



### **Viking Shetland Pony Show 2023 Rules & Conditions of Entry**

Cunningsburgh Showfield

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Judging to commence 9am prompt.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Helen Thomson Memorial Fun Day.

Judging to commence 10am prompt

*Closing date for entries Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023. No late Entries Accepted.*

#### **General**

- The Viking Shetland Pony Show is affiliated to the Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society and will be judged under their rules. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to familiarise themselves with these rules prior to entering.
- All trophies must be returned prior to the show engraved and in a good clean condition. The cost of engraving is the responsibility of the trophy winner.
- All ponies must be registered (or in the case of foals, eligible for registration) in the Shetland Pony Stud-Book, and all ponies must be named on the entry form (including entries for the progeny classes) for inclusion in the catalogue.
- Competing animals must have been the bona-fide property of exhibitors (or hold an SPSBS lease form), for at least two months prior to the date of the show.
- “Island Bred” means born in Shetland.
- All children aged 14 years or under must wear a hard hat conforming to the current British standard while exhibiting.
- Whips or show canes must not exceed 30” long.
- The Show Committee reserves the right to amend, amalgamate or cancel any class and to replace a judge if necessary.
- If any pony is suspected of (or found to be) suffering from an infectious/contagious disease, or, any other condition preventing it from being shown, it must be removed from the showground immediately at the request of the Show Committee/vet.
- Judging to commence at 9am prompt on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> & 10am prompt on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Once judging of a class has commenced, no late arrivals will be admitted to the ring.
- It is the responsibility of each exhibitor/competitor to ensure that the pens used, surrounding area and car parking area are left clean & tidy at the end of the show.
- Any objection must be made in writing to the Show Committee within one hour of the alleged incident, with a deposit of £50, which will be refunded if the objection is upheld.
- The decision of the Judge(s) and the Show Committee is final.
- Exhibitors’ numbers will be available from the Secretary on the showground. The correct number must be displayed at all times.
- Current government guidance surrounding Covid-19 will be followed.
- Small ponies are defined as maturing 34” or under. Standard ponies are defined as maturing over 34” but not over 42”.

#### **Inhand**

- Stallions must be licensed in accordance with current Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society rules.
- Colts and stallions of 2 years old or over must be shown bitted & display a “stallion” badge on the bridle.
- Children under 14 yrs old may not show colts (excluding foals) or entire males in inhand classes.
- Exhibitors should remain standing at all times whilst in the ring. Kneeling is not permitted.
- Ponies are eligible to compete in both inhand and performance ring i.e. inhand standard & performance.
- Ponies entered in progeny classes must compete in the same ring as they have been shown in previously.
- No pony under four years (e.g. 3 yr old filly) may be shown with foal at foot.
- All foals must be a minimum of three weeks old on the day of the Show.

#### **Performance**

- In the interests of safety no rider/cones driver may compete unless wearing a hard hat of current British safety standard.
- Children under 12 years old (on the day of the show) may not show entire males in ridden classes.
- Lead Rein riders must be 3 years old or over on the day of the show (or 1<sup>st</sup> January as per other date restrictions?).
- Colts or entire males are not permitted in Young Handlers classes.
- Ridden and/or driven ponies must be 4 yrs old or over.
- Ridden entire males must display a stallion bridle badge.
- If a rider falls off at any time whilst in the ring, both pony and rider must leave the ring, rider dismounted, and take no further part.

**Neither the Viking Shetland Pony Show nor its organisers will be held liable for anything that may happen from any cause or circumstance whatsoever to any person, animal, article or property. It is a condition of entry that each exhibitor/competitor shall indemnify the show against any such matter aforesaid when signing their entry form.**