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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 1990**

**The Microchipping of Dogs (Wales) Regulations 2015**

**Implanting of microchips**

9.—(1) No person may implant a microchip in a dog unless—

- (a) they are a veterinary surgeon or a veterinary nurse acting under the direction of a veterinary surgeon;
- (b) they are a student of veterinary surgery or a student veterinary nurse and in either case acting under the direction of a veterinary surgeon;
- (c) they have been satisfactorily assessed on a training course approved by the Welsh Ministers for that purpose; or
- (d) before the day on which these Regulations come into force, they received training on implantation which included practical experience of implanting a microchip.

(2) Where it appears to the Welsh Ministers, on the basis of information provided pursuant to regulation 10 and any other information, that a person who may implant microchips pursuant to paragraph (1)(c) or (1)(d) is unable to do so to a satisfactory standard, the Welsh Ministers may serve a notice on that person prohibiting them from implanting microchips in dogs—

- (a) until they have received further training on a course approved by the Welsh Ministers; or
- (b) ever.

(3) Paragraph (1)(d) ceases to have effect at the end of the period of two years beginning with the date on which these Regulations come into force.

(4) In this regulation—

“student veterinary nurse” (“*myfyriwr nyrsio milfeddygol*”) and “veterinary nurse” (“*nyrs filfeddygol*”) have the same meanings as given by Schedule 3 to the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966<sup>(1)</sup>;

“student of veterinary surgery” (“*myfyriwr milfeddygol*”) has the same meaning as in regulation 3 of the Schedule to the Veterinary Surgeons (Practice by Students) Regulations Order of Council 1981<sup>(2)</sup>;

“veterinary surgeon” (“*milfeddyg*”) means a person registered in the register of veterinary surgeons, or the supplementary veterinary register, kept under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966.

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(1) 1966 c. 36. Paragraph 6 of Schedule 3 to the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 was inserted by S.I. 1991/1412, substituted by S.I. 2002/1479 and amended by S.I. 2008/1824, paragraph 18 of the Schedule. Paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 to the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 was inserted by S.I. 2002/1479.

(2) S.I. 1981/988. Regulation 3 was substituted by the Schedule of S.I. 1995/2397.