

## **What is the difference between Registration and Approval?**

**Registering** your horse with the Irish Draught Horse Society of Canada (IDHSC) provides independent confirmation that your horse's pedigree is accurate and that the pedigree includes a given amount of Irish Draught blood.

Registration papers add value to the horse: buyers better understand what they are buying and breeders better understand what they are breeding.

Proof of parentage is provided through DNA testing. The IDHSC tests both parents. If the sire and/or dam of your horse are registered anywhere, in many cases we are able to obtain the DNA profile from the registry.

**Approved** horses have been formally inspected and approved as being sufficiently true to the Irish Draught Breed Standard and therefore suitable for breeding.

Judges are brought from Ireland to inspect horses for the Society; only horses that have been registered or cross-registered with the IDHSC are eligible for inspection by the IDHSC.