

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR VETS FOR VOLUNTARY VETERINARY EXAMINATION

1. DEFECTIVE GENITAL ORGANS
2. HEART AND LUNGS NORMAL AT REST
- 3(a) UPWARD FIXATION OF PATELLA
- 3(b) LUXATION OF PATELLA
- 3(c) ABNORMALITY OF THE STIFLE
Limbs : the stifle should be examined by palpation whilst weight-bearing as well as with the leg raised for evidence of lateral luxation of the patella and for upward fixation of the patella. Laxity of the patella must be judged severely. Overfilling in any joint must be judged severely.
4. ABNORMALITY OF THE HOCKS
5. OTHER ABNORMALITIES OF MUSCULO SKELETAL SYSTEM
6. EYES : Abnormalities of the eyes and associated structures (including examination for cataracts) .
7. MOUTH : Undershot
Overshot
(At least three quarters of bearing surface in contact is mandatory)
Any other abnormality of the mouth
8. EVIDENCE OF UMBILICAL AND INGUINAL HERNIA OR EVIDENCE OF REPAIR
9. ABNORMALITIES OF THE FEET
10. ACTION AND CONFORMATION : Flexion test may be carried out.
11. ANY OTHER REASONS DEEMED CAUSE FOR FAILURE

The Veterinary Surgeon, therefore, is requested to:

- a) obtain the colt/stallion owner or handler's signature on the "drugs declaration" form
- b) examine the colt and certify that, on that day, he/she considers the colt suitable or not suitable for use as a breeding stallion as laid down under the guidelines of the UK Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society, making notes as required on any of the points noted below.
- c) identify the colt by the completion of an identification paper to include all whorls, markings and any form of permanent identification.
- d) measure the colt on a hard, level surface. The measurement must be taken at the highest point of the withers (i.e. immediately above the spinous process of the 5th thoracic vertebra). Please note that unless a measurement is undertaken under JMB conditions, it cannot be guaranteed to be highly accurate but this is not a compulsory requirement.
- e) take a hair sample for DNA purposes. The Veterinary Surgeon should post this directly to the Animal Health Trust in the envelope provided.
- f) microchip the colt, unless already microchipped.

Order of Procedure for Voluntary Veterinary Examination

1. Vet checks that the passport matches the pony. Owner/handler signs declaration that colt has not had any corrective surgery prior to the assessment or temperament altering or pain relieving drugs or remedies immediately prior to the assessment.
2. Vet watches movement with the colt moving in straight lines and on circles both ways, in walk and trot on soft and hard ground. A flat level surface is essential. The Vet carries on to undertake a full examination of the colt to the Society requirements above. **The new identification form is completed by the Vet and the colt is measured** (PLEASE COMPLETE A NEW ID FORM EVEN IF YOU FEEL THE EXISTING PASSPORT IS ACCURATE). The Vet takes a hair sample. The colt is then micro-chipped if applicable. The completed forms are then signed by the Vet.
3. The owner is advised of the result – ACCEPTABLE OR NOT ACCEPTABLE.
4. Hair sample is posted to AHT by Vet and forms (owner's drugs declaration and two identification/examination forms) are returned by Vet to SPSBS, Shetland House, 22 York Place, Perth PH2 8EH.