

Donkey/Horse Passport

Owners' Guide to completing the forms



Please read before starting, as any errors or omissions will regrettably result in the forms being returned to you.

Passport Legislation and Application requirements have changed, please read and follow the instructions.

The application form must be presented to the veterinary surgeon on arrival. The Veterinary Surgeon must be a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeon, and must sign to verify the information on the form is correct for the donkey named, and apply their practice stamp as indicated on the silhouette page. All equines must now have a microchip and a full written identification. Markings, whorls and the location of the microchip must be shown on the silhouette diagram.

Please complete the application form in accordance with the instructions given below.

Section A – Equine's Basic Details

1) Name – Name must be not more than 25 characters. If you wish to add a prefix, it must be registered with the Central Prefix Register for use through the Donkey Breed Society
Duplicate, misleading or distasteful names are not permitted. A distasteful name is one, which, in the opinion of The Donkey Breed Society Stud Book Committee, is distasteful and / or likely to cause offence, in which case, the owner will be asked to provide an alternative.

2) Colour – This must be the main body colour.

For exotics (such as zebra family), the colour should be given as 'black / white striped' or similar as appropriate. The colours suggested below can be used singly or jointly (e.g. grey / brown) with the addition of a qualifier such as 'pale' or 'dark'. Please note that whilst a 'white' horse is always referred to as 'grey', donkeys can be either white or a steel grey, so please differentiate between the 'greys' if possible e.g. grey (white) or grey (steel grey). A 'white' animal can either be listed as 'white' or 'grey (white)'

Black, Brown, Bay (brown with black mane, tail and (often) lower limbs)

Chestnut, Palomino, Roan (strawberry, blue etc) – white hairs mixed evenly in coat

Piebald (black and white), Skewbald (any other colour and white)

Appaloosa – blanket or leopard spotted

Dun (a pastel shade of brown, with dark mane / tail)

Dapple grey, Grey (white) or grey (steel grey)

White - 'white' and 'grey (white)' are the same – use whichever you prefer.

3) Place of birth – Please enter the country United Kingdom or name any other (if born abroad). If place of birth is unknown, please enter 'unknown'.

4) Height – measured to wither (highest point at base of mane). May be entered in either hands (units of 4 inches) or centimetres, please ensure you specify which! PLEASE DO NOT PUT THE HEIGHT IN INCHES.

Section B – Equine Identification

5) It is a legal requirement that only a Veterinary Surgeon can implant a microchip into an equine. Having done so they must then sign the application form to confirm that it is in place and active, and to add the barcode across the printed boxes above the silhouette, and sign the declaration of authority on that page.

6) Unknown donkeys must be identified in full, the form presented to the veterinary surgeon, who must scan the neck for any pre-existing microchip and the code recorded where any exists, and its location marked on the silhouette diagram. If an existing microchip is detected there is no requirement to insert another.

Once the form is completed, please send it, together with a cheque for the correct amount, made payable to Donkey Breed Society, to the address on the front cover. Please ensure that you print clearly in block capitals – you may know your address, but we don't and need to be able to decipher these words accurately – so please BE CLEAR!

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