

Breeder Affidavit of Parentage Correction

RULE 17:

(Ref: IMZA Rule 16.10)

1) Affidavit:

At any time, an IMZA affiliated and verified DNA Parent Verification to an IMZA registered animal may be submitted as evidence to reverse the reclassification and/or restore the pedigree(s) in question to the proper classification. The original breeder may also submit an official Breeder Affidavit of Parentage Correction to correct the pedigree and will be subject to all current rules of Report of Birth. The proper classification will be determined by the classification of the parent(s). DNA evidence is subject to review and verification by the DNA Committee and the Board of Directors

If a DNA Parent Verification has excluded a Sire and/or a Dam from a registered offspring, a member who currently owns and who submitted the DNA of the offspring of the DNA Excluded Sire and/or Dam may elect this option for an attempt to replace the recorded Sire and/or Dam in the IMZA Registry without DNA Parent Verification.

All procedures described herein shall adhere to the current Report of Birth Rules and all other Registration Rules that may apply.

a) Only the Official IMZA Breeder Affidavit of Parentage Correction document will be accepted for review.

b) The affidavit shall be testimony by the original breeder on record that an incorrect mating and/or a recording error could be probable for the exclusion.

c) The affidavit shall be required from the original recorded breeder on record of the offspring of the excluded Sire and/or Dam.

d) The affidavit shall require in writing and to the best of the original breeder's knowledge and/or records, a detailed explanation of all evidence that he/she did own on record and possess the replacement Sire at the time of breeding and/or the replacement Dam at the time of the calving of the offspring.

e) The affidavit shall be signed and dated in ink by the original breeder on record and the current owner on record of the offspring. If the original breeder is also the current owner, the current owner must provide a signature as both.

f) If the original breeder on record does not have information to offer, refuses to cooperate, cannot be located or for any other reason the affidavit cannot be attained from the original breeder, a forfeiture shall apply to any attempt to replace a DNA Excluded Sire and/or Dam of an offspring and will be subject to the provisions outlined in IMZA Rule 16.

g) There shall be no ability to electronically complete and submit an official Breeder's Parentage Affidavit.

2) Compliance, Additional Required Criteria and Documentation:

- a)** If a Heifer or Cow was acquired or sold bred or a bull was borrowed, leased, rented or the like, a Breeders Certificate from the owner of the bull or the breeder must be submitted. Failure to submit a Breeders Certificate under these circumstances shall invalidate any claim.
- b)** Additional documented evidence of ownership, including photographs may also be included and forwarded to the IMZA Board of Directors.
- c)** All submitted documents and/or evidence shall be subject to review only by the IMZA Board of Directors. Submitted documents do not assure guaranteed approval. All submitted documents and photographs shall become property of the IMZA.
- d)** If all requirements are fulfilled and accepted by the Board of Directors there shall not be a "Sire and/or Dam Qualifies" documented in the IMZA Herd Book for Parentage.
- e)** If all requirements are fulfilled and accepted by the Board of Directors an Error Correction Form must then be submitted by the owner of the offspring.
- f)** Any attempt to falsify documents, offer compensation for, intimidate, or mislead the original breeder or any party involved in the attempt to alter the official record shall be subject to the provisions of Article V of the Bylaws of the Association.

3) Limitations:

- a)** There shall be no limit on time to exercise this option and submit all required documents, but all reclassifications set forth in Rule #16 of the IMZA Rules and Regulations shall apply until such a time.
- b)** The process of exercising this option and all procedures set forth under this rule shall be limited to one (1) for each offspring or specific animal.
- c)** If at any time it is found and verified through a DNA Parent Verification that the approved replacement Sire and/or Dam has also been excluded from the offspring, no other attempt to correct the pedigree by breeder affidavit will be accepted. A verified DNA Parent Verification report shall be required as the only means to restore the pedigree in question. IMZA Rule #16 shall apply.