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1) Introduction

The department leads initiatives for breeding development and to safeguard the industry through use of “Good Breeding Practice”, which gives the opportunity to share knowledge and to recognise excellence in the WBFSH member studbooks.

2) Activities

Advancing Transparency and Welfare in Breeding

In 2025, the WBFSH Breeding Department has focused its work on two major priorities: ensuring greater transparency and traceability in reproductive methods, and strengthening welfare standards across the breeding community.

1. Transparency and Traceability of Reproductive Techniques

The WBFSH has continued to promote the importance of traceability in assisted reproductive technologies. This work enabled Nadine Brandtner to present the WBFSH’s initiatives to Members of the European Parliament before the summer, helping to raise awareness of these issues among policymakers and the wider public.

2. The WBFSH Responsibility of Commitment to Equine Welfare in Breeding

In line with its mission to foster ethical and sustainable breeding, the WBFSH has introduced the Responsibility of Commitment to Equine Welfare in Breeding, inviting all member studbooks to formally endorse it.

- The Commitment highlights seven key areas: prioritising welfare in breeding decisions, embedding welfare into breeding strategies, ensuring ethical management practices, supporting evidence-based improvements, monitoring welfare outcomes, leading by example, and taking responsibility through transparency and accountability.
- By signing the Commitment, members acknowledge that welfare is a duty, not an option, and agree to uphold these commitments in their policies and practices.



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The full text of the Commitment will be presented to the WBFSH to be signed by members.

Conclusion

Through these initiatives, the WBFSH reaffirms its leadership in advancing both transparency and welfare in sport horse breeding. The introduction of the Welfare Commitment marks an important milestone, ensuring that ethical standards are embedded in breeding strategies and practices worldwide, with each WBFSH member undertaking to take the necessary measures to uphold and enforce them.