

Title 2. Agriculture

Chapter III. Arkansas Board of Animal Health, Department of Agriculture

Subchapter B. Disease Control

Part 154. Criteria for Persons Engaged in the Voluntary Embedding of Identification Chips for Equine Monitoring

Codification Notes. This part as promulgated prior to codification into the Code of Arkansas Rules provided as follows:

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Subpart 1. Generally

2 CAR § 154-101. Persons exempt from rules.

Persons exempt from this part:

- (1) Arkansas licensed veterinarians; and
- (2) Arkansas Board of Animal Health employees working under the direction of the State Veterinarian.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-32-301.

2 CAR § 154-102. Training sessions.

(a)(1) The State Veterinarian shall conduct one (1) training session per year if persons apply for training.

- (2) The date of the training session will be chosen by the State Veterinarian.

(3) The training will consist of three (3) parts and shall be held at the office of the State Veterinarian at the Arkansas Board of Animal Health Building, 1 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72215, or an alternate location of the State Veterinarian's choosing.

(b) **Part 1.** A lecture session on horse chipping by the State Veterinarian to include a video of a horse chipping session.

(c) **Part 2.**

(1) A practical session on horse chipping by each trainee.

(2) Each trainee must provide his or her own horse for the practical session.

(3) Each trainee will also have to have an ISO compatible chip reader (or the industry standard) because it is not possible to chip horses properly without a reader.

(4) Only ISO compatible one hundred thirty-four point two kilohertz (134.2 kHz) chips or the industry standard will be used.

(d) **Part 3.**

(1) A written and practical examination will be given, and upon successful completion, the trainee will receive a certificate to chip horses.

(2)(A) The certificate will be good for one (1) year, and the person certified will have to contact the State Veterinarian and provide proficiency data to have his or her certificate extended for another year.

(B) The proficiency data for recertification will be as follows:

(i) The number of horses chipped each year;

(ii) A good recordkeeping system must be in place and maintained on all horses chipped; and

(iii)(a) Quality of work performed in the chipping process.

(b) Any and all complaints made to the Arkansas Board of Animal Health will be reviewed and investigated.

(C) These overall criteria will be reviewed yearly by the board (State Veterinarian), and eligibility for recertification will be determined by the board (State Veterinarian).

(e) **Fees for training and certification.**

- (1) The fee for the training session will be fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- (2) The renewal certification will be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-32-301.

Codification Notes. "ISO" means International Standards Organization.

2 CAR § 154-103. Registration of chips with the Arkansas Board of Animal Health.

(a) Each person that is certified by the Arkansas Board of Animal Health to chip horses must keep adequate records of the horses chipped.

(b) The records shall include the name and address of the owner of the horse that is chipped.

(c) This information will be registered with the board along with a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per horse.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-32-301.

2 CAR § 154-104. Authority and fines.

(a)(1) This part was promulgated under the authority of Acts 2007, No.1585.

(2)(A) The act also provides for a fine to be imposed for persons chipping horses without training certification.

(B) That fine shall be five hundred dollars (\$500).

(b) No liability will be assumed by the Arkansas Board of Animal Health nor the State Veterinarian for injuries or adverse reactions incurred in the Horse Chipping Program when carried out by a certified individual.

(c) Certificate holders will be required to have liability insurance with a minimum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) coverage.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-32-301.