

# CONNECTION



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## FROM THE RECORDS DEPARTMENT:

### **Embryo Flush Reporting**

Recently, questions have been received regarding the embryo flush procedure and the steps required to register a flush and, subsequently, register calves from that flush. The most important factor to remember to avoid extra fees and make it easy to register your ET calves is to get paperwork from your vet and register your flush immediately! DO NOT wait to sort out paperwork when a calf is born.

1. First the cow is flushed.
2. Owner must get Certificate of Embryo Recovery from the vet.
  - a. A copy must be sent to the Brown Swiss Association for processing. It may be emailed, faxed or mailed. Email flush info to [amilz@brownswissusa.com](mailto:amilz@brownswissusa.com).
3. An official Certificate of Embryo Identification will be issued by the Brown Swiss Association for each flush of a donor dam. Each embryo will be assigned a unique embryo ID number upon receipt of and/or adherence to:
  - a. Certificate of Embryo Recovery (one per flush per donor dam) submitted by the owner of the donor dam containing:
    - b. Insemination information, donor dam name and registration number, sire name and registration number.
    - c. Collection information: number of embryos collected, direct transfers, frozen (stored), cleaved (degenerated), shipped, and unfertilized eggs, date of breeding and date of recovery.
    - d. Transplant information: signature of the transplant technician, information of method of storage and labeling of container, recipient ID numbers for fresh transplants.
    - e. Signature of collection technician (vet) and recorded owner of donor dam.
4. If donor dam is parentage verified, the Brown Swiss Association will process the Embryo Recovery form and send out a Certificate of Embryo Identification.
  - a. This certificate will contain the embryo ID numbers for all of the embryos on the form to be used for registering calves.
5. If a donor dam is being flushed for the first time you will want to do the following:
  - a. After receiving the recovery form, we will then contact you about getting parentage done on the donor dam.
    - i. A genetic test request form will be sent to fill out and return to our office.
    - ii. Once we receive the request form we will send a hair kit to be submitted directly to the test center Gene Seek.
    - iii. The fee for parentage kits are \$45.00 per donor dam which must be paid for before we send out the kit.
  - b. Once results are received, the embryo recovery form will be processed and the owner sent a Certificate of Embryo Identification
6. When frozen embryos are being transplanted into recipients, an implant sheet must be submitted letting the Brown Swiss Association know which recipients received which embryos. If the Certificate of Embryo Identification is lost, the office can look up the embryo ID numbers to find which embryos have resulting calves. There is no fee associated with the Implant sheets.
7. The following fees will be invoiced/charged based on when the original Certificate of Embryo Recovery sheet is received from the date the embryos were recovered:
  - a. Within 90 days \$10.00
  - b. Over 90 days \$50.00
8. It is the responsibility of embryo owner to get information from flush vets. BSCBA will not contact vets for paperwork. Any paperwork missing information will be returned for completion and no fees will be waived for vets holding up paperwork.

### **Transferring Embryos to New Owners**

Embryos must be transferred to new owners at the time of sale. If this is not done, registration of resulting calves will be delayed. An embryo transfer application includes the following information and must be filled out completely before processing:

1. Number of embryos being sold, date of sale, new owner information, transaction number(which can be found on the Certificate of Embryo Identification), embryo ID numbers of the embryos being sold, cane number, straw numbers, donor dam name and registration number, sire name and registration number, and the recovery date.
2. The fee for a transfer of embryos is \$20 per flush.

*If you have any questions about flushing or the embryo process, please contact Registration Specialist Alicia Horn ext. 19. Any questions on parentage, please contact Programs/Activities Coordinator Stephanie Lemay at ext. 10. Please direct any policy questions to Executive Secretary David Wallace at ext. 24.*

## CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

<p><b>June</b> PA, NJ, MD, DE</p>
<p><b>July</b> ME, VT, NH, MA, CT, RI, VA, NC, SC, MS, AL, GA, FL, KY, TN, So. IN, So. IL, SE MO -Apps due May 15</p>
<p><b>August</b> Wisconsin -Apps due June 15</p>
<p><b>September</b> WA, OR, MT, WY, ID, UT, CA, NV, AZ, NM -Apps due July 15</p>
<p><b>October</b> OH, MI, WV, Northern IN -Apps due August 15</p>