

# ATTENTION NEWFOUNDLAND PONY BREEDERS & OWNERS



Pursuant to the requirements of the *Animal Pedigree Act (APA)*, the Newfoundland Pony Breed Assoc. (NPBA) hereby provides Notice of Intention to seek immediate Breed recognition for the Newfoundland Pony. Further, that NPBA seek

exclusive right to maintain a Breed Registry for the Newfoundland Pony under the *Animal Pedigree Act*.

All Newfoundland Pony breeders and owners are invited to support this initiative by completing and returning a letter of support available either online at the NPBA web site: [www.npba.ca](http://www.npba.ca) or by contacting the Newfoundland Pony Breed Assoc., R.R. #4, 2950 Bolton's Road, Lakefield ON, Canada, K0L 2H0 to obtain a copy. Telephone: (705) 654-1154.

The NPBA asks that if any interested party, having standing under the *APA*, has objection to this action to promptly make known to NPBA their cause for objection.

The NPBA shall make every effort to resolve any objection and accommodate all concerns raised. The NPBA seeks to represent the interests of ALL breeders and owners of the Newfoundland Pony across Canada and beyond. The NPBA defines a breeder as any owner of a mare at the time of service.

The recent analysis by Rare Breeds Canada of its *Newfoundland Pony Blood Genome* study found a high level of genetic diversity in this particular population sample, a level comparable to other registered horse breeds. Furthermore, it appears that the Newfoundland Pony population studied forms a distinct group of genetically diverse individuals.

This confirms what breeders and owners have long recognized and to obtain recognized Breed status nationally is a logical next step. The Newfoundland Pony Breed Assoc. supports this view and asks ALL breeders and owners of the Newfoundland Pony to join in this opportunity to recognize the dedicated efforts of many and their goal to have this pony take its rightful place in the equine world.

**With your support, this will be accomplished.**

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## ***Our PURPOSE:***

To obtain and maintain the incorporated non-profit Breed Registry under the *Animal Pedigree Act* that preserves pedigree and retains the integrity of the Breed:

1. Protection of the Breeders and Owners of Newfoundland Ponies.
2. Protection for Buyers and Sellers of Newfoundland Ponies.
3. Protection and maintenance of the integrity of the Newfoundland Pony Breed thereby enhancing the value of the pony.