

# DQHA Stallion Service Auction 2023

**For a free SSA stallion promotion in the DQHA Stallion Catalogue, the completed documents have to be received by August 31, 2023!**

In 2023 the German Quarter Horse Association (DQHA) once again promotes the offspring of American Quarter Horse stallions in breeding service in Europe with the Stallion Service Auction. The system of the SSA has proven to be successful – in 2022 the participants of the DQHA Futurity/Maturity were rewarded with a prize money of more than 150.000 EUR.

Many stallion owners and breeders in Europe and the USA use the benefits of this program and the opportunity to present the American Quarter Horse offspring at the DQHA Futurity and Maturity.

The benefits for stallion owners participating in the SSA are obvious: American Quarter Horse stallions that are nominated for the Stallion Service Auction 2023 do not only transmit their genes; they also obtain the popular Futurity/Maturity eligibility for their offspring conceived in 2024. The foals born in 2025 can be presented in **different disciplines** at the Futurity/Maturity for the **following 10 years**. Depending on their age, the horses can be shown in Halter, Trail in Hand and Longe Line classes, as well as Pleasure, Reining, Working Cowhorse, Cutting, Ranch Riding, Western Riding, Hunter Under Saddle and Trail.

The stallion owner is able to nominate the stallion for the SSA with only 50 % of the breeding fee of 2023 (incl. breeding fee and all other related costs) until the day prior to the SSA auction, during the Q23 in Aachen, Germany. **In case of a purchase of the breeding offer during or after the auction, the stallion owner will receive the nomination fee back!** After that, the stallion can still be nominated for the full nomination fee until March 31, 2024. In this case, the stallion owner receives 50 % of the nomination fee back upon the purchase. In return he will receive the eligibility for a Futurity/Maturity nomination for a foal born in 2025.

All stallion and mare owners, that purchased or sold a breeding offer, will receive a voucher for a free Futurity/Maturity participation for their foal. The auction proceeds and the paid-in breeding fees of the offers that have not been purchased will generate the prize money. The more stallion and mare owners participate, the bigger the total sum of the prize money will turn out to be. Even if a stallion service is not directly purchased during the auction, there is still a chance for the stallion owner to get back the nomination fee: Mare owners can still purchase the stallion services until April 30, 2024. The past has shown, that more than two thirds of the breeding offers usually are being sold.

In addition to the nomination fee every stallion owner pays 50 Euros for the offspring's eligibility to participate at the DQHA Regional Futurities. These fees are being distributed as prize money amongst the offspring at the Regional Futurities.

**Eligible are all American Quarter Horse stallions of DQHA members that are registered in the DQHA studbook and that are available or have semen available in Europe for the 2024 breeding season, as well as the other SSA eligibility requirements as set forth in § 1 of the DQHA SSA regulations are entitled to be nominated for the SSA.** Upon nomination, the nomination fee needs to be paid according to the invoice (minimum breeding fee = 500 Euros / Private Treaty = 3.000 Euros). Upon purchase of the stallion service the stallion owner receives 50 % of his nomination fee back, which means that the nomination only costs 50 EUR if it is on time.

Stallion owners who do not wish to auction their stallion's service are able to obtain the Futurity/Maturity eligibility for their American Quarter Horse offspring as well. The stallion will then be nominated with the full breeding fee (minimum breeding fee = 500 Euros / Private Treaty = 3.000 Euros) plus 100 Euros but will not be offered for sale at the auction. In return, the stallion owner receives two Futurity/Maturity entry vouchers. If the sale at the auction or later on is not desired, it has to be clearly stated on the breeding contract.

*In order to further insure the high prize money, all foals from the SSA 2009 (foaling year 2011) and older have to be nominated additionally. This nomination costs only 25 EUR until December 31st of the year of birth. All stallion and mare owners that purchased a stallion service will receive a voucher for the amount of the nomination, so that no nomination costs apply during the year of birth of the foal. A nomination after the year of birth is possible as well, however the fee will increase according to the age of the horse.*

*Since the SSA 2011 (foaling year 2013) only offspring born in Europe is eligible to participate at the DQHA Futurity/Maturity.*

You can find further information here: [www.dqha.de](http://www.dqha.de)