

# BRITISH CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY

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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 veterinary surgeon’s measuring each filly to ensure that she is not under 128cm. or over 148cm.; checking the silhouette in the passport, and amending it if necessary; verifying the microchip number; checking that the filly does not have a mal-occlusion of the jaw (‘parrot mouth’)**

To comply with the rules of the CPBS, British fillies must have the same “Veterinary Examination”. As British-based fillies are fewer in number and much less geographically concentrated, it would not be financially viable to have a veterinary surgeon present at each of the Society's Filly Inspections. Consequently, the Society allows British owners to instruct their own veterinary surgeon to carry out the “Veterinary Examination” when convenient, before the relevant Society's Filly Inspection. **Application for adult registration must not be completed before 1<sup>st</sup>. January of the year in which the pony attains 2 years of age.**

Accordingly, the Society requests that the veterinary surgeon:

1. Checks the markings/ microchip number are correct as detailed in the passport.
2. Checks the markings on the silhouette in the middle pages of the passport.  
Any changes to the markings can be noted on the silhouette. The bottom right hand corner of the silhouette page should then be signed, stamped and dated to confirm that the markings have been checked and amended.
3. Measures the **approximate** height in cm. and enters the measurement below **his/ her signature, printed name and practice stamp**.
  - a. The height should be entered in the box in the bottom right hand corner of the silhouette page of the passport **for fillies born before 2009**.
  - b. For BCPS fillies born after 2009 there is a separate section in the passport to be completed to confirm the markings and microchip have been checked and to record the height.
  - c. Most Irish passports have a separate section for the height measurement.  
In the absence of any of the above, the height can be entered on the back page of the passport, together with the veterinary surgeon's details as above.

**NOTE: 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 veterinary surgeon who is an Official Measurer on the Joint Measurement Board list.

4. Checks the jaw, and should a mal-occlusion and/ or other conformation problem(s) be found, informs the Society Secretary in writing using the attached form, giving full details, including name and registration number of the filly, the degree of malocclusion and a brief description of the problem(s).

NOTE: The owner may ask to have the filly tested for HWSD and therefore ask for a hair sample to be taken using the sample bag provided by the Society.

If at a later date following the inspection, a veterinary surgeon is asked to re-examine the filly for signs of lameness identified by the inspectors during the inspection, the Society would ask that the attached form is completed outlining the degree of lameness, and whether the unsoundness is acquired or congenital **in the opinion of the examining veterinary surgeon**. The form should then be sent to the Society Secretary.

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Name of Veterinary Surgeon		Practice address		
Tel. No.				
Date			Email	
Name of Owner				
Name of Pony			Registration number	
Please outline briefly any concerns/ problems below:				
Signed				