



The British Show Jumping Association

BSJA

EQUINE PASSPORTS

The British Show Jumping Association is a DEFRA approved Passport Issuing Agency (PIO). The European Commission requires all equines to have a passport as a means of safeguarding the food chain. The Government has ruled that all owners of equines must have an identity passport for each animal by 28th February 2005. Equines includes all members of the horse family i.e. horses, ponies, donkeys and mules.

Each equine must have a passport with its own Universal Equine Life Number (UELN). An Identity Sketch, pages for ownership, vaccination records, medicine administration, and importantly, Section 1X, i.e. a declaration whether or not that equine will be sent to slaughter for human consumption. Equines must be registered under their respective owner's name and address. Owners of equines without passports risk being fined by Trading Standards.

It is illegal for equines to have more than one passport. If your horse already holds UK breed papers/passport with an existing UELN number, then this paper/passport must be returned to its issuing body for a passport, or the insertion of the Section 1X pages if they are not already present. If your horse has a foreign passport with a UELN, then this can be sent to the BSJA (as a PIO) for the insertion of Section 1X. Horses with foreign breed papers not contained in a passport can be issued with an UK passport and cross-referenced to their original UELN number.

The cost for BSJA members registering their own horses/ponies is £15.00 (inc. VAT) per passport. Applications for 10 passports or more reduces to £10.00 per passport. For non BSJA members the cost is £27.00 (inc. VAT) per passport. For yards/livery stables making an application for 10 passports or more, this price will be reduced to £20.00 per passport. Pony Club members can apply for passports at £16.00 each. Passports will only be returned by special delivery, at an extra cost of £5.00 for up to 5 passports.

On application and receipt of the appropriate costs, a booklet will be sent by the BSJA for the completion of the Identity Sketch. The sketch may be completed by either a Veterinary Surgeon or BSJA Identity Panelist. If your horse has an existing Identification Certificate already completed by a Veterinary Surgeon or a BSJA Panelist, then the original can be sent with the application for scanning into the Passport. Please note that if an FEI Passport may be required at a later date for international competitions, or for export, the Identity Sketch must be done directly into the booklet by a Veterinary Surgeon, as a scanned ID may not be acceptable. For an FEI Covered passport Veterinary completion of the Identity Sketch would be mandatory. After completion the booklet is to be returned to the BSJA for the issuing of the passport.

BSJA identity passports must be returned to the BSJA offices for a change of address/ownership.

For further information please contact the Passport Department at the BSJA. Tel: 02476 698800. email: passports@bsja.co.uk