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**Horse Passports**

## **Why has the EU introduced Equine Passports?**

Under EU Law. All horses are classed as animals for human consumption.

That means strict rules and regulations must be enforced to prevent pharmaceutical residues entering the human food chain. Something that is only achievable if drugs and medicines are rigorously controlled, and treatment is completely transparent and traceable.

For that reason, it is now mandatory for every horse in the UK and Europe to have its own Equine Passport.

## **What difference will the Equine Passport make?**

Without a valid Equine Passport, it will be illegal to sell or move your horse to a new keeper; to export your horse; to slaughter it for food; or use it in competition or for breeding.

As an owner, you will be responsible for obtaining a passport for every horse you own. Once acquired, the passport remains valid for the entire lifetime of the animal.

## **Why is the Equine Passport scheme so important?**

Equine Passports are crucial if the misuse of certain substances and a ban on the range of medically useful drugs are to be avoided.

## **What are the benefits of complying with the Equine Passport scheme?**

By complying with the Equine Passport regulations, you are:

- Exercising responsible ownership
- Looking after the welfare of your horse
- Contributing to ethical standards in food production
- Safeguarding the long-term health of your horse
- Maximising the use of veterinary equine treatments
- Guaranteeing more choice and options for equine pain relief and other common conditions
- Enhancing public and regulatory confidence in the Equine Passport Scheme
- Protecting the human food chain from harmful substances

## **What if I don't comply?**

Currently, approximately 70% of equine veterinary medicines in the UK are not authorised for the treatment of horses intended for human consumption.

Many substances used in commonly prescribed equine medicines can only be given to animals not intended for human consumption.

These include some wormers and antibiotics, plus anti-inflammatory drugs, such as Equipalazone, that contains phenylbutazone.

Without the adequate controls offered by the Equine Passport Scheme, it is highly likely that some of these drugs will be withdrawn from use because of the risk to them passing into the human food chain.

This, in turn, will:

- Prevent the use of commonly prescribed equine drugs for pain relief and other conditions
- Limit the range of treatment
- Impact on the health and welfare of the horses everywhere

The Pleasure Horse Society can authorise and issue passports for all unregistered horses, ponies and donkeys that are not registered with a breed society. If anyone is unsure whether their horse or pony is registered, information is at hand.

In March 2004 I gained authorisation through appropriate training to be a passport representative for the Pleasure Horse Society.

I am qualified to produce the silhouettes and relevant information to complete the passport application forms for the Pleasure Horse Society.

As from July 2009 horse owners are required to have horses microchip if applying for a passport after this date.

**Price £**

Passport Silhouettes	10.00
Passport Silhouettes 8 or more	8.00

For large amounts please contact for details.

# Passport Enquiry Form

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