



## American Haflinger Registry

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## How-To: Researching Registration Status

So you've acquired what looks like a Haflinger horse, purchased from a private party, auction, or rescue, and you're wondering if you can get it registered, or find its papers (registration certificate) that may have been lost to register it in your name. It's time to do some research; the more you know about the horse and its previous owners the better chance you'll have. However, your chances of identifying and registering an unknown Haflinger are not very high.

Follow the steps below; when you have as much information as you can get, forward it by email to: [registrations@haflingerhorse.com](mailto:registrations@haflingerhorse.com). You may need to do some online detective work to track down previous owners, addresses and phone numbers. This is work you need to do; the American Haflinger Registry cannot do it for you.



### Haflinger Horse Registration Research:

1. Collect any paperwork you have from your purchase: bill of sale, signed transfer form, original or copy of pedigree certificate, etc.
2. Trace the horse's ownership back through the owner you bought from, then go back from there as far as you can to get as much info on the horse possible.
3. If the horse is already registered, contact the current recorded owner to see if they will provide you with a signed transfer form for the horse. We can provide you with current owner's contact information and a link to the transfer form.
4. The more information we have to work with the more likely something can possibly be done to help you.
5. DNA: All American Haflinger Registry mares have DNA ID from 2004 forward; many colts or stallions may be in our DNA database too. You'll need a new DNA test to try to find a match. DNA kits are available from the office: \$100 for non-members, \$35 for members.
6. Once DNA results have been obtained, the AHR office can try to find your horse in our DNA database. There is a \$100 non-refundable charge for this research.
7. If your horse can be positively identified by DNA match, you will also need a 'paper trail' from previous owners to possibly obtain a registration certificate. This may include signed transfer documentation from the last recorded owner, etc.
8. There is no guarantee that you will get a registration certificate even if your horse is identified via DNA, because previous owners may be unwilling or unable to complete the appropriate documentation required. AHR can assist you with locating previous owners, but will not contact them for you.