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M & M PONY OWNERS - Your Help is Needed!



Dr. Gus Cothran is Conducting an Important Study to Map the Critically Endangered

NEWFOUNDLAND PONY

The Newfoundland Pony is a North American heritage animal. History has determined that the Newfoundland Pony evolved from Native Ponies that were located in areas involved in the 17th and 18th century Cod Fishery in Newfoundland. These were primarily the West Country breeds of England - Exmoor, the Dartmoor and the New Forest Ponies but other breeds were also included - the Welsh Mountain, the Highland, the Connemara, the extinct Galloway (Fell ancestor) and the Kerry Bog Ponies. Newfoundland Pony PHOTO: Equestrian Images

DNA hair samples are needed from the British Mountain and Moorland Breeds listed below to verify where the Newfoundland pony fits on the equine genetic tree. Dr. Cothran already has sufficient data for most of the necessary breeds but 25 hair samples are needed for:

New Forest
Welsh Mountain Ponies (Section A)
Welsh Ponies (Section B, C & D)
Shetland Ponies (British Only)
Kerry Bog

Samples are required *from as many different lines as possible*. The same is required for the Kerry Bog Pony but it may not be possible to gather a base of 25 samples so whatever number is possible will be utilized. Samples from the other Welsh sections B, C & D would also be appreciated, as well as samples of British Shetland Ponies as they may have played a small part in contributing to the Newfoundland breed.

The samples can be mailed directly to Dr. Gus Cothran Texas A&M University. (See forms for address.) There is no charge for participation in this study.

FORMS By MAIL: For further information about this important study or for DNA forms and instructions by mail, please contact Pat Morris at 905-563-0330, mtcs@sympatico.ca, 2810 Campden Rd., Vineland, Ontario L0R 2C0.

FORMS ONLINE – Instructions and Forms to download can be found at the Equus Survival Trust website: www.Equus-Survival-Trust.org under PROJECTS in the menu.