

<MARE CONVENTION >

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Owner:	Mare:	
Person in charge:		
Phone number:	Sire:	
Attending veterinarian:	Dam:	
Phone number:		
Billing address:		
	Sire of dam:	
Country:	Chip n°:	
Phone number:	Studbook n°:	
Fax :	Studbook name:	
Mobile:	Date of birth:	
e-mail :	Breed:	
Website:	Coat colour:	
VAT n°:	Food chain <del>:</del> yes – no	



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The owner hereby declares that:

- The mare hasn't shown signs of contagious disease 10 days before she arrived to the center and that she was vaccinated and dewormed in due course last deworming:.....
- If she wasn't, we reserve the right to do it ourselves at the owner's expense
- The mare comes from a territory which is not under any restrictions linked to a contagious disease and has been staying in Belgium
  - $\circ \quad \text{Since she was born} \\$
  - o Since (import date).....and used to live in .....

Date of last foaling ...... Insemination shall be carried out with o fresh semen collected on site o chilled semen o frozen semen: Number of straws / doses: Number of available straws: From THE STALLION : Owner of frozen doses :

The mare shall remain at the center until :	o END OF HEAT	O PREGNANCY DIAGNOSIS
The mare should have a stall filled with	o STRAW	o SHAVINGS (extra €2/day)
The mare can be put in the indoor arena :	o YES	o NO
In a paddock:	o YES	o NO
REMARKS (halter, rope, passport, treatment):		



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# <u>Fees</u>

Heat monitoring and fresh-semen insemination (fresh semen collected in Mont-le-Soie only)	€110 /heat
Heat monitoring and frozen semen insemination	€150 /heat
<ul> <li>Lease. The duration of the mare's presence on our site depends on the duration of her heat and/or whether she stays until the pregnancy diagnosis.</li> <li>Mare</li> <li>Mare foal at foot</li> </ul>	€10 /day €12 / day
Shavings (extra)	€2 / day
Field lease: if the mare is 24/7 in the field between two heats. The decision of leaving the mare in a field is made by the vets of the Center alone with the consent of the owner.	€6 / day
Embryo harvesting. Includes the harvesting of the embryo as well as the packaging for transport.	€200 /harvest
Embryo transfer into the recipient mare, whether the embryo was harvested in Mont-le-Soie or elsewhere.	€100 /transfer
Fresh semen transport box (if not returned 5 working days after shipment)	€20
Lease of a shipment container for frozen semen	€10 /day
To be sent back within 12 working days after shipment.	
Travel expenses if monitoring at the owner's	€0,3707 /km

All prices exclude VAT (21%).



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# **Terms and conditions**

## 1. Admission requirements

Under the law on equine animals' identification, each mare needs to be properly identified and have a passport. If the owner forgets the passport, it should be brought to the Center within 24 hours after admission. It shall remain at the Center throughout the stay of the mare. The owner shall claim the mare's passport back when she leaves the site. If the mare cannot be identified, the owner only shall be held responsible for the consequences and shall cover fees linked to an inspection carried out by competent authorities.

On the day of the arrival at the Center, if the mare shows signs of illness or was not vaccinated against the flu, rhinopneumonitis and tetanus in due time, she could be denied access to the site by the vet in charge. They also can deny access to a mare that they deem unfit for reproduction.

The arrival and departure of mares shall be carried out by prior appointment only. The owner undertakes to comply with the arrival calendar.

## 2. Terms and conditions regarding gynecological monitoring

The Center undertakes to take all necessary measures to inseminate in ideal conditions. However, there is no obligation of result. The gynecological monitoring fee covers the duration of one cycle. It includes the detection of heat, monitoring of follicle growth and ovulation via transrectal ultrasound, examination of the uterus, insemination and pregnancy diagnosis 14 to 18 days after ovulation. If a specific treatment is necessary and leads to extra costs, the Center will always ask for the owner's approval. The pregnancy checkup carried out around 45 days after ovulation is also included in the fee if this checkup is done at the Center. The Center undertakes to keep the owner posted about the evolution of the mare's heat.

The Center undertakes to take all necessary measures to host the mare in ideal conditions in view of its infrastructures, following the hygiene rules that are imposed upon the Center by the regulation in force and under the supervision of AFSCA. Mares regularly go to a paddock or arena depending on the arrival form and/or remain outdoor unless they need to be kept in stalls for gynecological monitoring purposes.

When it comes to **fresh semen**, the mare's owner is responsible for contacting the stallion's owner in order to book the covering. The Center will only be able to manage the booking once the semen purchase agreement is signed.

When it comes to **frozen semen**, mares are examined via ultrasound between 1 and 3 times per day as necessary and depending on the timing of the cycle. The vet is the sole judge of when and how (regular or deep AI) to inseminate. The Center is not responsible for the quality of straws produced in other centers. The owner is responsible for the purchase of straws, which must be available as soon as the mare arrives to the Center.

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### 4. Embryo harvesting and transfer

### 1. Terms for embryo harvesting

- The Center undertakes to harvest the embryo within the framework of existing legislation and to keep the owner posted about the results (if no embryo, if more than one embryo...)
- The owner undertakes to bring the mare on the date and time of the scheduled harvesting if they brought the mare back home after insemination.
- If several embryos are harvested during one harvest, the cost of the covering shall be decided in agreement with the owner of the stallion.

If the insemination prior to the harvesting was carried out outside of Mont-le-Soie :

- The owner shall provide the details of the other vet
- This vet shall inform the Center about each heat, insemination and ovulation times so that the vet of the Center can, if needed, synchronize recipients with the donor in order to successfully carry out the transfer
- The owner shall provide a covering certificate filled in by the inseminator
- The Center is, in this case, the service provider for the harvesting only it is not responsible for the gynecological monitoring of the mare which is under the attending vet's responsibility.

### 2. Terms for transferring the embryo

The Center undertakes to transfer the embryo(s) within the framework of existing legislation and to keep the owner posted about the results. The Center does not provide surrogate mares. The owner can provide a recipient and the Center can put the owner in touch with a partner such as Keros or Haras de la Talma. The Center also takes care of the pregnancy diagnosis of the recipient(s) up to the 45<sup>th</sup> day of pregnancy if they are provided by the owner.

### 6. Terms of payment

A €200 down payment shall be paid when the mare enters the Center at the latest.

Leasing, monitoring and care fees are invoiced and payable when the mare leaves the Center or once per month in case of a long-term stay. The owner undertakes to pay the outstanding balance on the day that the mare leaves the Center at the latest and to pay the closing invoice upon reception. The applicable terms can be found on the invoice.



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### 7. <u>Liability</u>

The owner hereby confirms that they are aware of the fact that, as with any medical procedure, the rectal palpation, transrectal ultrasound, insemination, harvest and transfer of the embryo are not risk-free (restraining accidents, rectal lacerations... which can lead to permanent injuries or death of the mare). The owner accepts these risks when such examinations are performed following common veterinarian practices. The Center denies any responsibility for twin pregnancies if the mare wasn't monitored via ultrasound in due time.

The Center guarantees the sanitary and packaging quality of the semen if the stallion is based at the Center but in no way guarantees the pregnancy of the mare.

All deliveries are carried out at the risk and expense of the buyer (EXWORK) from the Center. Any loss or damaging to the embryo during transportation shall be the responsibility of the buyer or the owner. They should cover this risk with an appropriate insurance.

The owner hereby declares that their horse is insured or that they are their own insurer. They are aware of the housing conditions of their horse throughout its stay within the Center's infrastructure. The Center cannot be held responsible by the owner or beneficiary for damages which could occur to the mare and/or her foal during her stay, whether they are due to an accident, illness, theft or death of the animal. In case of illness or accident, the vet of the Center shall take all necessary measure to treat the mare and might send her to the Equine clinic of Liège University.

The owner guarantees the Center (directly as well as in case of interventions by third parties) against any damage that their horse could cause to people, infrastructure, other animals and more generally to any third party and takes the appropriate insurance policies.

The Center can only be held responsible within the framework and the limits of its operational liability insurance. The Center has an operational liability insurance for the activities that the client uses in the framework of this agreement. The policy held by the Center guarantees the civil responsibility it may have for damages caused to animals and resulting from its activities and is limited, within the limits of the terms of its insurance policy, to a  $\leq 12,500$  coverage per accident. The owner accepts this compensation limit. They put no responsibility on the Center for compensation superior to this amount. They shall personally subscribe to any additional insurance they deem necessary or useful at their own expense.

Any dispute arising between the parties regarding the interpretation or execution of this agreement shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Commercial Court (Tribunal de Commerce) of Marche-en-Famenne.

DOWNPAYMENT RECIEVED: .....

PAID: cash – bank transfer .....

Done in duplicate in Vielsalm, on .....

Signature of the owner,

For the Center,