

99D.22 Native horses or dogs.

1. a. (1) A licensee shall hold at least one race on each racing day limited to Iowa-foaled horses or Iowa-whelped dogs as defined by the department of agriculture and land stewardship using standards consistent with [this section](#). However, if sufficient competition cannot be had among that class of horses or dogs on any day, another race for the day may be substituted.

(2) If Iowa-foaled horses are in a race not limited to Iowa-foaled horses that is not a stakes race, the licensee shall allow any Iowa-foaled horse an additional three-pound weight allowance beyond the stated conditions of the race.

b. A sum equal to twelve percent of the purse won by an Iowa-foaled horse or Iowa-whelped dog shall be used to promote the horse and dog breeding industries. The twelve percent shall be withheld by the licensee from the breakage and shall be paid at the end of the race meeting to the state department of agriculture and land stewardship which in turn shall deposit it in a special fund to be known as the Iowa horse and dog breeders fund. The department shall pay the amount deposited in the fund that is withheld from the purse won by an Iowa-foaled horse to the breeder of the winning Iowa-foaled horse by December 31 of each calendar year. The department shall pay the amount deposited in the fund that is withheld from the purse won by an Iowa-whelped dog to the breeder of the winning Iowa-whelped dog by March 31 of each calendar year. For the purposes of [this section](#), the breeder of a horse shall be considered to be the owner of the brood mare at the time the foal is dropped.

c. No less than twenty percent of all net purse moneys distributed to each breed, as described in [section 99D.7, subsection 5](#), paragraph “b”, shall be designated for registered Iowa-bred foals in the form of breeder’s awards or purse supplement awards to enhance and foster the growth of the horse breeding industry.

2. For the purposes of [this chapter](#), the following shall be considered in determining if a horse is an Iowa-foaled thoroughbred horse, quarter horse, or standardbred horse:

a. All thoroughbred horses, quarter horses, or standardbred horses foaled in Iowa which are registered by the jockey club, American quarter horse association, or United States trotting association as Iowa foaled shall be considered to be Iowa foaled.

b. Eligibility for brood mare residence shall be achieved by meeting at least one of the following rules:

(1) Thirty days residency until the foal is inspected, if in foal to a registered Iowa stallion.

(2) Thirty days residency until the foal is inspected for brood mares which are bred back to registered Iowa stallions.

(3) (a) For a thoroughbred foal, continuous residency from December 15 until the foal is inspected if the mare was bred by other than an Iowa registered stallion and is not bred back to an Iowa registered stallion.

(b) For a standardbred foal or quarter horse foal, continuous residency from January 31 until the foal is inspected if the mare was bred by other than an Iowa registered stallion and is not bred back to an Iowa registered stallion.

c. To be eligible for registration as an Iowa thoroughbred, quarter horse, or standardbred stallion, stallion residency from January 1 through July 31 for the year of registration shall be met. However, horses going to stud for the first year shall be eligible upon registration with residency to continue through July 31.

d. State residency shall not be required for owners of brood mares.

3. To facilitate the implementation of [this section](#), the department of agriculture and land stewardship shall do all of the following:

a. Adopt standards to qualify thoroughbred, quarter horse, or standardbred stallions for Iowa breeding. A stallion shall stand for service in the state at the time of the foal’s conception and shall not stand for service at any place outside the state during the calendar year in which the foal is conceived.

b. Provide for the registration of Iowa-foaled horses and that a horse shall not compete in a race limited to Iowa-foaled horses unless the horse is registered with the department of

agriculture and land stewardship. The department may prescribe such forms as necessary to determine the eligibility of a horse.

c. The secretary of agriculture shall appoint investigators to determine the eligibility for registration of Iowa-foaled horses.

d. Establish a registration fee imposed on each horse which is a thoroughbred, quarter horse, or standardbred which shall be paid by the breeder of the horse. The department shall not impose the registration fee more than once on each horse. The amount of the registration fee shall not exceed thirty dollars. The moneys paid to the department from registration fees shall be considered appropriated receipts as defined in [section 8.2](#), and shall be used for the administration and enforcement of [this subsection](#).

4. a. The department of agriculture and land stewardship shall adopt rules establishing a schedule of registration fees to be imposed on owners of dogs that are whelped and raised for the first six months of their lives in Iowa for purposes of promoting native dogs as provided in [this chapter](#), including [section 99D.12](#) and [this section](#). The amount of the registration fees shall be imposed as follows:

- (1) An owner of a dam registering the dam, twenty-five dollars.
- (2) An owner of a litter registering the litter, ten dollars.
- (3) An owner of a dog registering the dog, five dollars.

b. The moneys paid to the department from registration fees as provided in paragraph “a” shall be considered appropriated receipts as defined in [section 8.2](#), and shall be used for the administration and enforcement of programs for the promotion of native dogs.

5. To qualify for the Iowa horse and dog breeders fund, a dog shall have been whelped in Iowa and raised for the first six months of its life in Iowa in a state inspected licensed facility. In addition, the owner of the dog shall have been a resident of the state for at least two years prior to the whelping. The department of agriculture and land stewardship shall adopt rules and prescribe forms to bring Iowa breeders into compliance with residency requirements of dogs and breeders in [this subsection](#).

[83 Acts, ch 187, §22; 84 Acts, ch 1266, §20, 21; 85 Acts, ch 67, §12; 95 Acts, ch 133, §1 – 7; 2001 Acts, ch 129, §2; 2005 Acts, ch 172, §19, 20; 2007 Acts, ch 211, §35; 2011 Acts, ch 111, §8; 2014 Acts, ch 1057, §1; 2015 Acts, ch 103, §1, 2; 2018 Acts, ch 1088, §1; 2024 Acts, ch 1177, §1; 2024 Acts, ch 1185, §123, 124](#)

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Subsection 3, paragraph d amended

Subsection 4, paragraph b amended