

# Request for Consent to Electronic Communications

## What is this form for?

Once your consent is obtained, via this form, the Society will, as far as is practicable, send all future documents and information relating to your membership of the Society (for example Notice of AGM and Form of Proxy) in electronic form. We may deliver documents:

- through the email address supplied by you on this form
- by making the document or information available on a website (see below); or
- by hand or post.

## Availability on a Website

When a document or information is to be communicated by means of a website, we will notify members of the availability of the document(s) or information via a "Notification of Availability", which will be sent to the email address you specify in this form. This Notification will specify:

- the documents or information present on the website;
- the address of the website;
- the place on the website where it may be accessed; and
- how to access the document or information.

The website address that the Society will ordinarily use for the purpose of communicating such document(s) or information is [www.thevds.co.uk](http://www.thevds.co.uk). We reserve the right to make document(s) or information available at a different address. Members will be notified of any such alteration in the Notification of Availability.

## Internet Access

In order to access electronic communications sent by the Society, members will need access to email and internet. Each member is solely responsible for securing such access and paying all associated costs. Furthermore, each member must notify us of any change to the email address or any other electronic address which has been specified for the purpose of receiving electronic communications from the Society.

## Format of Documents

The Society will endeavour to ensure that all documents are provided

as PDFs. In order to view the documents, members will require Adobe Reader (or equivalent), available from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)

## Right to Hard Copy

Members are entitled to receive a hard copy version of any document(s) or information received electronically from the Society, and we will provide a hard copy version within 21 days of the receipt of a request, free of charge. That request can be made by electronic means (by email to [admin@thevds.co.uk](mailto:admin@thevds.co.uk)), by telephone, or by post to the Society.

## No Obligation on the Society to Use Electronic Communications

There may be circumstances in which the Society prefers, or is obliged, to send or supply document(s) or information in hard copy format. Notwithstanding the consent of the members to electronic communications, there is to be no obligation on the Society to use electronic communications.

## No Obligation to Consent

There is no obligation or requirement placed on members to consent to the use of electronic communications. However, if consent is given, it can be withdrawn at any time provided that the member gives us notice of such revocation.

## Failure to Respond and Deemed Consent

Any member who does not respond to this request for consent within 28 days of its sending will be deemed to agree to electronic communications by means of a website.

As a Member of the Society, please complete the section below and return this form to us at the address below or email it to [agm2020@thevds.co.uk](mailto:agm2020@thevds.co.uk)

### Declaration of the Member concerning electronic communications from The Veterinary Defence Society Limited (TICK ONE BOX)

I CONSENT to receiving all future documents and information relating to my membership of the Veterinary Defence Society Limited in electronic form and by electronic means. I further consent to the Notification of Availability being in electronic form and by electronic means.

I DO NOT CONSENT to receiving all future documents and information relating to my membership of the Veterinary Defence Society Limited in electronic form and by electronic means. I wish to receive all documents and information in hard copy format.

Member name: (PLEASE PRINT)			
Member registration number:	RCVS:	VCI:	
Member email address:			
Signed .....			Date .....