



## APHA Briefing Note 11/14

### Change in Pet Passport Regulations

- 1) Practices should be aware that the 'old model' pet passports must not be issued after 28 December 2014 and that any ordering should take this into account. Please ensure that stocks of 'old model' passports remaining after the 28 December are rendered unusable before secure disposal.
- 2) The new passport has additional security features - see the ET 139 new guidance [http://ahvla.defra.gov.uk/External\\_OV\\_Instructions/Export\\_Instructions/Certification\\_Procedures/PETS.htm](http://ahvla.defra.gov.uk/External_OV_Instructions/Export_Instructions/Certification_Procedures/PETS.htm)
- 3) There are sufficient lamination sheets included in the passport for the section III identification page and all the rabies vaccination detail fields (vaccination and batch number). There are three lamination sheets in the passport. The first, which is adjacent to page 6, is a full page sheet and if carefully peeled and separated from the backing will cover all of page 6. The second and third sheets are 'kiss-cut' and individual sections can be removed and placed over the rabies vaccination sticker for each entry. If stickers are used elsewhere in the passport, the OV should also laminate these. The practice will need to supply additional lamination.
- 4) The following information must be retained by the issuing vet for at least three years. This information can be held as part of the normal records of the practice where the client is registered and APHA will not require this information to be held separately.
  - The location of the transponder or the tattoo, and date of application/date of reading as well as the microchip number or details of tattoo.
  - The name, species, breed, sex, colour, DOB as stated by the owner and any notable or discernable features of the pet animal.
  - The name and contact information of the owner.
  - The passport number

- 5) There is a new minimum age of vaccination of 12 weeks and data sheets for the vaccine should be checked for the minimum age of use. Any vaccines which indicate 3 months cannot be given until the animal is 3 calendar months old.
- 6) 'Old model' passports issued on or before 28 December 2014 remain valid and vets can continue to make further entries in them.
- 7) OV's must enter their name, address, telephone number and signature in the new passport when certifying rabies vaccination in section V. They can add their SP number but using the SP stamp in this section should be avoided. This also applies to section X, if applicable. The SP stamp must be used in section IV (issuing vet) and in section VI (the serology section).

Summary of changes and further information can be found at:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/340579/pet-travel-scheme-dec-2014-guidance.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/340579/pet-travel-scheme-dec-2014-guidance.pdf)

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