

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will my horse's microchip be scanned?

Horses are subject to scanning at any time including, but not limited to: at the time of a measurement, during a drug test, or when showing in USEF-licensed and/or USHJA-sanctioned championship events.

What information does USEF read off the microchip?

The only information contained on the microchip is the chip number. This number is tied to the information you provide to USEF on the USEF Microchip Reporting Form.

How will competition secretaries know if a horse has been microchipped?

The microchip number will be added to a horse's USEF/USHJA certificate and verification, which is information available to competition secretaries.

Should I have another microchip put in my horse if it doesn't have a compliant microchip?

Yes. You need to have a 15-digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 microchip that does NOT start with the pre-fix 900 implanted into your horse. Once a compliant microchip is implanted, you should report both numbers to the USEF.

What should I do if my horse has multiple microchips?

If a horse has multiple microchips, please report the number for every microchip to the USEF even if one of the microchips is not compliant.

How much does microchipping cost?

The cost varies depending upon the veterinarian conducting the procedure, starting at \$20.

Who can I contact for more information?

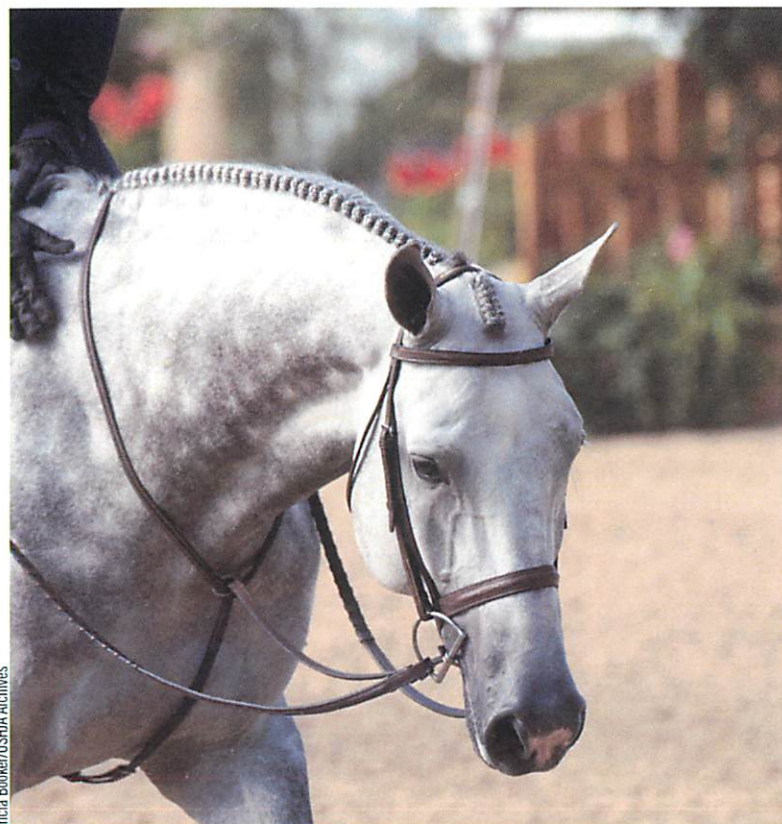
For more information about the microchipping requirement, contact USEF Customer Care by phone at (859) 258-2472, send an email to customercare@usef.org (please allow up to 24 hours response time), or log onto usef.org and choose online support to live chat with a representative. USEF Customer Care representatives are available M-F 8:30am to 5pm ET.



The United States Hunter Jumper Association works with the USEF to develop sport rules that encourage fair play, sportsmanship, horse welfare and competition for hunters and jumpers. For more information about the USHJA, visit www.ushja.org.

Hunters and Jumpers: Microchipping 101

Learn about Microchipping for Hunter, Jumper
and Equitation Competitors



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WHY MICROCHIP?

Microchips are about the size of a grain of rice and can hold electronic data, such as 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. Microchips are a standard of the FEI, the international equestrian sport governing body.



THE COMPETITION REQUIREMENT (HU101, JP100, EQ103)

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.**



PHASE II: Microchipping Required for Competition

Beginning in 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.**



HOW IT WORKS

Choosing a Microchip

Microchips must be ISO 11784/11785 compliant. This microchip has a unique 15-digit number that will be assigned only to your horse.

Microchips starting with the prefix 900 cannot be used because these chips could have duplicate numbers.

The following are examples of acceptable and unacceptable chip numbers:

Acceptable: #977123456789012

Unacceptable: #900123456789012

Check your chip number before it is implanted.



Microchipping Process

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

The following steps will be conducted to microchip your horse:

- Before the microchip is implanted, the horse should be properly identified and checked for an existing microchip with a reader
- 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



Reporting Your Horse's Chip Number to USEF

Once a horse is microchipped, you may report your 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
- Faxing to (859) 231-6662 or emailing to horseservices@usef.org the Microchip Reporting Form, which may be used to report chip numbers for multiple horses
- Completing the microchip field on a USEF Horse Recording/ID Application

If your horse is not yet recorded with USEF or registered with the USHJA, you will need to complete a Horse Recording Form AND fill out the microchip number field on that form.

