
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015

Obligation to microchip dogs

3.—(1) Subject to a certificate issued under paragraph (2) or (3), from 6th April 2016 every keeper of a dog which has not been implanted with a microchip by that date—

- (a) which is older than 8 weeks; and
- (b) which is not a certified working dog for the purposes of section 6(3) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006⁽¹⁾,

must ensure that it is microchipped.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply for as long as a veterinary surgeon certifies, on a form approved by the Secretary of State, that a dog should not be microchipped for reasons of the animal's health.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), from 6th April 2016 a keeper who imports a dog must ensure that the dog is microchipped in accordance with paragraph (5) within 30 days of importing the dog unless a veterinary surgeon certifies, on a form approved by the Secretary of State, that the dog should not be microchipped for reasons of the animal's health.

(4) A certificate issued under paragraph (2) or (3) must state the period for which the dog will be unfit to be microchipped.

- (5) A dog is microchipped where—
- (a) a microchip which complies with regulation 4 has been implanted in the dog; and
 - (b) the details set out in regulation 5 are recorded on a database by a database operator meeting the conditions set out in regulation 6.