
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 108

The Microchipping of Dogs (England) 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 Secretary of State 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 Secretary of State, 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 Secretary of State 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 Secretary of State; or
- (b) ever.

(3) In this regulation—

“student veterinary nurse” and “veterinary nurse” have the same meanings as given by Schedule 3 to the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966(1);

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

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

(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.