



EQUINE MICROCHIP FACTS

AVS Equine's Universal Scanner

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What are the benefits?

- Permanent Identification that cannot be falsified or changed.
- The size of a thin grain of rice
- Microchips help prevent theft
- Aid in recovery during natural disasters. Louisiana requires all horses to be tested for Equine Infectious anemia and microchipped
- Provides accuracy at competitions and prevents fraud
- Traceability in the event of a disease outbreak
- ID for sales documentation and transfer of ownership



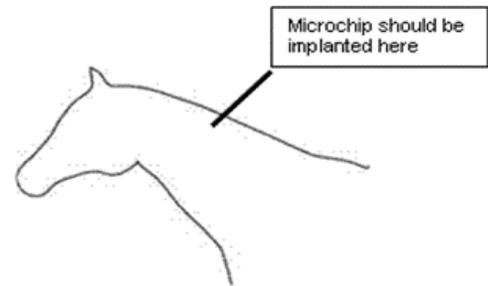
DATAMARS microchip

Additional Facts:

- *Microchips must be ISO standards 11784 & 11785 which regulate the radio frequency identification of animals.
- *Must meet Jockey Club, FEI, USEF, and USHJA rules.
- *When a microchip is used as the sole identification at Florida Ag stations the **OWNER** is required to provide their own microchip scanner.
- *Magnets will not deactivate the chip.
- *According to a study published in the Journal of American Veterinary Medical Association, microchips implanted in the nuchal ligament do not migrate.
- *Studies in the USA and England over the last 20 years have demonstrated that microchips do not cause cancer in horses.
- *Microchips are read- only and do not contain a GPS

How does a veterinarian implant a microchip?

1. Before implanting we use a scanner to ensure there is no existing microchip.
 2. We check the microchip with the reader to ensure it is readable before implantation.
 3. Verify the number scanned matches the chip
 4. Clip and aseptically scrub an area in the nuchal ligament halfway between the poll and withers on the left side of the horse.
 5. The area chosen is blocked with a numbing agent such as lidocaine to prevent any discomfort. Light sedation may be necessary in some horses.
 6. Each microchip is pre-loaded in a sterile syringe for a single use.
 7. The microchip is inserted
 8. The microchip is rescanned and verified
 9. The number will go on the medical record at the hospital.
 10. The owner registers the microchip at PetLink.net
- Registration is also needed for: Jockey club, FEI, USEF, and USHJA events*



COST:

\$95.00 for Microchip Procedure at AVS Equine Hospital
Lifetime of Identification: Priceless