

# Microchipping

## Do all horses need to be microchipped?

From October 2020, it has been mandatory for all owners to microchip their horses, ponies and donkeys, regardless of their age. The new Central Equine Database will then allow local authorities and police to trace the owners of abandoned horses. It will also mean lost or stolen horses will be reunited with their owners more easily.

Owners will need to get any equine born before 30th June 2009 retrospectively microchipped, if it is not already chipped.



## What is a microchip?

A microchip is a small electronic device, about the size of a grain of rice. Each microchip has a unique number within it that can be scanned and recorded in a central database, along with an owner's personal contact details.

The microchip is placed underneath the skin using a specially designed implanter. An anaesthetic is not required, and the procedure should be no more painful than a routine vaccination.



## Can you get fined if your horse is not microchipped?

Owners who fail to microchip their horses, ponies and donkeys could face sanctions from their local authority including a compliance notice and a fine of up to £200.

If your horse, pony or donkey is not yet microchipped, we strongly advise you get this done as soon as possible.



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## When to microchip a foal

Legally, foals must have a microchip within six months of birth or before 31 December of the year in which they were born. Often this is done through the society for the particular breed.



## Unsure if your horse is microchipped?

As your vet to scan your horse to check for you.



## How do you update your details?

You will need to update your details each time your phone number, postal or email address change. You will need to contact your central database to update your personal details: [equineregister.co.uk](http://equineregister.co.uk)

## What is The Central Equine Database?

The Central Equine Database is a digital system delivering lifetime traceability, biosecurity and identification of animals to owners, vets, governments and industries across the world.

## Digital Stable

Digitally claim your equine's passport making sure the details held in your paper passport match what is held on the Central Equine Database (CED).

## Digital Stable App

Allows you to store your equine passport records on your smartphone, which is always synchronised with the Central Equine Database (CED).

## National Chip Checker

Enter your equine's microchip number to make sure that it's registered on the Central Equine Database (CED). By law, all equine microchips must be registered on the CED.

