

## Welcome to the new and improved AKKPS Online Herd Book

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The new herd book is ready. You will be emailed a password and member number for your access from Patti LaFleur at [pplafleur@aol.com](mailto:pplafleur@aol.com). The password cannot be changed and is assigned by the software. Please keep that email handy to reference your password.

**Benefits:** The benefits of this system are once your litter notification, pet registration, registration and/or transfer is completed by the registrar, it will show in the Herd Book within days if not the same day. Before you get a registration in your mail box it will be there. This will allow you to keep up to date if you want to know if the registrar has processed something or not.

Another benefit of this Herd Book will be seeing 5 generations of offspring at a time in the pedigree instead of just our 3 listed on the Registration Certificate.

Yet another, is the ability to upload photos of your KuneKunes on their pedigree. To do this, you MUST be the owner of that Pig. A list of the ones that are listed to you will be available in the drop down menu.

The system allows for 3 images. Accidentally uploaded the wrong one or want to update those pictures? Just upload another and specify "Top Large Photo", "Left Hand small photo" or "right side small photo". Once pictures are uploaded the ONLY way to remove them is to upload a new one. Made a mistake and put the wrong picture on the wrong animal? You MUST upload the correct ones. There is no deleting just replacing of photos.

**Important info:** Here is what you need to know about the new Herd Book. If there are more than two log ins from different IP addresses (computers, tablets, phones) under your member number, the system will kick you out. So, please do not share your password with others.

You will notice several letters behind AKKPS numbers and this is what they mean....

P = a pig was litter notified but, not yet registered (Pending Registration)

D = Deceased (this can be an adult or piglet)

A= altered (this means not eligible to be bred or is altered or neutered) Pet Registration

MP = this is a pig that is a meat pig which is why it was never registered. (It is being used for Pork)

Some of these are new. There are 2 free forms that are available on the AKKPS at <http://www.americankunekunepigsociety.com/page-1547878> ready for use. There is an error form that

is used for any errors that you may have found to be completed free of charge so that we can correct data. There is an update form that you can update some of your animals such as now deceased or a meat pig.

Of course, to get an "A" you must register that animal in the normal process on a pet registration. All litter notified piglets automatically get the P which means "Pending Registration". MP and D animals will be removed from you as the owner but, will still show as you as the breeders so that when you pull your list of animals, it will show a true reflection of your pigs instead of ones that deceased or being harvested. P will still show you as the breeder and owner.

**COI's:** Unlike Zooeasy, that calculated COI's over 6 generations and allowed for you to base it on whatever you wanted up to 6, the new Herd Book calculates on 9 generations. This is important to realize! So, if you see some numbers different that you are used to, this is normal when adding in more generations. This is a clearer and more accurate view of the COI in the pedigree using more generations. It gives breeders that utilize this tool in their breeding program, a much bigger and more accurate view of how the history/ancestors can affect their breeding. If you don't use COI's in your program for breeding decisions, no problem just disregard them.

Disclaimer: AKKPS wants to offer our members as much information as possible to use and not use what suits their individual programs. AKKPS, now, does not offer guidelines of suitable, desirable, undesirable and unsuitable COI thresholds. Those decisions are best left up to their individual breeding program style and beliefs.

As this is a "new" program, there could be a period of a couple weeks for us to get anything that is incorrect, corrected so please be patient.

Patti LaFleur will be sending out your member id# and passwords to you as quickly as possible. Please avoid calling to get this information and only send her email request if you have not received your password and id after a week.

Please contact Kathy Petersen for errors or updates by completing the forms available on the website only to avoid delays in getting this completed. Please do not call or email use the forms please. Please allow a couple of weeks for this to be completed. You will not get an email to advise this has been completed but, can check for it on the herd by logging in.

We thank you for your cooperation in complying with this as we will be overwhelmed with contacts in the first few weeks and by emails we will be best able to serve you in a more timely manner.