



# SUFFOLK HORSE SOCIETY

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Addendum 12c

## IMPORTANT Notes on Completing the Identification Document

### Section I

The veterinary surgeon must complete this side, which forms the veterinary certificate of age and markings and will constitute the core pages of the equine passport. **Please ensure that you follow these guidance notes. Incorrect forms will be returned.**

#### General

1. The written and diagrammatic descriptions must correspond. It is recommended that you follow the guidance set out in *Identification of Horses, Instructions for Veterinary Surgeons* produced by Weatherbys in conjunction with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.
2. The written description must be completed in **black ink using block capitals or typescript.**
3. The written description and silhouette must agree and must be sufficiently detailed to ensure positive visual identification of the animal in the future.
4. All areas of white must be shown by marking their extent and hatching the area in with oblique lines in red ink.
5. Whorls must be shown thus "X" on the silhouette and their exact position described in detail in writing.
6. Acquired marks ("V") and other distinguishing marks ("+") should always be noted.

#### Colour Section I Part A (3)(a)

1. Suffolk horses are always chesnut (*sic*) in colour. The shades of chesnut originally defined by the Society in Volume One of the Stud Book are Dark Liver, Dull Dark, Light Mealy, Red, Golden, Lemon and Bright. **These colour definitions are preferred and should be used wherever possible,** but if there is uncertainty over a precise designation the Society will accept Liver, Dark, Red, Light, or Bright chesnut.
2. The precise description of any white on the face must be recorded.

#### Whorl markings

Correct recording of the whorls is particularly important and all whorls must be described accurately, both on the silhouette and in writing.

#### Legs and Feet

Please note that most Suffolk foals have pale legs to the knee and, often, a pale fawn or flaxen tail.

**Pale colourations on the legs darken with age and should not be mistaken for white.**

However, any definite and unmistakable white markings must be recorded.

***Microchip Number Section I Part A (5)***

Under UK legislation microchipping is mandatory for foals from 1 July 2009. The bar code and number should be inserted in this box. The vet should indicate the position of the microchip on the silhouette with a capital M with a circle round it.

***Place and Date***

The location that the examination is carried out must be entered in **Section I Part A (9)**, the name of the village is sufficient and the date in **Section I Part A (10)** The place and date must also be entered on **Section I - Part B**.

***Name, signature & stamp of qualified veterinary surgeon Section I Part A (11)***

The vet must sign and stamp here. If your vet does not have his/her practice's stamp available at the time of completing the form, please ensure that he/she has written the name and address of his/her practice in this box. Please also sign and stamp **Section I - Part B**.