

Important Information / Owner's responsibilities.

Due to changes in the law (European Commission Regulation EU 2015/262) from 1st January 2016 passports can only be issued where the silhouette / markings have been completed by the vet. The owner must complete and sign the passport application form but only the Vet must complete and sign the silhouette and markings.

An owner must sign the relevant section relating to the slaughter (or not) for human consumption in the Horse Passport and return it to the British Percheron Horse Society for countersigning with the administration fee of £10.00, before the equine is transported permanently outside the United Kingdom. If you live in Wales you must sign the relevant section, as referred to above, in the passport immediately upon receipt, but you do not need to return to it to us for countersignature.

The law requires that no persons may sell, move or compete with an equine without a Horse Passport. The passport should be available for inspection by the appropriate authorities responsible for enforcing the statutory regulations.

The section 'Medicinal Treatment' in the Horse Passport contains declarations concerning whether the animal is intended for slaughter for human consumption. This section may be signed at any time, but must be signed when directed by a vet before administering certain medicines or before an animal is consigned for slaughter or human consumption. Please note that if you sign Part 2 (Not for human consumption), this declaration cannot be revoked by subsequent owners of the equine.

MICROCHIP UPDATE: If your horse has been microchipped since the passport has been issued you will need your vet to confirm this by providing a letter on their headed paper detailing the microchip number and passport number of your horse. The passport will also need to be returned to The British Percheron Horse Society, 3 Field Barn Cottages, North Charford, Breamore, Fordingbridge SP6 2DW.

Horse Passports and microchips: As of 1st July 2009 an approved Passport Issuing Office (PIO) cannot issue a Horse Passport if the equine has not been micro-chipped. The microchip number must also be recorded in the appropriate box on the ID silhouette.

Foals: A foal must be identified by six months of age or by 31st December of the year of its birth. If a foal is not identified within this time, it will automatically be signed out of the food chain by the PIO.

Adult Equines: All passport applications made for adult equines that have not been previously identified will automatically be signed out of the food chain by the PIO.

Change of ownership: To transfer the ownership details you must complete a change of ownership form, which must be signed by both the vendor and purchaser. The transfer forms must be returned to the issuing authority, together with the passport and payment of £20. The law states that you have 30 days in which to return the completed Transfer of Ownership form and Passport.

Deceased Equines: If the equine dies or is destroyed, please return the passport to us within 30 days with a covering letter confirming the date the equine passed away.

Duplicate Passports: If your Horse Passport has been lost, stolen or damaged, you will need to apply for a duplicate passport, a form for which can be downloaded or you can contact us to request one via the post. Any such passport will be stamped 'DUPLICATE' and will state that the equine cannot be slaughtered for human consumption. Damaged passports must be returned when applying for a duplicate. You are advised to make a separate note of the UELN keeping it somewhere safe in case of the passport being lost.

Please ensure the correct postage is on any postal correspondence. A 1st Class Stamp is likely to be inadequate due to weight.

You can find out more about Horse Passport regulations by visiting the DEFRA website