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There are three ways that you can register calves with Brangus SA:

1. Paper birth notifications
2. Herd Management Programs (e-mail or disk)
3. Microsoft Excel Calf Record forms (e-mail or disk)

Paper Calf Record Forms

Brangus SA sends Birth notification books to all breeders when they join the society or forms and instructions can be downloaded. Record all calves in the Birth notification book (duplicate – one sent to office). You also need to record the calf's name, sire, date of birth, identification number, colour, single or twin, Natural or AI or Embryo Transfer, birth weight, calving ease, or score and sex. Instructions, codes and sample entries are included on the back of the page retained by the breeder in the birth notification books.

If unsure of the sire, don't guess. Either have the calf paternity tested using DNA or list potential sires (multiple sire). Opting for the latter will mean that the calf is only eligible for registration as Appendix B.

For cows that have twins, enter details of one twin beside the cow and re-enter her number on a spare line to register the second calf.

Sending in birth notifications

Please sign the bottom of each birth notification form before submitting. ET Form. Remember that in doing so you are stating that the information is correct. The information that you submit is the data that will be printed on registration certificates and included in our Brangus GROUP BREEDPLAN analysis.

Post to: Brangus SA, P.O.Box 12465, Brandhof 9324 or Fax 051 444 5070

Registering Calves Electronically

The Microsoft Excel Calf Record Forms are available for download if you. Instructions on how to use the Excel Forms are available for download if you.

e-mail: info@brangus.org.za

What if You Make a Mistake?

Then you won't be the first and we make them too. After each batch of registrations is processed, we send you a Calf Registration Report that lists details of the calves that have been successfully registered. You have the opportunity to check the details to make sure they are correct. Let us know of any errors. Any problems we find are flagged as Pending Registrations. A list of Pending Registrations may also be sent back to you with the Calf Registration Report asking you to provide more information or to check what you have submitted. In some cases the mother may not be active and needs to be reinstated to have a calf registered. In other cases, the birth date may be too far away from the accepted average for an AI sired calf. When you confirm details or supply the required information, the registration is completed.

If some time later you realise that there has been an error in the registration, for example registering a heifer as a bull, let us know of the error and it can easily be changed with no charge. Correction details can be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed in to the office.

Registration Certificates

Calf Registration Certificates with pedigree and performance information are provided to breeders on request.