

## Canadian South Devon Association Whole Herd Registry (WHR)

As of January 1, 2002, the Canadian South Devon Association has introduced a VOLUNTARY Whole Herd Registry (WHR) program. This program allows Canadian South Devon Breeders the option of enlisting their herd in the WHR program with a single fee paid for a full range of required services. Those who wish to do so may make the decision to continue to register and transfer South Devon cattle using the traditional system.

The WHR program will simplify the paperwork for you as a breeder. It will also provide a basis for better financial planning by the Association. Most important, however, is the fact that the WHR program will provide information required by the Canadian South Devon industry – in the form of weights and performance data requested by the commercial meat production industry.

The registry service for the WHR program will be provided by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. The performance program service will be provided by ABRI (Breed Plan).

Please note that the following outline includes the dates and deadlines which will be a part of the long-term WHR program. In the first year an extension of the early deadlines is also noted, in order to give breeders an opportunity to make their decision to participate in WHR and to make the required payments.

1. All South Devon breeding animals on inventory must be on either the Whole Herd Registry (WHR) or remain in the traditional system, one or the other. It will not be possible for breeders to have cattle on both programs under the same membership.

Existing members of the Canadian South Devon Association will have an option whether or not to participate in the WHR program but MUST be either “in” or “out”. In other words, it is not possible to register some animals on WHR and some on the traditional system.

A one-time setup fee must be paid when choosing to be “in” the Whole Herd Registry.

2. The implementation date for the Whole Herd Registry system is JANUARY 1, 2002.
3. All cattle born before January 1, 2002 (implementation date) are subject to the old

registration and transfer fee structure. All cattle born on or after January 1, 2002, from activated females will be registered under the new Whole Herd Registry program.

4. The single annual WHR enrollment fee (+ GST) on each female animal eighteen (18) months of age will make the animal active for the current year and entitles the breeder to:
  - Listing of all active cows within the WHR herd.
  - Registration of each female’s calf within 12 months of calving. This includes multiple births (see #8 below in regard to embryos).
5. All members must declare before February 1 of each year their intention to be on either WHR or traditional system. *Note – in this first year of WHR, breeders will have until March 31, 2002, to make their final decision and commitment to participate in WHR.*

After the enrollment deadline, members on the WHR program can add individual animals to their inventory and must pay the current year enrollment fee (+ GST). This refers only to animals newly purchased into the herd OR females which reach the enrollment age of eighteen (18) months during the year.

6. When a female is purchased from a herd on the traditional system by a herd participating in the WHR Program, the WHR member must pay the current year annual WHR assessment fee only to activate the female on his WHR herd inventory listing.

When a female is purchased from a herd participating in the WHR program, in which case the enrollment fee has already been paid on the female, they will be transferred and processed as other inventoried females already in the buyer herd. Therefore, the enrollment fee is only paid once in a year for a female.

7. A reactivation fee applies only when cattle are declared on the WHR program and dropped from the herd inventory and then reactivated on the same WHR herd inventory. This is the only time the reactivation applies.

8. A dead donor female can be inactivated and reactivated without payment of the re-activation fee required for reinstatement.

This would accommodate the implantation of frozen embryos and registration of the resulting offspring after the donor female is no longer in production (dead). The owner of the female would be required to pay the annual enrollment fee only during the year the embryo transfer offspring was or were calved and eligible for registry.

Embryo/donor dams which are included on the active cow inventory will be entitled to process one calf (natural or ET). The annual enrollment must be paid on each additional ET calf, unless the recipient dam is active on the current year inventory, in which case no additional fee is required.

9. Each CSDA member will receive a list of the animals in their ownership. Partnership-owned animals will be listed under the membership name for the partnership. Enrollment of leased animals will be charged to the lessee unless written instructions to the contrary are on file in the association's office. (Note: Participation in the WHR requires adherence to existing regulations in regard to registration of leases.)
10. One of the following must be received for each cow on inventory:
  - A record of birth including date and sex of calf (may also include birth weight).
  - A disposal code on the cow (these will be provided on the forms).
  - A reason code on the cow (example: open, ET program, moved to the next calving season, etc.)

*Note:* Any cow on inventory will be inactivated unless one of these three items is reported.

A reactivation fee will be paid to reinstate and activate a female in any year if she has been dropped from the prior year's inventory.

*Note:* If the calf dies before weaning, the breeder only needs to provide the appropriate calf disposal code, plus whatever information was collected (sire information, calf sex, birth date, birth weight and birth management group).

### Other WHR Guidelines

1. Participation in the WHR requires adherence to existing regulations in regard to Bloodtyping/DNA results on AI Sires and ET donor dams.
2. Undoubtedly, there will be details that are simply unforeseen situations that will need to be worked out as the program is implemented and proceeds in effect. There will be unusual situations that are not covered by regulations and these situations will need to be handled on a one-on-one basis and in some cases an immediate decision will be required. This decision will be the responsibility of the Registrar. The Board of Directors reserves the right to evaluate the program at the end of each year the Whole Herd Registry program is in effect.

### Bringing unregistered females into the herd

1. Recognizing that there are productive purebred South Devon females in many cow herds which have never been registered, breeders wishing to bring those females back into their registered cow herd may do so by enrolling in the Whole Herd Registry program.
2. Non-registered females may be registered by breeders without paying the usual aged-animal registration fees under the following conditions:
  - A breeder who intends to enroll on WHR will be allowed to update their cow herd list – on a one-time only basis – to bring previously unregistered females into the herd.
  - This update will be done at the calf registration fee.
  - The decision on such updates must be made, with payment in full at the time of entry into WHR.
  - Unregistered South Devon females must meet parentage requirements as set out in Association By-laws "Rules of Registration".