



THE NATIONAL PONY SOCIETY

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GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION FOR A NON-REGISTERED EQUINE PASSPORT (ANIMAL ID ONLY)

It is law, Horse Passports (England) Regulations 2004, for all equines to have a passport.

The National Pony Society is authorised by DEFRA to issue Equine Passports. There are 2 types of passport that may be obtained - Registered Equine Passports containing verified breeding information and Non-Registered Animal ID Only Passports. The accompanying application form is for a Non-Registered Animal ID Only Passport.

Fees

Please see our website or contact the office for fees

Please read the following instructions carefully and complete your application fully and accurately. From 1st July 2009 ponies must be microchipped prior to application for a passport.

- Equine Passports can be obtained for ponies (**Fillies, Mares and Geldings**) which are not eligible for registration in the Stud Book or Register of the National Pony Society, or in a registered Native Breed Society Stud Book.
- Ponies may be recorded by name and current owner only, no breeding details are included in the passport.
- A Certificate of Castration must be supplied for geldings.
- Colts must be gelded as soon as possible and anyway before they are two years old. Ponies with NPS non-registered passports cannot remain entire. They must be castrated and the certificate of castration, fee and passport must be sent to the NPS for updating,
- Possession of an NPS Equine Passport for a non-registered pony does not entitle the pony to be entered in NPS registered inhand classes, ridden and worker classes differ, please see the NPS Rule Book for details. However, ponies holding a Non-Registered Equine Passport may be shown with other societies provided that the pony fulfils those Societies' own showing regulations.
- Application forms must be completed in capital letters and black ink. The Identification Details and Outline Diagram issued to you by the NPS is scanned into the computer and it is this that will appear in the passport for your pony. The format of that page is defined by DEFRA.
- DEFRA now requires that all ponies are microchipped prior to initial registration. The vet that inserts the microchip must record the details on the Identification Details and Outline Diagram – please see the instruction below.

GUIDELINES FOR THE COMPLETION OF SECTION 1 - DESCRIPTION AND MARKINGS DIAGRAM

The format of Section 1 is a DEFRA standard. It will be scanned and included in your pony's passport so should be completed carefully and clearly.

- Please complete using **capital letters and black ink only**
- Please do not write or make markings outside the given boxes. These will not be picked up by the scanner and important information could be lost
- Sex: Enter F for mares/fillies, G for geldings, M for colts
- Date of Birth: Should match that entered in Section 1 of the form.
- Unique Life Number: The last few boxes should be left blank for office use
- Transponder Code: The vet who microchips the pony should enter the microchip number here or stick a microchip sticker
- Height should be the expected height at maturity in cms.
- Written descriptions must agree with the markings diagram, all whorls and markings must be shown. Where there are no markings please write 'nil' or 'no markings. Do not leave the spaces blank. All white markings must be hatched (filled in with diagonal lines) not coloured in, with red ink
- Name: The pony's full name including prefix should be entered in the box at the top of the page

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- Mark the position of the microchip on the silhouette (circle with an M in it)
- Record the microchip number in the Transponder Code box in Part A
- Sign in the box at the centre of the form to confirm the pony has been microchipped and there is no evidence of a previous microchip

Please use the terminology described below which is in accordance with DEFRA's standards

WHORLS (change of hair direction) should be marked with an X on the diagram and their exact position described in writing. The hair in a whorl is generally in a simple spiral pattern, but it may extend away in a straight or wavy direction and this should be marked in the diagram as a line, and described as feathering in the description.

Whorls on the neck should be described as *anterior third of crest whorl* (upper crest), *mid crest* or *posterior third of crest* (lower crest).

Whorls at inside of upper front leg/chest should be described as *bilateral whorls at axilla*

Whorls at stifle fold should be described as *bilateral stifle fold whorls*.

WHITE MARKS. All areas of white must be shown by marking their extent and filling the area with diagonal lines.

Fleshmarks should be filled in completely.

Marks on the head should be described in relation to the position of the eye, nostril or other landmark. Always say if the white is in the midline or to one side. A blaze or stripe may end above the nostrils or go into one or both. Draw and describe this. A small white area in the region of the nostrils is known as a *snip*. Other white areas are called *marks*.

White on the limbs should be described in relation to the bones and joints and **the terms 'stocking and socks' should not be used.** For instance describe as *white to below fetlock* or *white to mid cannon* and indicate if it is higher on inside or in front etc. The colour of hooves should be described and any stripes drawn and described as *striped hoof*.

TRANSPONDER. The vet who inserts the microchip should indicate its position on the diagram.

SCARS. These must be indicated by an arrow pointing to the site of the scar.

BRANDS. These must be drawn on the diagram and the details included in the description.

