

Together at all times

- A horse should be with its passport at all times.
- It is an offence to move a horse without its passport unless in a medical emergency.
- The passport must be available at the time of treatment if the horse is being given veterinary medication and for recording vaccinations.
- Part II of Section IX of the passport must be signed by the owner if substances not permitted for human consumption such as phenylbutazone (bute) are to be administered, supplied or prescribed.
- In the event of death or euthanasia of the horse then the passport should be returned to the PIO within 30 days of the date of death.
- More information regarding the full current guidelines can be found at www.defra.gov.uk.
- Local trading standards officers can ask to see a horse's passport and failure to produce it can lead to a fine of up to £5000.
- People who keep horses for others (e.g. livery yard owners, breeders, trainers) must make arrangements with each owner to ensure that passports are readily available. It is an offence to have responsibility for an animal which does not have a passport.



IMPLANTATION OF A MICROCHIP



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