

ASPCA Equine Microchipping Guide



1. Ensure the microchip intended for implantation is sterile and intact. After scanning the microchip, confirming the number read on the scanner is the same as the number printed on the ID card and tag.

2. Verify the horse does not have an existing microchip by scanning the left side of the horse's neck



3. Locate the implantation site in the nuchal ligament halfway between the poll and withers on the left side of the neck. Clip the area and aseptically prepare it. Local anesthetic is not required



4. Insert the needle straight in to the hub of the applicator. Depress the plunger until two clicks are felt and withdraw the applicator. Apply pressure.

5. Scan the horse to make certain the implanted chip is functioning properly. Enroll with the appropriate database.