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## Equine Microchipping

**What is it?** A microchip is a tiny computer chip encased in smooth, strong biocompatible glass. The chip has an identification number programmed into it, and is small enough to fit into a hypodermic needle. The chip is quickly and easily injected into the nuchal ligament (just under the mane) where it is expected to remain for the life of the animal. This unique number cannot be altered or removed. The chip is read from a universal scanner in less than one second. **Two types of chip are available: 10 digit chips can be read by all scanners; 15 digit chips are useful for more purposes, including international travel, but cannot be read by all scanners.**

**Reasons to microchip your horse:** The number one reason is proof of ownership. This form of identification becomes important in the following situations: disaster scene recovery, theft protection and recovery, health certificates, medical records, ranch management, event entries, transportation and travel (national and international), sales, breeding records, breed registries and insurance documents.

**Registration:** Each microchip has a unique number that will be registered with the Equine Protection Registry. When you enroll, your number will be verified and you will receive a Wallet Card and a certificate from the Equine Protection Registry. Once registered, any changes to your information are free. How it Works: If your horse is ever separated from you for any reason, contact the Registry. An emergency 'Hot List Alert' begins immediately. All of our partners are notified by email or phone.

**What is the cost?** FMVS is offering to microchip and register your horse in the Equine Protection Registry at the first annual Vaccination and Microchipping Clinic, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Placerville Fairgrounds, for a cost of \$60.00 per horse. This cost will also include a digital photograph of you with your horse, for further proof of ownership and to add to your horse's medical records.

For more information regarding the importance of microchipping your horse, please visit <http://www.microchipsequine.com/answers.html>