

MEMBERSHIP TIPS

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Recent Updates

Some changes members have heard about for the past few months will quickly take effect. Be prepared and know what is coming down the pike. And, never forget to be thankful in all seasons of the year.

DNA Parentage Correction fees

DNA Parentage Correction Fees will increase to \$5 beginning on Jan. 1, 2019.

You may remember this topic from a previous Membership Tips article, as this was discussed and decided at the American Angus Association Board of Directors meeting held in June. I include it here as another reminder of the increased fee for these types of corrections.

It is easy to avoid these fees when correct protocol is followed by simply testing the animal for parentage prior to registration.

Once parentage is established, the registration application can then be submitted and no correction would be necessary. This is also more in line

with the Rule 100 series from the *Breeders Reference Guide* regarding registration. Your member services department created the following statement for your convenience regarding this issue (see “Parentage best practices” sidebar).

Hard copy transferred certificates

A new option for hard copy transferred certificates mailed directly to buyers for a fee of \$3 per transferred certificate began on Oct. 1, 2018.

This is a second decision from the Member and Affiliate Services Committee at the past June Board meeting and came from an idea submitted by a member. The current protocol is to mail transferred hard

copy registration certificates back to the seller at no cost to the seller. Then the seller mails them out to their buyers.

We now offer a second option as a service if the seller decides this would be a more convenient option for them. The seller will need to request this option in ‘checkout order comment’ in AAA Login or via email. It is important to remember that all papers within a file will be treated alike. All papers are either sent to the seller at no charge, or all get delivered to the buyers for the assessed fee.

Update to Rule 504

At the recent September Board of Directors meeting, rules of the American Angus Association were reviewed regarding parentage requirements and genetic condition testing as they relate to the requirements of registration.

The update to Rule 504 from the *Breeders Reference Guide*, as it relates to the eligibility of sires to be used artificially, was approved by the full Board of Directors and now reads as follows (new language is italicized for ease of reference):

Parentage best practices

When submitting calves with unknown parentage, or if you use multi-sire pastures, it is highly recommended that you test the calf for parentage prior to registering. At the time you submit the DNA sample on the calf for parentage testing, the calf will be assigned a temporary number (BIR

Number). Provide all possible sires by creating a sire group. This will allow the DNA to direct the system to determine the correct sire, allow us to make the correction on the calf’s weight data, and then you can submit the registration application and register the calf correctly. This will save time and effort.

- A record of the DNA-marker type, or blood type if identified before January 1, 2001, of all bulls that are the source of semen for the purpose of Artificial Insemination must be filed with the Association before calves that are sired artificially by such bulls shall be eligible for registration or before “Out of Herd” AI Service Certificates may be obtained from the Association. *The full suite of known commercially available tests for the genetic conditions monitored by the American Angus Association will be required for all bulls, born on or after January 1, 2018, that are the*

source of semen for the purpose of Artificial Insemination.

- Please note that Angus Genetics, Inc. (AGI) is currently working to provide bundled pricing for testing of all genetic conditions currently monitored by the Association at a reduced cost. These would include arthrogryposis multiplex (AM), neuropathic hydrocephalus (NH), contractural arachnodactyly (CA), myostatin nt821 gene deletion (M1), PRKG2 gene mutation for dwarfism (D2), developmental duplication (DD), oculocutaneous hypopigmentation (OH) and osteopetrosis (OS).

Being thankful

It is that time of year when many of us gather at dinner tables and give thanks for the many blessings we are bestowed. I try hard not to take these blessings for granted like my faith, health, family and friends.

Let’s all take time to stop and notice the blessings surrounding us. Let’s give thanks to those responsible; such as a loving spouse or family member, neighbor or fellow Angus breeder and of course our troops who protect our way of life every day with unthinkable sacrifices. We are truly blessed to live in the greatest nation on earth and with the privilege to be Angus breeders. **AJ**



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