

THE EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY

MICROCHIP APPLICATION NOTES

Microchipping is mandatory for a passport to be issued.

The microchip paperwork is provided to enable your vet, who must be a qualified, practising veterinary surgeon registered with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, to complete the identification of your foal when he inserts the microchip which must be to ISO standards and must not begin with the numbers 826.

The identification document (silhouette) will, in part, be included in the passport when it is produced – please treat it carefully. One of the stickers, giving the microchip number, is to be attached to the identification document (silhouette) which should be returned to the Society office as soon as it has been completed along with the hair sample (see below).

The vet should take a hair sample and place it in the bag provided and affix a microchip sticker to the bag. The sample is then to be sent to the Society and will be used for parentage verification by the Society and to provide proof of identification if, at a later stage, the microchip cannot be read, has migrated or been rejected. Should this happen a second hair sample will be taken for comparison with the original sample. Providing it is clear that both hair samples come from the same pony then the second microchip can be added to the pony's record.

DNA samples are and will remain the property of the Exmoor Pony Society as will the result of any parentage testing undertaken and the profile will be held on the EPS DNA database at the responsible laboratory.

At in-ground inspections, the inspectors will have a copy of the identification document (silhouette) to enable them to check the microchip when the foal is inspected in the Autumn. After inspection passports will be issued in the usual way and will include the microchip number. The microchip number is not the registration number.

Registration numbers will continue to be used incorporating both the herd number and the number within the herd.

Foals that are to be branded under the DEFRA Code of Practice must also be microchipped and the identification document (silhouette) completed. Branding provides for visual identification in semi-feral situations.

All microchip numbers will be recorded on the computer system and printed in the stud book.

All costs associated with the microchipping are the responsibility of the owner.

Please return the paperwork to:

The Secretary
Exmoor Pony Society
Woodmans
Brithem Bottom
Cullompton
Devon
EX15 1NB

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