



# ZANGERSHEIDE

## STUDBOOK

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## CHAPTER 1. General provisions

Art. 1 Studbook Zangersheide vzw has its head office at Domein Zangersheide, Neerharenweg 79, 3620 Lanaken (Belgium).

Art. 2 Studbook Zangersheide vzw is a non-profit association, with company number BE 0449.503.542.

Art. 3 All provisions are useful for the proper functioning of the Studbook.

Art. 4 The provisions are supplementary to the descriptions in the Articles of Association and the CCA and apply to all members.

Art. 5 The most recent version of these internal rules and disputes resolution regulations is always published on the Zangersheide website. Only the most recent version published on our website is considered official and binding.

Art. 6 Staff, data and equipment:

- Staff
  - o Authorised to sign zootechnical certificates for pure-bred equidae and their semen, oocytes or embryos:
    - Chairperson: Judy Ann Melchior
  - o Staff members who carry out studbook administration; see Appendix II to these internal rules and dispute resolution regulations
- Studbook Zangersheide vzw can be reached on weekdays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm on the telephone number 0032 89 73 00 30 and by e-mail [info@zangersheide.com](mailto:info@zangersheide.com) or [studbook@zangersheide.com](mailto:studbook@zangersheide.com).
- The web address is [www.zangersheide.com](http://www.zangersheide.com).
- For the studbook administration, the program 'Z-horse' from developer PHPro is used. Members can use the program 'MyZangersheide', also developed by PHPro, <https://www.phpro.be/nl>.

Art. 7 In cases not covered by the internal rules and dispute resolution regulations, the decision of the Board of Directors or that of the chairperson of Studbook Zangersheide VZW is binding. The Board of Directors also decides on the amendments to these internal rules and dispute resolution regulations.

## CHAPTER 2. Members and membership

Art. 8 Members of Studbook Zangersheide vzw enjoy numerous benefits. For example, members receive our Zangersheide Magazine 4 times a year, members can participate with their Zangersheide foals in the Z-Festival, the stallion inspections and in the selection days for the renowned Zangersheide auctions. Members have all the important information about their horses at hand on their account 'My Zangersheide', can view the current status of their passports and use the database of Studbook Zangersheide vzw. Members are the first to know about new projects, research and

events that the studbook organizes. Every year, Studbook Zangersheide vzw rewards the breeders of the best Zangersheide horses with bonuses that can amount to thousands of euros. (see website for more information and conditions)

Art. 9 Membership can be taken out via the website, via the link: <https://www.zangersheide.com/nl/studbook/lidmaatschap>. The membership fees are always up-to-date and can be consulted on the website: <https://www.zangersheide.com/en/studbook/rates> Please note: Zangersheide reserves the right to unilaterally adjust and/or index the rates for both membership at any time.

Art. 10 Membership is entered into for one year, starting from the day of application. Membership can be terminated for the following year, provided that this is done at least one month before the expiry date. This can be done by sending a written notification to the email address [info@zangersheide.com](mailto:info@zangersheide.com). The member will receive a notification of the automatic renewal with the contribution to be paid. Without timely written notice, membership will automatically continue for the following year.

Art. 11 Studbook Zangersheide vzw can deprive members of their membership who act in violation of the breeding program, the internal rules and dispute resolution regulations, the statutes, the decisions of the studbook association, or the interest of breeding. In this case, the member will always be heard before making this decision. The exclusion as a member follows after a vote at the general meeting.

#### CHAPTER 3. Registration, parentage check and issue of zootechnical certificate proving parentage and varietal purity (passport) and issue of zootechnical certificates for germinal products (semen, oocytes and embryos)

Art. 12 For the issuance of zootechnical certificates for purebred horses (passports) and germinal products (semen, oocytes and embryos), reference is made to the provisions as included in the relevant breeding programme of Studbook Zangersheide, in which the conditions and procedures are laid down in more detail.

#### CHAPTER 4. Change of ownership in the passport

Art. 13 In the event of a change of owner of the horse, the new owner can send the passport to Studbook Zangersheide vzw or bring it to the studbook office, together with a sales agreement, signed by the previous owner and the new owner, and the full details of the new owner. If you are not in possession of this document, Studbook Zangersheide vzw will contact the last known owner. Only with the approval or written confirmation of the previous owner will the details of the new owner be included in the passport, as well as in Z-horse. The rates for a change of ownership can always be consulted up-to-date on the website: <https://www.zangersheide.com/en/studbook/rates> Please note: Zangersheide reserves the right to unilaterally adjust and/or index the rates for a change of ownership at any time.

## CHAPTER 5. Version II and duplicate of a passport in case of an editorial error in the passport

Art. 14 If the passport version I contains editorial errors that do not correspond to reality, any interested party can request that the passport be amended. Written confirmation from the veterinarian can always be requested.

Art. 15 A compliant passport version II will be issued if the mistake was made by Studbook Zangersheide vzw or one of its wings. The rates for a compliant passport can always be consulted up-to-date on the website: <https://www.zangersheide.com/en/studbook/rates>  
Please note: Zangersheide reserves the right to unilaterally adjust and/or index the rates for the compliant passport at any time. The conformity will then be sent to the applicant. If the horse was previously kept for slaughter, this will be retained. If the horse was previously excluded for slaughter, this remains excluded.

Art. 16 A duplicate of the passport will be issued if the mistake was made by one of the interested parties. The fees for a duplicate of a passport are always up-to-date Consultable on The Website: <https://www.zangersheide.com/en/studbook/rates>  
Please note: Zangersheide reserves the right to unilaterally adjust and/or index the rates for the duplicate of the passport at any time. The conformity will then be sent to the applicant. Belgian applications for a duplicate of a passport must also be made via the Government agency BCP. HorselD will then send the application to Studbook Zangersheide vzw. If the horse was previously kept for slaughter, it must be excluded for slaughter for 6 months. BCP will then send the duplicate of the passport to the owner. If the horse was previously excluded for slaughter, this remains excluded.

Art. 17 The incorrect passport must be returned to Studbook Zangersheide vzw or brought in at the studbook office, so that there are never two passports in circulation. The incorrect passport will then be destroyed by Studbook Zangersheide vzw.

## CHAPTER 6. Duplicate of a passport in case of loss or theft

Art. 18 In case of loss or theft, the interested party can request a duplicate of the passport. Belgian applications for a duplicate of a passport must also be made via the government agency HorselD. HorselD will then send the application to Studbook Zangersheide vzw.

Art. 19 The following information must be received from Studbook Zangersheide vzw:

- A written statement or official report drawn up by the police in which the interested party proves that he is no longer in possession of the passport;
- A written description recorded by a veterinarian AND/OR some clear photos of the entire horse;
- DNA hair sample identical for inspection by the lab;
- Proof of reading of the chip number that is active in the horse;
- A sales agreement, signed by the new and previous owner as well as the contact details of the new owner.

Art. 20 If this DNA result is positive, a duplicate passport can be printed and sent to the applicant for the duplicate of the passport. The fees for a duplicate passport can always be consulted up-to-date on the website: <https://www.zangersheide.com/en/studbook/rates>. Please note: Zangersheide reserves the right to unilaterally adjust and/or index the rates for the duplicate passport at any time. The duplicate will then be sent to the applicant.

## CHAPTER 7. Death of the horse

Art. 21 The owner of the horse must report the death in HorselD. The holder of the passport must send or bring in the passport, as well as the date of death, to Studbook Zangersheide vzw. The passport will then be destroyed.

## CHAPTER 8. Dispute resolution

Art. 22 By joining Studbook Zangersheide vzw as a member or using the services provided by Studbook Zangersheide in the context of the internal rules and dispute resolution regulations and the breeding program, you declare that you are aware of the dispute resolution rules as described below.

Art. 23 All disputes and disagreements with the association, regarding the members of the association, its provisions, its operation, its services or its procedure, must be reported to Studbook Zangersheide vzw in writing, either by e-mail (info@zangersheide.com), or by post or telephone. The relevant members of the studbook administration will handle the complaint as soon as possible and try to resolve it. If the complaint is considered sufficiently serious, it will be forwarded internally to the Studbook manager, the Board of Directors, or the chairperson of Studbook Zangersheide. We aim to reach a solution within a reasonable time, or refer to an arbitral body. Preferably, an appeal can be made to the mediation committee of the breeding subsector of PaardenPunt Vlaanderen (company number 0478828820). In that case, the Board of Directors will only take a decision after receiving the advice of the Conciliation Committee. This advice is not binding. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be communicated by registered letter. In case of an unsolvable situation, it can be agreed that each party chooses an arbitrator. These appointed referees will then jointly appoint a third referee if no agreement can be reached. The decision of the arbitrators is binding on all parties involved. The referees are released from any judicial formality. Nevertheless, the association reserves the right to submit the case to the regular

courts, should this prove necessary.

Art. 24 Studbook Zangersheide vzw takes a neutral position in the event of disagreements or disputes between owner(s), breeder(s), co-owner(s), co-breeders, foal owner(s), veterinarian, rider(s) or other persons or institutions that are in any way involved with the horse. Studbook Zangersheide vzw will act as a facilitator as far as possible in the context of a mediation attempt, otherwise the dispute resolution committee can be called upon. In all other cases, the parties involved are expected to resolve the dispute among themselves or through competent authorities. In such cases, Studbook Zangersheide vzw cannot be obliged to intervene in disputes or disputes between third parties. The responsibility for finding a solution, whether through negotiations, mediation or legal action, then lies entirely with the parties involved.

Art. 25 In the event of disputes between owner(s), breeder(s), co-owner(s), co-breeders, foal owner(s), veterinarian, rider(s) or other persons or institutions that are in any way involved with the horse, the (duplicate of a) passport will be released to the person or authority that is the owner of the horse at that time and can prove this on the basis of objective documents. Studbook Zangersheide vzw is not in the material and legal capacity to find out who is the owner of the animal in question, nor who is entitled to own the animal or to be the owner of it. Nor does Studbook Zangersheide vzw have the obligation to verify or control the data as they are supplied. Studbook Zangersheide vzw does not keep the (duplicate of a) passport at the request of one of the parties, unless at the request of a judicial authority.

Art. 26 The following sanctions can be imposed by Studbook Zangersheide vzw on members, regardless of whether they are ordinary members, members of the general assembly or board members:

- to offer an apology;
- a warning;
- a reproach;
- withholding prize money and travel allowances;
- the exclusion of the right of members and horses to participate in competitions, inspections or other activities of the studbook association, for a maximum of 3 years;
- refusal to register the horse with Studbook Zangersheide.

Studbook Zangersheide vzw can also deprive members who act in violation of the breeding program, the internal and dispute regulations, the statutes, the decisions of the studbook association, or the interest of breeding, of their membership, permanently or for a certain period. In this case, the member will always be heard before making this decision. The exclusion as a member follows a vote at the general meeting, with at least 2/3 of the votes of the members present or represented at the general meeting.

These sanctions can only be imposed:

- in the event of abuse, deliberate passing on of incorrect information or shortcoming with regard to the breeding program, the internal rules and dispute resolutions regulations, the statutes, the decisions of the studbook association, or the interest of the breeding;
- in the event of a conviction for a breach of statutory provisions;
- if their attitude is of such a nature that it can cause damage to the interests of the studbook association, such as an inappropriate attitude towards the jury, organizers or participants at inspections, competitions, price competitions or shows, or shortcomings regarding the correctness of pedigree.