



## Select Breeders Southwest, Inc.

*Specializing In The Cryopreservation of Equine Spermatozoa*

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Dear Mare Owner,

If you are reading this letter, then you have either chosen to breed your mare using frozen semen or are considering the possibility of doing so. The stallion you have chosen to breed to has had his semen frozen by or distributed by Select Breeders Southwest, Inc. If you decide to use frozen semen, following are the fees, policies and procedures established by SBSW:

1. The stallion owner will notify SBSW in writing to authorize who can have frozen semen shipped to them and how many breeding doses will be included in the shipment.
2. The mare owner will then notify SBSW by fax, the information on the attached request form.
3. **SBSW requests at least 1 week's notice prior to shipping the semen. Unlike cooled transported semen, frozen semen can be shipped well in advance of insemination. Please call early to reserve a shipping tank for your anticipated shipping date.**

4. Fees for the Mare Owners for Domestic shipments:

**\$ 850 deposit for the shipping tank.** Your check will be held in your file until the tank is returned to SBSW. The check will then be returned to you. Or \$850 will be secured on your credit card until the tank is returned.

***Failure to return the tank promptly will result in \$10/day rental fee or forfeiture of the deposit.***

- **\$350 for overnight delivery via Federal Express.** Includes handling fee, tank lease, pre-paid delivery & return.

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- **\$395 for same-day delivery via airline.** Includes handling fee, tank lease, airport courier, airline fee, pre-paid tank return.

**RUSH charges may be assessed for:**

- Late Notification when shipment is requested for same day = \$50  
\*\* Contingent on availability of an unreserved shipping tank.
- Late Notification when shipment is requested for following day = \$25  
\*\* Contingent on availability of an unreserved shipping tank.

**International handling/management fee = \$250 U.S. FUNDS (Additional fees may be assessed for extended services)**- This includes coordinating paperwork with the client, USDA and other agencies as well as preparation of the health certificate required by the U.S.D.A. Paperwork required for semen export involves signatures from the federal veterinarian in the state capitol, so please allow additional time for that. Additional document fees are charged by state and federal offices and you will be billed for those. If you are importing semen (exporting from the USA), include a copy of your Import Permit when requesting the semen. ***Failure to return the tank within the specified time frame will result in a daily rental fee or forfeiture of the deposit.***

SBSW uses Federal Express or Mersant International to export semen.

\*\*\*\* The mare owner is responsible for the shipping charges.

⇒ **\$1,200 tank deposit** for International shipments. Deposit will be refunded 30 days after tank is returned.

5. Before semen is shipped to you, SBSW will confirm that you or your vet has a liquid nitrogen storage tank that the straws can be transferred to until the mare is ready to be inseminated. The shipping tank must be returned within the specified time or you'll risk losing your tank deposit unless prior arrangements have been made with SBSW.
6. For successful breeding with frozen semen, it is highly recommended that breeding be done as close to ovulation as possible. Twice-a-day palpations when the mare nears ovulation have proven effective in optimizing conception rates.

**NOTE: You can expect a straw charge (similar to a lab fee for cooled semen) to be assessed by the stallion owner.**

We at SBSW are here to help you by answering your questions and by taking the necessary time to make your breeding season the most hassle-free and successful one ever.