



# Canadian Horse Identification Program (CHIP)

Resources For Microchipping Equines For The 124-000 TROVAN Microchip  
(ISO Compliant 11784/11785)

## **Please Note:**

Equestrian Canada ***strongly advises*** that microchipping be done by a licensed veterinarian or a trained technician working under the supervision of a veterinarian. The Canadian Horse Identification Program (CHIP) is open to all equines born and/or domiciling in Canada. For more information see [everyhorsecounts.ca](http://everyhorsecounts.ca).

## **Microchipping Resources:**

The following resources have been selected to provide suggested procedures for implanting microchips in equines, particularly horses. **There are two accepted areas for implanting microchips for equines: in the nasal region or in the nuchal ligament, left side of the neck half ways between the poll and withers.** Please verify with applicable breed and/or sport organization to determine their preferred location prior to implanting. For the CHIP traceability program, it can be either location. Equestrian Canada does not recommend an equine having more than one microchip.

The resources will differ slightly in procedures beyond the implantation site, particularly: shaving the nuchal ligament site for insertion, and use of local anesthetic and/or sedation of the equine. The determination of exact practices and procedures rests with the attending veterinarian/technician for the implantation of the microchip. Please consult the resources below for suggested practices, procedures and FAQs.

We wish to thank and acknowledge the following organizations for sharing their microchip resources:

### **American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA):**

*Equine Microchipping Guide:* [https://www.aspcapro.org/sites/default/files/aspca\\_equine\\_chip.pub\\_.pdf](https://www.aspcapro.org/sites/default/files/aspca_equine_chip.pub_.pdf)

*Microchipping FAQ's:* <https://www.aspcapro.org/resource/faqs-about-horse-and-donkey-microchipping>

**Standardbred Canada:** implanting a microchip in the nuchal ligament region (video):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYeKlvNSTr0>

**Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society (CTHS):** a webpage with multiple resources including implanting a microchip in the nasal region (video): <https://www.cthsnational.com/microchipping>

## **Recommended Guidelines:**

1. Pre-scan the nasal region and nuchal ligament region of the equine to identify if the equine is already microchipped.
2. Scan the 124-000 microchip prior to inserting to confirm the number on the sticker.
3. Insert microchip into preferred area, nasal region or nuchal ligament (left side). See references above.
4. Scan region again to confirm reading
5. **Register the microchip and equine** on the CHIP Equine Registry by visiting [www.eidap.com](http://www.eidap.com) or in the veterinary portal, or contact [orders@eidap.com](mailto:orders@eidap.com) for instructions. Basic registration is included in the cost of the 124-000 microchip.
6. Questions? Contact [CHIP@equestrian.ca](mailto:CHIP@equestrian.ca)