



Microchipping

Owner Information

The microchip is a small device about the size of a piece of long grain rice. It consists of a small transmitter embedded in medical grade glass, sterilized and packaged. It is injected into the horse's neck through a needle, just like a vaccination. You can't see or feel any change at the injection site. To identify the horse, an electronic reader is passed over the neck and a 10 or 15 digit number instantly appears on the reader's screen. The microchips are biologically inert and do not have any electrical activity until interaction with the reader. They are guaranteed to function for 25 years (and that is only because there are no chips more than 25 years old, so longevity testing is still ongoing).

Once the Registrar has received your completed Microchipping form and fee, the following time line should be followed.

1. Upon receipt of the necessary paperwork, the IDHSNA Registrar will send the microchip and accompanying marking sheet and instructions for microchipping to your assigned veterinarian.
2. Once your veterinarian has received the package you will have 30 days to have the microchip implanted and the paperwork returned to the Registrar. Your form will have a deadline date written on it. It is very important to adhere to this date. If, for unforeseen reasons, the implantation procedure gets delayed, it is your, the owner's, responsibility to inform the Registrar via email or in writing, in a timely manner and prior to the initial deadline, to explain the circumstance and ask for a deadline extension. The Registrar will note an extended date in your file and inform you of that date within 48 hours of receipt of your correspondence.

Note: The Registrar will retain all but one microchip code sticker for office use (only one sticker will accompany the microchip. This sticker is for use by the veterinarian to apply to the marking sheet once it has been completed and scanner information has been verified)

3. Once the veterinarian has completed the implant procedure and recorded the markings of the horse on the supplied sheet, the veterinarian should then give the completed marking sheet, which has the bar code sticker applied to it AND the microchip code number **WRITTEN** on the marking sheet, back to the owner.
4. **The OWNER** (and NOT the Veterinarian) will then be responsible for returning the paperwork to the Registrar in a timely manner and prior to the deadline.

Owner will be notified by the registrar, as to the status of the Microchip shipment to the veterinarian to allow owner plenty of time to make arrangements with their veterinarian to complete the procedure.