

REGISTRATION GUIDE

REGISTRATION DETAILS

HERD ID: All members apply for a 3 or 4 digit Herd ID of their choice when they join. The Herd ID is unique to each member, so the digits selected are assigned on a first come basis. This Herd ID should be used in the tattoo and/or name of all animals for that member.

Tattoo: Tattoos are the permanent identification of each animal and are required. The tattoo can be up to 8 digits (letters & numbers) in the **left ear**. No two animals may have the same tattoo, regardless of sex.

Tattoos should contain:

1. The breeder's Herd ID (3 or 4 digits)
2. The International Year Letter Designation (M = 2002, N = 2003, P = 2004, R = 2005, S = 2006, etc.) Letters I, O, Q, and V are not used.
3. Up to three numbers of the breeder's choosing.

REGISTERING PERCENTAGE CALVES

The following information is required for registration.

1. **Dam Registration Number** and Registered Name or Other Breed Composition (if not registered)
2. **Sire Registration Number** and Registered Name or Other Breed Composition (if not registered)
3. **Calf's Tattoo**
4. **Calf's Birthdate**
5. **Calf's Birth Weight**
6. **Calf's Sex**
7. **Calf's Color**
8. **Horned, Polled or Scurred**
9. **Calving Ease** (1. Unassisted, 2. Slight Assistance, 3. Difficult Pull, 4. Veterinarian Assisted)

TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP

Transfers are \$10.00.

Transfers at the time of registration (Transfer on Entry) require the same fees as transfer after registration. These transfers (Transfer on Entry) should be

indicated on the registration application (with complete address and name of new owner.)

REGISTERING FULLBLOOD & PUREBRED CALVES

All **Fullbloods** are required to be DNA tested or Bloodtyped. They also must be Parent Verified.

All **Purebreds** are required to be DNA tested or Bloodtyped. Purebreds must be Parent Verified if the parent animals are DNA'd or bloodtyped.

BovaCan, in Saskatoon, SK, Canada is the approved serology lab of the ABBB.

Other than the DNA or Bloodtype, the information required on the registration form is the same for Fullbloods & Purebreds as it is for Percentage animals. See **Registering Percentage Calves** and **Registration Details**.

TESTING for DNA

Hair sample kits are issued by the ABBB office. In order for the office to issue a kit, the breeder must submit a completed registration application, registration fee and the DNA fee of \$35.00 per animal.

DNA kits contain an envelope for hair collection. Paperwork and instructions are included.

BLOODTYPING

Bloodtype kits are issued by the ABBB office. In order for the office to issue a kit, the breeder must submit a completed registration application, registration fee and the Bloodtype fee of \$35.00 per animal.

Bloodtype kits contain a mailer addressed to BovaCan. Paperwork and Instructions are included.

REGISTERING EMBRYO CALVES

All embryo transfer calves must be DNA'd or Bloodtyped, **regardless of percentage**. They must also be Parent Verified. Required information of the registration form is the same for Embryo Transfer calves as it is for Fullblood animals. See **Registering Percentage Calves** and **Registration Details**.

Please make sure that all registration and transfer applications are signed. Please include a transmittal form and proper fees with all work submitted to the ABBB. Or if registering via the internet, please send all fees to the ABBB as soon as registration has been submitted.

Make checks payable to: American Belgian Blue Breeders, Inc.
33258 130th Avenue
Hedrick, IA 52563
Phone: (641) 653-2332
Fax: (641) 653-2332

Elite Registration Papers

Elite registration papers are those in which the breeder will **blood type** and **DNA** the calf from a blood typed fullblood sire and fullblood dam. This process will start the verification of the progeny of blood typed dams and sires. After the calf is both blood typed and DNA tested the progeny of this calf will only have to be DNA tested to verify parentage. All calves that have both elite registered parents will have elite registration papers.

Regular registration papers will be those in which a fullblood calf is only DNA tested or blood tested from a blood typed fullblood dam and fullblood sire. Therefore, the progeny of this calf will be issued a set of regular papers in the future on their progeny.

A Verified Pedigree will be issued to all purebreds that have been blood typed or DNA tested back to the first halfblood parent in the lineage. A purebred will never have an Elite registration.

Percentage calves will be issued a regular registration paper. Refer to registering percentage calves.

FEES:

DNA testing	\$35.00
Blood typing	\$35.00
Fullblood/purebred registration	\$20.00
Percentage registration	\$10.00
Entry of foreign DNA or blood type	\$10.00
Extra markers after 12 DNA markers	\$21.00
Retest performed on new sample of previously tested animal	\$17.50
Parent search, after 1 st four have been considered	\$20.00
Rush results, in addition to standard fee	\$70.00
Semen samples	\$41.00
Tissue samples	\$70.00
Reconstruction of genotype from Deceased animal	\$70.00

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHIPPING BLOOD TO BOVA-CAN LABS

Package the samples and completed application forms and send to:

Bova-Can Laboratories
c/o Saskatchewan Research Council
125 – 15 Innovation Blvd.
Saskatoon, SK S7N 2X8 Canada

An address label is included with your application form.

Breeders submitting blood samples for a blood typing test should ship the package via a courier service. Bova-Can recommends the use of the International Economy Express service at FedEx for all blood samples. This service will take care of all customs-related formalities. It is also recommended to ship blood at the beginning of the week due to a 3-day transit period.

For blood samples sent to Bova-Can Labs, the outside of the package should be labeled "Non-pathogenic samples". This will allow the shipment to clear Customs without delay. As well, when declaring a value of the shipment, it is important to state \$1.00. If any additional value is declared, the package will be delayed in Customs and extra brokerage fees will be assessed.