

I know some of you have been waiting for this announcement. I do apologize for the delay but, with the low temperatures and snow storm, I have been quiet busy with our farm.

First, let me say that the BOD have had many discussions for many days on the best way to handle these new "lines" from the 2010 import that have recently been released and how to best handle this for the integrity of the breed and for you our valued members. AKKPS is founded on integrity and our strong desire to protect the KuneKune as a heritage breed by accurate records of lineage to name one. These decisions were not taken lightly and much research was needed in order to make sound and informed decisions utilizing the New Zealand herd books. In no way is AKKPS telling you what you should or should not do but, our duty is to inform you, educate you and provide you with the information so that you yourself can make decisions on what is best for you and your herd.

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Now for some history - when KuneKunes are imported into the USA it has been a common practice for the importer to name the "line" by other registries. Does this mean it is a new bloodline? No, it means that it is a name given to the animals for tracking purposes. It would be impossible for us to have more lines than in other countries where they originated. Yet this has happened here in the US because of the way the importer has been allowed to name the line in other organizations. Each organization can do things differently. Neither is right or wrong but, they are at times handling things differently.

The BOD of directors has elected to implement the following rule for consideration of dual registrations: All KuneKunes presented for dual registrations from these imports will be required to have 3 generations of ancestors that are registered with another organization. (This does not include inspected or unregistered pigs.) If this is a boar line, they must have 3 boar sires that are registered. If this is a sow line, they must have 3 generations of dam's that are registered. AKKPS requires DNA verification reports of US born KuneKunes when presented for dual registration and/or ancestors.

Now 10 pigs were imported into the US in 2010. Four of these lines were released prior to AKKPS being created. Therefore, the past AKKPS BOD decided to accept these lines into our herd book as they were already released and being registered. That is the Aria Giana, Tuahuru, Tapeka, and Mahia Love. As you may remember here is the information on those "lines".

Aria Giana - tracks back to Wilsons Gina NZ 0055

Mahia Love - tracks back to Maka Mahia NZ 1100

Tuahuru - goes back to an inspected pig Sebastien (Ca'rino) NZ 3526 and the rest of the lineage is lost.

Tapeka - Tracks to an inspected pig and has 3 generations of dam lines.

According to the rule implemented above all these lines would have been accepted except the Tuahuru as the import only had one ancestor on the boar side and he was inspected. However, due to the fact they have already now completed over 3 generations, no changes will be made. That "line" is grandfathered in if you will.

Now we will discuss the 5 "new lines" which are Momona, Haunene, TaruTaru, Tutanekai and Whakanui. We are supplying you with "mock" pedigrees so that you can see what the imports registration would look like. These registrations shown are only for informational purposes and are not actually AKKPS registrations.

Haunene - will be eligible for dual registration now as there is 3 traceable generations on the female side. This "line name" does trace back to a non registered female named Babe. Therefore, the ancestry of what line this female may trace to is lost.

Momona - will be eligible for dual registration once 3 DNA verified generations are produced here in the USA. This "line name" has no ancestry of registrations on either side the boar lines or female lines. Therefore, the entire pedigree is blank and unknown.

TaruTaru - will be eligible for dual registration once 3 DNA verified generations are produced here in the USA. This "line name" has no ancestry of registrations on either side the boar lines or female lines. Therefore, the entire pedigree is blank and unknown. Are Momona and TaruTaru sisters or related? We have no idea.

Whakanui - will be eligible for dual registration once 3 DNA verified generations are produced here in the USA. This boar's sire is inspected so the boar side of this boar "line name" is lost.

Tutanekai - will be eligible now for dual registration however, due to 6 exact boars' being identical from generation 3 and back as the already released Mahia Love - (their 4<sup>th</sup> generation) they will be registered as a Mahia Love. While they have been paired a bit differently over the 3 generations to our already known Mahia Love - they both trace back to Mako Mahia NZ 1100.

This could be a bit confusing changing the name from one organization to the another organization but it is my understanding that is already happening in AKKPS registered pigs.

So inclusion - Haunene and Tutanekai (Mahia Love) will be eligible for dual registration immediately and after 3 generations of ancestry Momona, TaruTaru and Whakanui will be eligible for dual registrations as well with the same "line names" that were given by the importer.

We hope this has been informative and educational so that you may make sound and knowledgeable decisions when considering adding these "lines" to your herd. As always AKKPS in no way suggest what you do or decide to do but, bring you the information so that you can choose what works for your individual programs.

Thank you,

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