

# Cinder Hill Equine Vets



## INFORMATION FOR CLIENTS REGARDING PASSPORTS

**PASSPORTS:** We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the new passport regulations which came into effect in 2009, more details can be found on the [BEVA \(www.beva.org.uk\)](http://www.beva.org.uk) and [DEFRA \(www.defra.gov.uk\)](http://www.defra.gov.uk) websites. We have not devised these rules, but are obliged to work with them so would be most grateful for your assistance.

- Foals must have a passport and microchip **by the age of 6 months, or by 31 December in the year of their birth**, whichever is later.
- All horses applying for new passports must be microchipped; this includes foals and older horses that do not already have a passport. Microchips can only be inserted by a vet. Under current proposals all horses will need to have been microchipped by October 2020.
- When your horse is attended to by a vet the passport should be available for inspection. We aim to record your horse's passport details onto their clinical records. We ask that section IX is completed and signed as 'Not Intended for Human Consumption. Once signed we will be able to prescribe certain medications including Phenylbutazone ("Bute"), ACP (Relaquine/Sedalin) and Chloramphenicol eye ointment. It will also reduce your requirements for record keeping. Once we have seen, countersigned and recorded this on your animal's clinical records, we will not need to check the passport at every-visit, although please be aware we will need the passport present to record vaccinations. If bringing your horse to Cinder Hill Equine Clinic please bring your passport with you.
- Horses may not be sold without a passport and after a sale the purchaser has 30 days to notify the authority issuing the passport of the change of owner.
- When being transported horses should have their passports with them at all times (with a few exceptions such as emergency situations) and at other times the passport should be available on request within 3 hours.

The passport needs to be kept with the horse. All yard owners should ensure that every horse in their care has a valid passport that is available at the yard. It is an offence to not do so. The passport should be available if required when the vet attends.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our reception on **01342 811335**, who can help you obtain new passports and arrange for a vet to microchip your horses, ponies and donkeys.