

STUD BOOK STRUCTURE 2024



SUMMARY

The TGCA (Traditional Gypsy Cob Association) Ltd is the body approved by DEFRA to hold the Mother Studbook for Traditional Gypsy Cobs (TGCs) and as a Passport Issuing Office (PIO) in the UK.

The TGCA is a non-profit association, seeking to protect, preserve and promote the very best of our wonderful Traditional Gypsy Cob breed, which originates from the British Isles and makes up the largest population of horses therein.

Through our studbook we aim to record the old established bloodlines and encourage best forward breeding practices, so that we can uphold and build upon the legacy of these horses whilst maintaining the quality and true-to-type stamp of cobs as set out in our Breed Standard.

1) TGCA STUDBOOK SECTIONS

The TGCA studbook comprises the below sections:

- MOTHER STUDBOOK For All Traditional Gypsy Cobs
- PART BRED REGISTER For Part Bred TGCs

2) THE MOTHER STUDBOOK

The aim of the Mother Studbook is to record individual TGCs, their parentage and their offspring and to use this information to encourage responsible and considered forward breeding practices that protect, promote, and preserve to build on the best of this breed.

The TGCA will continually monitor and review its operation of the Mother Studbook and may make alterations and enhancements from time to time as required and in line with meeting the above aims. The mother studbook is open to TGCs worldwide

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3) MOTHER STUDBOOK CATEGORIES

The Mother Studbook is further divided into three categories.

MAIN STUD BOOK 1 (SB1)

MAIN STUD BOOK 2 ((SB2)

BREED IDENTITY SUPPLEMENTARY STUD BOOK (BIR)

3.1) MOTHER STUDBOOK REGISTRATIONS

TGCs may initially apply for registration directly onto entry levels MAIN SB1. MAIN SB2, BREED IDENTITY SUPPLEMENTARY STUD BOOK BIR

They may, later, upgrade between these levels should additional records become available.

Choice of registration at MAIN SB1, MAIN SB2 or Supplementary BIR is reflective of the owners' breeding intentions or any available pedigree (refer to below registration criteria). It is not our endorsement of the quality of the TGC, other than it meeting the Breed Standard.

Any TGC registered at the Supplementary level can apply for the MAIN Studbooks 1 & 2 subject to meeting the criteria required.

3.2) STUDBOOK REGISTRATION CRITERIA

Criteria for each of the entry studbook levels are as follows. These are equitable across stallions, mares, geldings, fillies, and colts.

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Breed Identity Supplementary Stud Book (BIR)

BREED STANDARD	MUST meet the TGCA breed standard. This assessment will be made from images submitted with the registration paperwork. In the case of any doubt a physical inspection may be required.
PARENTAGE	NOT required. Note NOT recorded even if available
DNA of TGC	NOT required

This entry level is suitable for TGCs with no verified breeding but they meet the breed standard. Horse can upgrade to the Main stud book subject to the horse meeting the entry level for Main SB1 or SB2. Horses are entitled to enter TGCA classes and competitions (stallions are required to attend a grading for competitions.)

MAIN SB2 (SB2)

BREED STANDARD	MUST meet the TGCA breed standard. This section will include only pure-bred Traditional Gypsy Cobs with parents already registered within the main section
PARENTAGE	Both parents must be TGCA registered Up to two generations of verified pedigree WILL be recorded if applicable.
DNA of TGC	REQUIRED – parents DNA must be on file

3.2) *cont.*: Suitable for TGCs with limited verified breeding for recording

MAIN 1 (SBB1)

BREED STANDARD	MUST meet the TGCA breed standard. This assessment will be made from images submitted with the registration paperwork. In the case of any doubt a physical inspection may be required.
PARENTAGE	REQUIRED: A minimum of 6 sets of verified DNA, including both parents, and a minimum of 2 Grandparents plus 2 further profiles. Full verified pedigree WILL be recorded.
DNA of TGC	REQUIRED

Suitable for TGCS with full verified pedigree

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5) Historic Stallions/Mares on the Studbook

Historic Stallions/Mares are those recognised at the discretion of the TGCA to be or to have been major contributors to the evolution and refinement of this breed. Historic Stallions/ Mares will be eligible for entry into the TGCA main studbook. Where a Historic Stallion/Mare is deceased the TGCA may award the Historic Stallion/mare status to a direct descendant to record the bloodlines and recognise their importance in the breeding gene pool.

6) Transitional Arrangements

Horses registered with the TGCA under the 2012 and prior system (i.e. before DEFRA Breed Association approval) remain as FSB or AUX. These sections are no longer available.

7) Verified Pedigree Explained

Pedigree information must be supported by DNA records if it is to be recorded in the TGCA studbook and subsequently printed as verified pedigree in passports or certificates. Covering certificates to be included where applicable.

The only exception to this is for deceased Historic Stallions/Mares (and their widely accepted historic lineage with no available DNA. These may be named in the pedigree of progeny at the absolute discretion of the TGCA and following the review of all supporting information. In this event it will be highlighted as 'Historic'.

Where the DNA proven pedigree does not relate to horses already registered, or in the process of being registered, with the TGCA it MUST be shown to trace back to traditional gypsy cobs originating from the British Isles and be supported by supplementary paperwork/ images/information.

No Traditional Gypsy Cob will be entered directly into Main Stud Book , or have pedigree recorded unless proven to the satisfaction of and at the discretion of the TGCA.

8) PART BRED REGISTER

A Part Bred Register (PBR) will be maintained for Part Bred TGCs applying for a passport or to be over stamped with the TGCA. First and subsequent generations of TGCs on the Mother Studbook may enter the Part Bred Register.

Any non TGC element of a pedigree which has been verified by a current DEFRA registered Breed society may be included in the TGCA passport or pedigree certificate. These horses must reside in the UK.

“The TGCA will enter into the breeding book, animals of the same breed, line or cross that are eligible for entry under the Society’s Breed criteria, without discrimination on account of their country of origin.”