



Who will be doing the microchipping?

For the purposes of the pilot study, microchips will be assigned and implanted by people trained and designated by the project. As the project progresses we expect the number of individuals being able to implant the microchip to increase.

How will I read the microchip in my Thoroughbred?

Microchips can be read with an ISO 11785 compliant microchip reader. You must ensure that the reader you select is ISO 11785 compliant and that it can detect ISO compliant 11784 134.2 KHz radio frequency devices

Will we need to purchase a reader?

No, you will not need to purchase a reader. They are currently available at Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Field offices, County offices and Livestock Identification Services (LIS) offices throughout the province. The CTHS (Alberta Division) will also have readers available to lend out to breeders on a limited basis.

If the owner of a microchipped Thoroughbred doesn't know its name or pedigree can the C.T.H.S. help identify the horse using its microchip number?

Yes. Not only will you be able to identify the Thoroughbred that has been microchipped part of the Pilot Project involves developing software that owners, breeders and trainers will be able to use as a management tool keeping track of such things as health, medication, breeding and ownership records.

Once the microchip has been implanted what other steps are required?

Once the microchip is implanted, you should log onto Interactive Registration on The Jockey Club website and report the microchip number using the online Microchip Requesting, Reporting and Lookup module. Microchip numbers are not associated with a specific horse until reported to The Jockey Club by the owner or breeder. If you do not have access to IR, you can call the Registry for assistance at (800) 444-8521.