



So what are the rules on Microchips in horse?

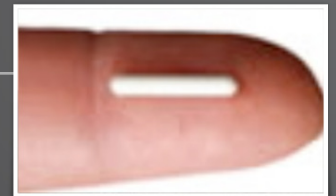
As of 1 July 2009, all horses being issued with passports in the United Kingdom are required by law to have a microchip. All horses by law must have a passport.

All foals must be implanted with a microchip and have a passport issued before 31 December of the year of their birth, or within six months of birth, whichever is later.

All adult horses requiring a new passport, which are not already microchipped, will require a microchip to be implanted.

How big is a microchip?

Is about the size of a large grain of rice.



Where is a microchip inserted?

Using a specially designed needle, the microchip is implanted halfway along the crest, into the nuchal ligament which runs from the poll to the withers. Most vets will scrub the area with some alcohol prior to inserting the needle. Some will clip the area and others may insert a small amount of local anaesthetic.



Who is the microchip number registered with?

Firstly it will be registered with the microchip manufacturer's database, then with the issuer of the horse's passport and also with the vet that inserted the microchip.