



CERTIFIED PEDIGREE OPTION (CPO)

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Appaloosa Horse Club welcomes your interest in registering your Appaloosa with the international registry. Our mission is to preserve and protect the Appaloosa Horse.

The voluntary Certified Pedigree Option (CPO) program requires non-characteristic (N) horses as well as their sire and dam to be DNA typed in order to verify parentage. The inspector is not required to be present when a hair sample is taken from the CPO applicants' sire or dam.

Non-characteristic registered horses subsequently completing the Certified Pedigree Option can participate in ApHC-approved events.

To be eligible for the CPO program, the horse must first be registered with the ApHC in the non-characteristic (N) category. The owner must provide the ApHC Inspector with the (N) Certificate of Registration. The Inspector is required to identify the CPO applicant from the Certificate of Registration and be present when the hair sample is taken. At that time, all CPO applicants must be identified by cowlicks/hair whorls by the ApHC Inspector. Yearlings and older horses must be tattooed by the ApHC Inspector.

Arrangements for an ApHC Inspector and DNA kits may be made by contacting the Appaloosa Horse Club's CPO Department.

The owner is required to pay the following CPO expenses:

1. ApHC Inspector fees and travel costs.
2. \$50 DNA fee.
3. \$75 CPO application fee.
4. \$45 tattoo fee on yearlings and older horses.
5. Any additional costs necessary for completing the CPO.

*To obtain a DNA kit for the sire and/or dam of the CPO applicant, the following must be submitted to the Appaloosa Horse Club:

1. Registered name, number, and breed registry.
2. If registered with AQHA, JC, or AHRA, send copy of horse's Certificate of Registration.
3. \$50 DNA fee.

When the CPO requirements are met to the satisfaction of the registrar, the horse will receive an amended Certificate of Registration showing its pedigree has been certified.

Horses registered in the CPO category which are used for breeding purposes must be bred to an Appaloosa registered in the Regular (#) category in order for the resulting foal to be eligible for registration with the ApHC.

For additional information, please refer to registration rules in the current *Official Handbook of the Appaloosa Horse Club* or contact an ApHC Customer Service Representative at (208) 882-5578, ext. 300 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Pacific Time.