

Guidelines for Heritage Horse Designation

1. Horses will be registered with the designation Heritage Horse.
2. Only horses born prior to 1980 are eligible. This is when contemporary rules became available.
3. Horses do not need DNA or blood typing for proof of parentage. Members can submit a body of proof substantiating the horse's background.
4. Horses shall be qualified based on the Registry Rules that were in place at that time (see table below). Early rules accommodated acceptance of horses based on gaits, however, that would be impossible to verify at this date.
5. Should a horse be established as having one saddle parent, that horse shall be registered as a Half Saddlebred Heritage Horse.
6. Heritage Horses shall be eligible for award programs upon substantiation (e.g., CH, CH-SH, CH-EQ, etc.)

Foaling Years Covered	Requirement	Source
Before 1917	Stallion – by registered stallion and out of registered mare	American Saddle-Horse Breeder's Register, Volume 1
	Mare or gelding whose sire <i>or</i> dam is registered and who traces on either side to registered or foundation stock	
	Stallion or mare, the recorded in American Stud book, a Thoroughbred dam, the dam to be progeny of a registered sire out of (Name and page to be given).	
1917 - 1954	Stallion, mare, or gelding, by registered sire out of a registered dam.	American Saddle-Horse Breeders' Register Volume effective April 6, 1917
	Female progeny by a registered saddle stallion whose first and second dams are by a registered saddle stallion, or whose first dam is by a registered saddle stallion and whose second dam is registered in the Thoroughbred Stud Book.	
	A gelding by a registered saddle stallion out of a mare that traces to registered saddle stock.	
	Effective April 6, 1917: A mare or gelding by registered sire and out of a Thoroughbred mare recorded in American Stud Book, volume and page to be submitted.	
1954 - 1982	A stallion, mare, or gelding, by a registered saddle stallion and out of a registered saddle mare.	American Saddle-Horse Breeders' Register Volume effective 1953, American Saddle-Horse Breeder's Register effective 1954, and
	A gelding by a registered saddle stallion and out of a mare that traces to registered saddle stock.	

		American Saddlebred Horse Register 1982
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