signature: the signature of the buyer, new owner of record, is recommended.

6) Date of sale: Enter the date that the animal changed hands. If sold at an auction, list the name of the sale and the date of the auction.

It is the responsibility of the seller of the animal to complete and submit the transfer report to EWA.

Original registration certificate must be signed by both seller and buyer and given to the buyer, the new owner of record.

Exhibit 3:
EWA EXOTIC HOOFSTOCK REGISTRY FEES AND DEFINITIONS

EWA Price List

Effective March 15, 2025 All prices are in USD.
(Prices subject to change)

Animal Registration & DNA Test (Baseline or Parentage/Owner + 2 Herds)	$55.00
Expedited Test (additional fee to Animal Registration)	$10.00
Additional Parent Verification (APV-with Individual Candidate Sires/Dams Listed)	$15.00
APV + Herd Search (2 Herds per APV)	$30.00
Transfer Owner-To Member or Non-Member	No Fee
Additional or New Certificate	$10.00
Registration Updates, Corrections, Name Change, etc	No Fee
DNA Match	$15.00
Duplicates	$30.00
Complex Transactions (Example-Herd Projects)	$50.00/hr.

Definitions:

DNA Test-Baseline—Permanent DNA record, no parentage.

DNA Test-Parentage—Permanent DNA record and parentage evaluated from Sire and Dam candidates provided by owner.

Expedited Test—Additional fee assessed to process samples, APVs or other transactions as soon as they are received. The EWA office will place all Expedited transactions in front of other regular transactions and notify the lab that those cases are to be Expedited.

Additional Parent Verification (APV)—Additional testing on previously submitted cases to further evaluate other Sire and/or Dam candidates beyond those originally tested (Individuals-up to ~20).

Additional Parent Verification + Herd Search—Additional testing on previously submitted cases to further evaluate other Sire and/or Dam candidates beyond those originally tested (Herds given rather than individuals).

Transfer Owner-Member/Non-Member—Animal is sold or otherwise transferred from Original Owner/Member to a New Owner-Member or Non-Member and registration of animal is updated in EWA Registry. No Fee

Additional or New Certificate—Replacement certificates or additional certificates requested by owner.

Registration Updates, Corrections, and Transfer to Non-Member—Any changes made to a registered animal such as name, picture, YOB, tag number, color, etc. that are requested to be added or changed after initial submission. No Fee

DNA Match—Sample submitted to be matched to other already registered animals to determine which animal it may have been previously registered as. The fee is additional to the Registration fee.

Duplicates—Samples that are submitted that have already been registered which causes the same DNA to be identified to 2 or more animals causing additional research to determine which should be the Active case and which ones should be made Inactive. Duplicates caused by Original Owner and New Owner submitting samples on same animal, New Owner would be charged. Duplicate submissions on the same animal by a single Owner, that Owner would be charged.

Complex Transactions—Excessive time spent on completing any work for a member may be charged an additional fee to be determined at the time of the transaction. Members will be notified if their case falls into this category prior to completing any work. Cases that would be considered Complex Transactions are rare. Currently, there have been only 4 "Herd Projects" that would have been considered Complex Transactions. Most cases are considered to be "Regular Research" investigations and do not warrant the additional fee.

Exhibit 4:
INSTRUCTION FOR TAKING DNA HAIR AND ANTLER CORE SAMPLES

Note: It is especially important to take measures not to contaminate the hair sample. The hair that is placed in the sample envelope must be from only the animal that is listed on the sample envelope.

1. Thoroughly wash and dry your hands.
2. Hair samples should be taken from the animal's neck (the "mane" area) with dark, long, thick guard hairs. Brush the area to remove all loose hair, dirt, and any hair from other animals that might have rubbed against the test animal. If you are collecting in a chute, wipe any part that touches the animal's neck between animals so samples will not be contaminated.
3. PULL (do not cut) 20 to 30 hair strands. Grasp hair close to the skin and pull or use hemostats to grip hair close to skin and pull.
4. Examine the ends of the hair strands for presence of root bulbs. The lab must have hair with roots for DNA testing. If most of the hair strands do not have root ends, discard, and pull another sample.
5. Place the hair in the sample envelope prepared for that particular individual and seal the envelope.
6. Repeat the process for each animal to be tested. Clean hands of any hair between each sample taken to avoid sample contamination.
7. If submitting antler — Drill at the base into the core of the antler.
8. Place the antler shavings in a zip-lock bag and then in the sample envelope prepared for that individual and seal the envelope. Make sure the bag and envelope are completely sealed so that no shavings fall out of any openings on the envelope.
9. Each sample MUST be in a separate envelope.
10. Take all the sealed sample envelopes and mail together to the EWA Office:

Exotic Wildlife Association
231 Thompson Drive
Kerrville, TX 78028

Exhibit 5:
SEMEN SAMPLE SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHIPPING SEMEN

1) Ensure the straw(s) are clearly labeled with the animal's name and/or Registration#,
   -If empty/used straws are being sent, please send 3-4 from each male, Empty straws should be stored together, grouped by male, in a well labeled Ziploc type baggie in the freezer.

2) Package the shipment to protect the straw so that it can't get crushed, bend, or leak, Ziploc type baggies provide extra protection and should be labeled with the same animal ID information that is printed on the straw(s),

3) The straws do not need to remain frozen but should be kept cool to prevent spoilage. Ice/frozen packs must be included in the package.

4) Be sure to include the bar-coded sample submission form(s). Other samples and forms can be shipped in the box along with the straw(s) if multiple animals are to be tested,

5) The package must be sent for overnight or 2- day delivery at most. Label the box labeled FRAGILE.

6) Use a courier such as UPS, FedEx, OHL. These carriers are typically faster and enable the shipper to track package receipt by the lab, etc.

6) You must use our alternate shipping address for couriers such as UPS, FedEx, OHL, etc (Do Not Ship to the One Shields Ave address or the PO Box).

SHIP TO:
Veterinary Genetics
Laboratory University
of California, Davis
980 Old Davis Road
Davis, CA 95616

7) VGL is not open on the weekends. To ensure delivery day will not fall on Sat or Sun, do not ship on Fridays (Mon-Wed is best).

Note: The EWA Registration Office will contact you with the result and complete animal registration requests.

The Exotic Wildlife Association

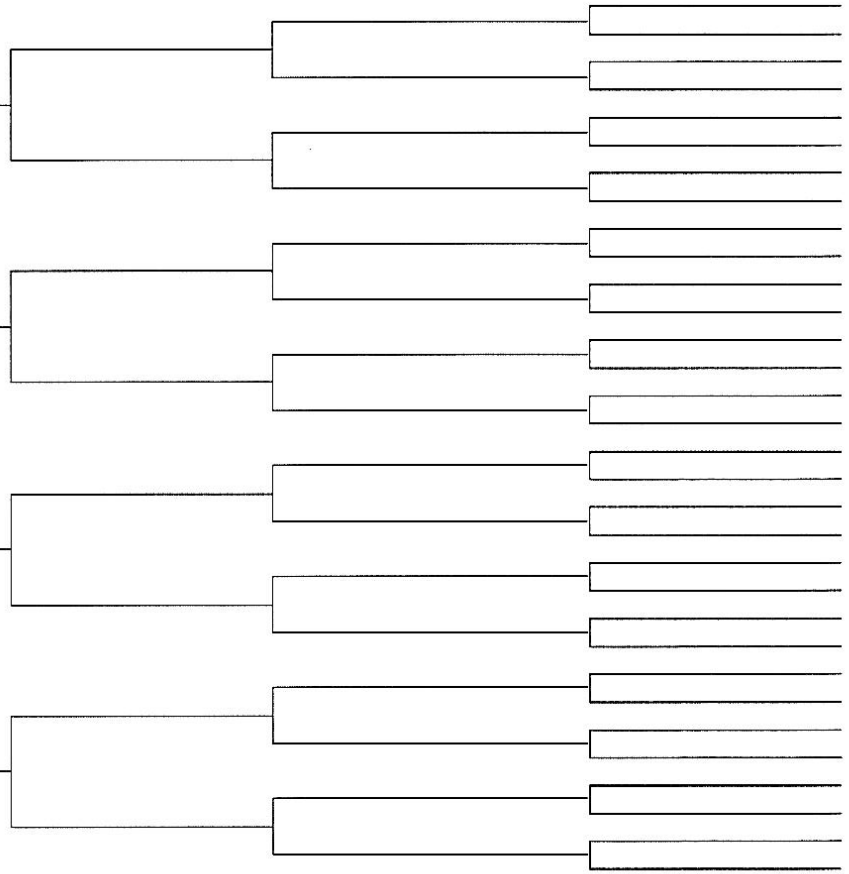
Fallow Deer Registry Certification

Animal Name: Yellow756
Sex: Female
DOB: 6/1/2020
EWA#: 2-13670 VGL#: EWF10412
Ear Tag: Yellow756
Microchip#:

Buck

Yellow756
2-13670

Doe *RBR Gr500/2-5453*



Owner: Shelly Evatt
Ranch: EWA Registry
Member #: 12179

This animal has been accepted for entry into the records of the Exotic Wildlife Association Fallow Deer Registry. Some of the information on this certificate was furnished by the applicant and EWA assumes no responsibility for its accuracy. This document is provided to members in good standing of the Exotic Wildlife Association.

4/19/2023	Pete Moore	4/30/2025
Date DNA Verified	Pete Moore, EWA President	Date Issued

Sample EWA Certificate (Front and Back)

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP: **Name/Tag # of Animal being Transferred:**_____ **EWA # of Animal being Transferred:** _____

Printed Name of Seller	Signature of Seller	Date
Printed Name of New Owner	Signature of New Owner	Date

Printed Name of Seller	Signature of Seller	Date
Printed Name of New Owner	Signature of New Owner	Date

Printed Name of Seller	Signature of Seller	Date
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