



## American Warmblood Registry North American Sportpony Registry

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### **MICROCHIPPING YOUR SPORTHORSE OR SPORTPONY**

As of December 2016, the American Warmblood Registry and the North American Sportpony Registry require DNA testing **and** micro-chipping of all newly registered horses / ponies, and highly recommend the micro-chipping of previously registered equines.

Microchipping has become mandatory for competitions/registrations according to all relevant organizations like US Equestrian, USDF, USHJA, etc.

#### **Reasons for Microchipping**

First and foremost, a microchip is for the identification of your animal in the case it gets lost or stolen.

Clear identification of a horse has become an essential component in particular for competitions at international level, for traveling across borders, and to satisfy health requirements.

For application of an FEI passport, FEI Recognition Card etc. FEI requires for all newly registered horses the use of a certain microchip type – the ISO Chip which is 15 digits long and operates on a specific radio wave frequency. It will only be a course of time when all animals competing at FEI events have to be microchipped.

Microchips are about the size of a grain of rice and hold identifying information about a horse. Microchipping provides a reliable way to verify a horse's identity, which can contribute to the well-being of a horse and support consumer confidence during horse sales. Microchipping is a standard of the FEI, the international equestrian sport governing body.

#### **What are the competition requirements?**

A: Phase I: Microchipping Required for Points Beginning in competition year 2018 (December 1, 2017), all horses competing in USEF licensed and/or USHJA sanctioned competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed will be required to be microchipped to receive points.



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Phase II: Microchipping required for Competition Beginning competition year 2019 (December 1, 2018), ALL horses competing in USEF licensed and/or USHJA sanctioned competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed will be required to be microchipped.

The American Association of Equine Practitioners has determined that the implantation of a microchip is a veterinary procedure. The USEF recommends that a licensed veterinarian supervise this procedure.

The following steps will be conducted to microchip your horse:

- The microchip should be implanted in the nuchal ligament, halfway between the poll and the withers on the left side of the horse.
- After the microchip has been implanted, it should be checked again with a reader to verify that it is still readable.

### **How to Report your Horse's/Pony's Microchip Number to USEF**

Once a horse is microchipped, you should report this microchip number to the USEF through any of the following methods:

- Online by signing into your My USEF My Way account and updating your horse's record.
- Fax to 859-231-6662 or email to [horseservices@usef.org](mailto:horseservices@usef.org) the Microchip Reporting form, which may be used to report multiple horses.
- Completing the microchip field on a USEF Horse Recording/ID Application.

Microchip reporting does NOT replace recording your horse with the USEF or registering your horse with the USHJA. If your horse is not yet recorded with USEF or registered with USHJA, you will need to complete an USEF Horse Recording Form AND include the 15 digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 microchip number on the form.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**The \$25.00 Microchip Kit includes:** the microchip, enrollment in the Equine Protection Registry EPR (which is for the horse's/pony's life or as long as you are the owner of the microchipped animal), a **free** EPR web account, as well as **free** nation-wide Search Alerts.