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### **Guidelines for Horse Owners for the micro-chipping of horses.**

As of September 2009, the Victorian Government has changed the regulations relating to the micro-chipping of horses. The new regulations aim to standardise the micro-chipping of horses and ensure all micro-chipped horses are registered with a central body.

It is not a legal requirement to microchip every horse. However, when a horse is micro-chipped, it is a legal requirement that the micro-chipping be carried out in accordance with the new regulations.

Tweedie & Associates believe it is important that horse owners understand the new requirements and we take this opportunity to outline the process of micro-chipping and registering horses with Central Animal Records. Please find following, an outline of what you can expect from the veterinarians at Tweedie & Associates.

1. All micro-chipping of horses must now be performed by an accredited veterinarian and all veterinarians implanting microchips must now be accredited by the DPI to perform this procedure. All the veterinarians at Tweedie & Associates are accredited to micro-chip horses.
2. Every horse micro-chipped must be registered with a central animal registry, of which there are more than one. Tweedie & Associates have chosen Central Animal Records because of their simple and easy to navigate website. We will fax a copy of the registration form to Central Animal Records within 48 hours after we micro-chip your horse. Central Animal Records will contact you some time after this.
3. All microchips implanted by Tweedie & Associates veterinarians conform to the Australian standards and carry a 15 digit number that is unique to your horse.



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4. The micro-chip will be inserted into the nuchal ligament of the neck. The micro-chip will be on the left side of the neck and implanted approximately mid way between the withers and poll. The area may bleed a little after the injection, but this will subside with firm digital pressure. Your horse will have the microchip inserted in the nuchal ligament of the neck.
5. If your horse is agitated we may decide to administer a sedative to ensure the procedure is performed in the quickest and safest possible manner.
6. The veterinarian may choose to inject local anaesthetic into the area to ensure the procedure is performed in the quickest and safest possible manner.
7. We will record the individual micro-chip number on your horse's veterinary record.

If you change your address or sell the horse, it will be necessary to update these details with Central Animal Records.

### **What is the cost of registering an animal with Central Animal Records?**

The cost associated with registering an animal with Central Animal Records is \$9.95. The microchips provided by the Australian Stud Book do not come with automatic lifetime registration with Central Animal Records. Because it is now a requirement by law to register all micro-chipped horses with a central body, we now add an additional \$9.95 to the cost of all thoroughbred microchip procedures to cover this registration fee. Further information is available on the DPI website:

<http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/LinkView/37A8D69E44FFDE07CA2576240000A6BBCCCB356A6EA3B5FECA256EDD008183>



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### **What should I do when I sell a horse?**

When a horse is sold, it is very important that a change of ownership form is completed and returned to Central Animal Records. This form is available in the client information section of our website. There is a \$6.95 fee for transferring ownership of an animal within Central Animal Records.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any further questions in relation to the micro-chipping of horses in Victoria.