

INUNDATED AS CALLOUS OWNERS ABANDON PETS

*PUPPY LOVE: Abandoned pups look out through the bars of their cages, hoping to be taken home by a family
Pictures: Brian McEvoy*



...AND CATS ARE FELINE BLUE



MEOW COULD THEY?: Adorable kittens look out longingly from behind the bars of their temporary home after they were rejected by their owners and picked up by the DSPCA

Pony up for horse passport

By PATSY McARDLE

HORSE, pony, and donkey owners have been warned they could be breaking EU laws if they don't immediately get passports for their animals.

It has emerged these animals on farms are now required under EU regulations to have identification papers.

Farming organisation chiefs announced yesterday it is now illegal to move an animal off a farm for any reason without having their identification papers available.

These documents are required to comply with the legislation which says that details of medications administered to all horses must be recorded on their identification papers, as a measure aimed at ensuring animals treated with certain drugs do not end up in the human food chain.

According to an IFA spokesman the identification papers are normally issued by a breed society, such as the Irish Pony Society, the Irish Cob Society, Weatherbys in the case of thoroughbreds, or the Irish Horse Register in the case of sport horses.

To register, an owner must first contact their preferred registration authority and ask for a registration kit to be sent out.

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'I couldn't get arrested in the States'

