



## Template Abandonment Notices

The template notices below are the three documents that should be issued in the event of a horse owner abandoning their horse on your property, or failure of a livery client to attend to their horse for an acceptable period. If you know the owner of the horse, all reasonable attempts should be made to contact them directly before issuing such a notice.

If this is not possible, the police should be contacted, advised of an abandoned equine, and an incident number requested. This applicable notice should then be copied and posted on the stable, field gate etc where the horse is residing. If no one comes forward within the given time period, the horse may be claimed or dealt with accordingly.

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## ABANDONMENT NOTICES

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### Page 2- **Notice 1 s.7C Detention**

This notice is to be put where the horses were being fly-grazed. For example, gate of the field

### Page 3- **Notice 2 s.7C(2)(b) Owner**

This notice is to be used if you know who the owner of the horse(s) is and therefore you must serve a notice to them

### Page 4- **Notice 3 s.7C(2)(a) Officer in charge of a police station**

This notice is used to inform the police that you have detained the horses

### **IMPORTANT**

This information as provided above is intended to provide guidance and areas for consideration for those intending to enter into such arrangements. Anyone proposing to enter into such a written agreement should take consideration and their own legal advice as to their particular circumstances.

**THE ANIMALS ACT 1971 (as amended by the Control of Horses Act 2015)**

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7C FOLLOWING DETENTION OF HORSE(S)**

THIS NOTICE is placed under section 7C of the Animals Act 1971 (as amended by the Control of Horses Act 2015) (“the Act”) in pursuance of its powers to detain horses under section 7A of the Act.

A horse(s) described as:

Micro chip No:

Was (were) detained from the following location / address / area:

At the following date and time:

If you are the owner or person acting on behalf of the owner, or have any information regarding the ownership of the horse(s) please contact:

***[Enter Name of Contact – we recommend providing the local Police Station contact details]***

**If no information is forthcoming within 96 hours (equivalent of 4 working days) from the time of detention, steps may be taken to dispose of the horse (s) under section 7C (5) of the Act, which may include its destruction.**

Date & time of placing notice:

96 hour period ends:

**THE ANIMALS ACT 1971 (as amended by the Control of Horses Act 2015)**

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7C(2) (b) TO THE PERSON WHO APPEARS TO BE THE OWNER OF THE HORSE(S) OR PERSON WHO APPEARS TO BE ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE OWNER IN RELATION TO THE HORSE(S).**

THIS NOTICE is given under s.7C(2)(b) of the Animals Act (as amended by the Control of Horses Act 2015)(the Act) on *[insert date]* to *[the person who appears to be the owner of the horse or person who appears to be acting on behalf of the owner in relation to the horse (delete as applicable)]* in pursuance of its powers to detain horses under section 7A of the Act.

A horse (s) described as:

Micro chip No:

Was (were) detained from the following location / address / area:

At the following date and time:

If you are the owner or the person acting on behalf of the owner, or have information regarding ownership of the horse (s) please contact:

***[Enter Name of Contact – we recommend providing the local Police Station contact details]***

**If no information is forthcoming within 96 hours (equivalent of 4 working days) from the time of detention, steps may be taken to dispose of the horse (s) under section 7C(5) of the Act, which may include its destruction.**

Date & time of placing notice:

96 hour period ends:

**THE ANIMALS ACT 1971 (as amended by the Control of Horses Act 2015)**

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7C(2) (a) FOLLOWING DETENTION OF HORSE(S)**

THIS NOTICE is given under s.7C(2)(a) of the Animals Act 1971 (as amended by the Control of Horses Act 2015 (the Act) on *[insert date]* to a constable by *[insert landowner or bailiff details]* in pursuance of its powers to detain horses under s.7A of the Act.

A horse(s) described as:

Micro chip No:

Was (were) detained from the following location / address / area:

At the following date and time :

A Notice under section 7C(2)(b) of the Act has also been given to *(insert in here name and address of person given notice, if applicable):*

**If no information is forthcoming within 96 hours (equivalent of 4 working days) from the time of detention, steps may be taken to dispose of the horse (s) under section 7C(5) of the Act, which may include its destruction.**

Date & time of placing notice:

96 hour period ends:

*[insert landowner or bailiff name, contact number and email address]*