



## **KEEPING VIETNAMESE POT BELLIED/ KUNI - KUNI PIGS**

The 1981 Animal Health Act lays down strict controls on keeping pigs as pets.

If you intend to breed and sell, then different regulations apply.

You must register with DEFRA as a pig keeper, who in turn will issue you with what is termed as a HOLDING number.

You must have a licence for any movement of pigs on or off your premises. Every movement must be recorded in a MOVEMENT book. Movements from one premise to another are covered by the General licence and must be accompanied by an AML2, movements that are return movements to premise of origin are not covered by General licence and require a Defra walking licence.

All pigs can catch many notifiable diseases, these include:-

- Swine fever
- Swine Vesicular Disease
- African Swine Fever
- Foot and Mouth Disease.

### **YOU MUST NOT FEED WASTE FOOD TO PIGS.**

WASTE food can cause disease.

Waste food is any food that comes from **animals**, including:

- table scraps
- any other food which has been in contact with meat or eggs.

If you feed your pigs with waste food you may risk their health, the health of other pigs, and you are breaking the law, for which you could be prosecuted.

### **DEFRA WALKING LICENCE**

If you own a pet pig and you want to walk the animal off the premises, you can apply for a PRIMO walking licence. These licences are issued by the Divisional Veterinary Officer (DVO) and contain these conditions:-

- the exercise route you use is the same as the route on the certificate
- you always keep the pig on a lead
- there is no contact with other pigs
- you never feed the pig with waste food.

The DVO may also set other conditions for the walking licence if he thinks it is necessary.

To get a walking licence contact the DVO at:

DEFRA  
Animal Health Office  
Saw Mills End  
Corinium Avenue  
Gloucester  
GL4 3DE

Telephone: (01452) 627400

Vietnamese Pot Belly Pigs can live up to 30 years of age. If for any reason you need to re-home your pet, please contact us where we can furnish you with the various options i.e. rescue centre, private buyer.

Enclosed pro-forma Holding Movement Record Sheet for your use.

For more advice and information please contact:

Animal Health and Welfare Officer  
Swindon Borough Council  
Premier House  
Station Road  
Swindon  
SN1 1TZ

Telephone: (01793) 466092