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## SCHEDULE 2

Regulations 3 and 4

### Form of Certificate

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Sch. 2 in force at 6.4.2007, see [reg. 1\(b\)](#)

“ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2006, section 6The Docking of Working Dogs' Tails (England) Regulations 2007

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To be completed by the veterinary surgeon signing below—

1. I, [INSERT NAME], confirm that I have seen the following evidence required by the Docking of Working Dogs' Tails (England) Regulations 2007 to show that the dog whose tail is to be docked ("the dog") by me on [INSERT DATE] is likely to be used for work in connection with an activity specified in paragraph 5 below and is of one or more of the types specified in paragraph 6 below:

the dam of the dog;

the statement made in paragraph 3 of this certificate, signed and dated by the owner of the dog or by a person whom I believe to be representing the owner; and

one of the following—

armed forces identification;

emergency rescue identification;

police identification;

prison service identification;

HMRC identification;

evidence that the owner of the dog, or an agent or employee of the owner most likely to be using the dog, will be using the dog for work in connection with lawful pest control;

a current shotgun or firearm certificate issued to the owner of the dog, or to the agent or employee of the owner most likely to be using the dog for work in connection with the lawful shooting of animals;

a letter from a gamekeeper, a land-occupier (or his agent), a person with shooting rights, a shoot organiser, a club official, a person representing the National Working Terrier Federation, or a person engaged in lawful pest control, stating that the breeder of the dog whose tail is to be docked is known to him and that dogs bred by that breeder have been used on his land, or in his shoot, or for pest control.

Signature of Veterinary Surgeon:

Name:

Address of Veterinary Surgeon's Practice:

To be completed by the veterinary surgeon signing below on the day on which microchipping of the dog takes place—

2. I [INSERT NAME] confirm that on [INSERT DATE] either I have, or a veterinary nurse acting under my supervision has, inserted a microchip into a dog:

whose tail I have docked on the same day.\*

that the owner or a person whom I believe to be representing the owner has presented to me as the dog whose tail was docked on [DATE] by the veterinary surgeon who signed the certificate in paragraph 1 above.\*

*(\*delete whichever is inapplicable)*

The microchip reading is [INSERT MICROCHIP READING].

Signature of Veterinary Surgeon:

Name:

Address of Veterinary Surgeon's Practice:

Statement to be completed by the owner of the dog or by a person authorised by the owner to represent him—

3. I, [INSERT NAME], confirm that:

I am [authorised to represent]\* the owner of the dog whose tail is to be docked on [INSERT DATE] by the veterinary surgeon signing the certificate in paragraph 1 above.

I confirm that the dam of the dog is of one or more of the types specified in paragraph 6.

I confirm that the dog was born on [INSERT DATE].

I confirm that it is intended that the dog be:

used for work in connection with an activity specified in paragraph 5.\*

sold for use in work in connection with an activity specified in paragraph 5.\*

*(\*delete whichever is inapplicable)*

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief the evidence I am showing to obtain this certificate is true and accurate.

I am aware that it is an offence knowingly to give false information to a veterinary surgeon in connection with the giving of a certificate for the purposes of section 6 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.

Signature of owner of the dog or of the person authorised to represent him:

Name

Address

4. I, [INSERT NAME], confirm that:

I am [authorised to represent]\* the owner of the dog to be microchipped on [INSERT DATE] by, or under the supervision of, the veterinary surgeon signing the certificate in paragraph 2 above.

*(\*delete if inapplicable)*

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief the dog I am presenting for microchipping today is the same dog whose tail was docked on [DATE] and in relation to which paragraphs 1 and 3 of this certificate were completed.

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Name

Address

5. Specified activities—

law enforcement;  
activities of Her Majesty's armed forces;  
emergency rescue;  
lawful pest control;  
the lawful shooting of animals.

6. Specified Types of Dog

Hunt point retrieve breeds of any type or combination of types.

Spaniels of any type or combination of types.

Terriers of any type or combination of types.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Regulations applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2024/414 art. 5Sch. 1 para. 48](#)