



MICROCHIPPING REGULATIONS

1. Microchips

Save and except for horses already microchipped or foreign horses the only microchip that can be implanted in an Australian bred Standardbred is a microchip approved by Harness Racing Australia.

2. Foreign Horses

Foreign horses who have not been microchipped prior to leaving their country of origin shall be microchipped in accordance with these regulations.

3. Implantation

- a) Implantation can only be performed by a registered veterinarian.
- b) A horse shall not be eligible for microchipping unless the connections of the horse have complied with Regulations 15, 16 and 17 of the Australian Trotting Stud Book Regulations.
- c) Prior to implantation the registered veterinarian shall use an approved scanner to ensure that
 - i. the horse has not already been implanted with a microchip
 - ii. the microchip to be implanted is functional.
- d) The microchip is to be implanted in a uniform site which is located in the nuchal ligament, midway between the poll and withers on the left side of the neck, 2.5 to 3.5 cm below the crest.
- e) Once implantation has occurred the registered veterinarian shall use an approved scanner to determine whether the microchip is appropriately located and functional.

- f) If the implanted microchip is not functional the registered veterinarian shall implant another microchip.
- g) At the time of implanting a microchip the registered veterinarian shall also take a hair sample from the horse for the purposes of enabling DNA verification.
- h) Once implanted the microchip shall not be removed.

4. Post Implantation

- a) Once implantation has occurred in accordance with Regulation 3 the registered veterinarian shall complete a signed Declaration which states that the implantation was completed in accordance with the Microchipping Regulations and includes the following information:-
 - Horse identification details (name, or sire and dam names, colour, identifying markings/whorls/brands/scars)
 - Name of authorised implanter
 - Implanter ID Number
 - Date of implantation
 - Microchip number
- b) In the event that a second microchip is implanted pursuant to regulation 3 f) the registered veterinarian shall include in the signed declaration the number of the second microchip alongside the number of the original microchip.
- c) Information contained in the signed Declaration shall be loaded into the HaRVey database system as soon as practicable by the relevant State Controlling Body.
- d) The hair sample taken in accordance with regulation 3 g) shall be sent by the relevant State Controlling Body for analysis within 28 days.

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