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The Microchipping of Dogs (Scotland) Regulations 2016

Obligation to microchip

6.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), from 6th April 2016 every keeper of a dog which is older than 8 weeks must ensure that it is microchipped.

(2) Paragraphs (1) and (4) do not apply for as long as a veterinary surgeon certifies that a dog should not be microchipped for reasons of the dog's health.

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

(4) From 6th April 2016, a keeper who brings a dog into Scotland must ensure that the dog is microchipped within 30 days of the date on which it is brought into Scotland.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), a dog is microchipped where—

(a) a compliant microchip has been implanted in the dog; and

(b) the details set out in regulation 7 are recorded on a database by a database operator meeting the conditions set out in regulation 8.

(6) Before 6th April 2017, the details to be recorded on a database by virtue of paragraph (5)(b) do not include those set out in regulation 7(f).

(7) From 6th April 2016, every keeper of a dog which has been implanted with a compliant microchip must notify any change to the details that are to be recorded on the database by virtue of paragraph (5)(b) to the database operator of that database.

(8) Where the keeper of a dog to whom paragraph (1) applies becomes aware of the failure of a microchip, the keeper must have the dog implanted with a compliant microchip.