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TO THE VETERINARY SURGEON.

FILLY INSPECTIONS – VETERINARY EXAMINATION

In 2008, the British Connemara Pony Society changed its rules to comply with the classification of ponies laid down by the Connemara Pony Breeders Society which is the Society's Parent Society.

A veterinary surgeon is present at the Filly Inspections organised by the CPBS in Ireland. This is viable as there are many more fillies at each inspection and, in general, the fillies are concentrated in smaller areas both in Connemara and the rest of Ireland. **At these inspections, the “Veterinary Examination” consists of the vet measuring each filly to ensure that she is not under 128cms or over 148cms and checking the silhouette in the passport and amending it if necessary, and verifying the microchip number. Also checking that the filly does not have a ‘parrot mouth’.**

To comply with the rules of the CPBS, our fillies have to have the same “veterinary examination”. As our fillies are fewer in number and much more spread out it would not be financially viable to have a veterinary surgeon present at each of the Society's Filly Inspections. Consequently, we have allowed our owners to get their vets to carry out the “veterinary examination” when convenient, before the Society's Filly Inspection.

Accordingly, please could you simply check the markings on the silhouette in the middle pages of the passport, measure the filly, and check it's mouth. If the filly is microchipped would you please check the microchip number is correct as detailed in the passport.

Any changes to the markings can be noted on the silhouette in the centre pages of the passport and I would be grateful if you could sign and date the bottom right hand corner of the silhouette page to confirm that the markings have been checked.

Please also measure the filly and note the measurement below your signature in the box in the bottom right hand corner of the silhouette page of the passport for fillies born before 2009.. For BCPS fillies born after that date there is a separate section in the passport to be completed to confirm the markings have been checked and to record the height. Most Irish passports have a separate section for the measurement.

If you should find that the filly has a parrot mouth, please would you write a letter to this effect to the Secretary, as above giving full details, including name and registration number of the filly, and the degree of malocclusion of the jaw.

This measurement is intended to be a guide and will not be considered to be an “official” measurement. If the unofficial measurement shows the filly to be over 148 cm. then the owner can have the filly measured by a JMB vet.

The owner may wish to ask to have the filly tested for HWSD and may ask you to take a hair sample using the sample bag provided by the Society.