



# Managing Genetic Abnormalities

The CHA Board has introduced policies, **which are not mandatory**, but are options to help breeders manage these abnormalities within their herds.

- A. The Canadian Hereford Association will not report carriers on **unregistered** animals. Breeders are advised to DNA test any calves designated as replacements or sale animals, prior to registration, so breeders can remove carriers and the results will not be reported on the Canadian Hereford Association web site. If a member decides to register a carrier, the animal will be reported on the web.
- B. The "Agreement for Sale of Purebred Herefords" and the corresponding "Terms and Conditions" document has now been revised to include a Genetic Defects Policy. The policy reads as follows;
  - Seller will be responsible for informing buyers of all known information relative to genetic abnormalities.
  - Buyer will assume all risk associated with the purchase of known and unknown genetic abnormality carrier animals provided the seller has disclosed all known information relative to said genetic abnormalities.
  - Seller is not responsible for any new genetic abnormalities that are recognized by the Canadian Hereford Association after the sale of an animal or genetic material.

Please contact Val Wells or Stephen Scott if you require additional clarification or information.

A copy of the "Agreement for Sale" and "Terms and Conditions" can be found on the CHA website or by contacting the CHA office. [www.hereford.ca](http://www.hereford.ca) [herefords@hereford.ca](mailto:herefords@hereford.ca) Phone: 1-888-836-7242

## Important Information