
Scottish Kept Bird Register - Update

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Dear Colleague,

Subject: Launch of the Scottish Kept Bird Register (SKBR)

The **Scottish Kept Bird Register (SKBR)** has now been launched. It has been developed in support of the Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024, which requires all bird keepers – even those who keep only a single bird – to officially register their bird location(s).

A link to the system and the associated helpline number and email address can be found at www.gov.scot/register-your-birds

In Scotland, keepers have between **1 September and 1 December 2024** to register the location of their birds. Those previously registered on the GB Poultry Register will be required to re-register on the SKBR between these dates.

The registration requirement does not apply to birds on the premises that belong to the order *psittaciformes* (parrot family, including budgerigars) or *passeriformes* (perching birds, including jays and finches), which are:

- fully housed indoors with no outdoor access, or
- housed outdoors in a fully enclosed structure

However, any birds that are taken outdoors at any time, for example to be exercised, trained, or taken to bird gatherings and/or shows, must be registered.

Taking an exempt bird to visit a veterinary practice does not trigger the need for registration.

By registering their birds, keepers will ensure they receive important updates relevant to them, such as on any local notifiable avian disease outbreaks and important information on biosecurity rules to help protect themselves and their flocks.

Further information on the registration of birds can be found on gov.scot, gov.uk and gov.wales.

Please share this information with any of your organisation members, friends or family as appropriate.

Your sincerely,

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SCOTTISH KEPT BIRD REGISTER

- (1) KEEPER DETAILS COMPLETE SECTION**
 - (2) TRADING DETAILS LEAVE BLANK**
 - (3) BUSINESS ACTIVITY SELECT HOBBYIST/PET OWNER**
 - (4) VETERINARY PRACTICE COMPLETE IF CHANNEL RACING LEAVE BLANK IF NOT**
 - (5) LOCATION BIRDS ARE KEPT COMPLETE AND GET GRID REFERENCE WILL NEED LAT / LONG CONTACT SHU OR CLUB SECRETARY**
 - (6) DETAILS OF BIRDS KEPT SELECT SPECIES -PIGEONS
NUMBER OF BIRDS
RACING
RELEASE FOR RACING
INDOORS ONLY
INTENSIVE
YES**
- ACCESS TO OPEN AIR SELECT NO PRESS ADD NEW BOX WILL OPEN SELECT WHICH MONTH BREEDING YBS ENTER AMMOUNT IN MONTH SELECTED PUT 0 IN THE REST OF BOXES**
- (7) OTHER RELEVANT INFO
SELECT I DON'T KNOW**
 - (8) OWN OR APETATE HATCHERY SELECT NO**
 - (9) SIGN AND DATE DECLARATION**