

# TGCA ASSURED BREEDERS SCHEME (ABS)

The TGCA ENCOURAGES RESPONSIBLE BREEDING PRACTICES

The latest campaign aims to stop over production of poor quality Traditional Gypsy Cobs within the UK.

The Gypsy Cob has seen a huge rise in the number of foals produced over the last 10 years, resulting in a higher percentage of poorer quality examples being produced.

This has resulted in significant welfare problems. Some caused by the recession and financial climate which has had a major impact on horse sales. As a result, this has driven down market prices, even for quality well bred horses.

With the market flooded with available horses for sale and feed and hay prices rising dramatically over the last few years, we have seen a large rise in welfare cases and more horses are being placed in Rescue Centres.

This Scheme together with The TGCA Evaluation Stallion Scheme, where only limited Covering Certificates are offered , aims to encourage limited numbers of Quality foals to be produced. Not Quantity!

## What is the Assured Breeders Scheme?

Established breeders will be offered the opportunity join The Assured Breeders Scheme which has a strict code of conduct they have to follow, to ensure the quality well-bred Traditional Gypsy Cobs have been carefully bred and cared for in all aspects of their health and well-being.

The Assured Breeders Scheme is an overall evaluation of a stud's breeding quality and care. By looking at bloodlines, quality of stock and horse care, the TGCA will be able to evaluate your stud and provide you with your Exclusive TGCA ASB Certificate to display your official Breeders Assurance participation.

By awarding the breeders flying the flag for the Traditional Gypsy Cob, the future of this historic and prestigious breed will be carried in safe hands.

A yearly subscription will allow breeders to advertise their stock through the TGCA website, providing customers with peace of mind and easy access to the highest quality of Traditional Gypsy Cobs. The scheme will take into consideration the following: All Breeders are current TGCA members .

- Animal Husbandry
- Health Records - worming ,vaccinations
- Pasture management – ragwort, fencing
- Feed management - paddock & hay quality
- Breed Society Registrations Administration
- Following TGCA Code of conduct regarding responsible breeding practices

As such, for those wishing to buy Traditional Gypsy Cobs with a view to breeding, then we would be encouraging approaches to be made to TGCA Assured breeders, who will be known to provide help, advice, health records, proven breeding lines and pedigrees.

**Support Responsible Breeders. Please find the list below of the TGCA Assured Breeders**

# **TGCA ASSURED BREEDERS - Buy with Confidence**

## **ENGLAND**

**MEADOW FARM UK – Andrea Betteridge Briggs**

**DIXIE DOWN STUD -The Downs Family**

**EJL STUD – Eleanor Lancaster**

**HERMITS STUD Mr & Mrs Butterfield**

**LIONHEART STUD- Donna Young**

**PAINTBALL STUD – J Bland**

**CUSTOM MADE COBS – Sam Deakin & Sarah Troke**

**SIDOLLS STUD- Sophie Quinn**

**WYSTONE STUD – Jo Martin**

**WILLOWSWAY STUD – Hilary Waterhouse and Jo Gassing**

## **FRANCE**

**JWD STUD Julie Walker – Dehaux**

**JOUAN BENEDICT**

**LESCHAERIE**

**DUCAL – Paul Wyatt**

## **CANADA – USA**

**RIVER LANE RANCH – The Baird Family**

**WILLOW HAVEN FARMS – Shannon & Wendy Janson**

**HARLOW ACRES - DANA LAMONTAGNE**

**GYPSY DREAM RANCH JEN KUZAK-**

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**STIHL FEATHER RANCH – Emily Stihl**

**JANINE HYATT USA**