# NFHR INSTRUCTIONS FOR IMPLANTING MICROCHIP

The NFHR does not suggest an inexperienced person implant a microchip. Either an experienced person or a licensed Veterinarian can implant chips and the form must be SIGNED AND DATED by her/him.

#### Site Location:

Left side of ligamentum nichae. Middle third of the neck. 1" - 1.5" from dorsal midline just below follicle area of the mane hair line.

### **Prior to Implanting**

Prepare the area by clipping the hair with a curved scissors or clipper. Exposed a skin area of 1" to 2" in diameter. Scrub the area with Betadine Surgical Scrub or similar disinfectant. Scan the chip to make sure it is in the needle and is reading.

#### **Implanting the Microchip**

Insert the needle straight in, perpendicular to the skin surface. Insert the needle to its full depth. Release the microchip and then retract the needle. Apply digital pressure to the site for approximately 30 seconds. Scan the chip to make sure it has been successfully implanted.

#### **Recording Implanted Microchip**

Attach original microchip number to original NOTIFICATION OF MICROCHIPPING form. Implanter or Veterinarian must sign and date the NOTIFICATION OF MICROCHIPPING form. Return original copy to: NFHR, 1801 W. County Rd 4, Berthoud, CO 80513 A copy of chip number and form should be made for the horse owner's records.

## **NOTE:** IF CHIPS WILL NOT READ BEFORE OR AFTER INSERTION, SEND THE ORIGINAL CHIP NUMBER STICKER BACK TO NFHR AND THE CHIP WILL BE REPLACED

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## WHORL PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Whorl pattern may be filled out by horse owner but must be verified by the person implanting the chip.

**WHORLS** (places in the hair coat where the lay of the hair comes together from several directions or changes direction) can usually be found on the face, head, neck, chest, flanks, legs and occasionally on the belly.

- 1. Mark location of forehead and chest whorls according to their location on the front view grid diagram. Mark all other whorls on silhouette diagrams.
- 2. Record location of all circular type whorls with an "X" and all ridge type whorls with a line.
- 3. Record location of all zebra stripe markings on the legs and/or withers.
- 4. Describe on the form with a brief written comment and locate any other marks, scars or brands that help to individually identify the horse.

#### COLORS

**BROWN DUN** - Body shades of tan or brown / Dorsal stripe dark brown or black.

- **RED DUN** Body shades of reddish brown / Dorsal stripe light reddish brown forelock, mane and tail sometimes completely white.
- PALE OR WHITE DUN Body white to cream / Dorsal stripe black or grey.
- YELLOW DUN VERY RARE Body yellow shades / Dorsal stripe darker yellow forelock, mane and tail sometimes completely white.
- GREY Body shades of grey / Dorsal stripe black or dark grey.