



Guidelines and Information



A special THANK YOU to The Right Horse Initiative for their support of the Operation Chip program!





UHC Operation Chip Program Guidelines

What is this program?

The equine industry as a whole is moving towards microchipping as the preferred method of equine identification. In fact, in some states it is now a mandatory requirement.

Microchipping horses in rescue organizations is one of the best ways to be able to track them through the system as well as being able to reunite them with their owner. Additionally, lack of identification is a major barrier to safe transitions for horses in the United States. By providing easy access to microchipping for horse owners and horse rescues, the UHC hopes to achieve the industry's collaborative goal of Owning Responsibly and providing opportunities for at-risk horses.

How can I get my horse a microchip?

Initially, horse owners will be able to have their horses microchipped if they are getting their stallion gelded at a local Operation Gelding clinic. We intended to expand the program in the next several months to allow horse owners to simply apply for a microchip which will be sent to them to have their own veterinarian insert.

How do organizations apply?

Only organizations hosting an approved Operation Gelding clinic can apply to have up to 20 microchips sent to them to be inserted in the stallions being gelded. A separate application form for Operation Chip can be found on the UHC website: <http://www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org/operation-chip>

What type of microchip will be provided and is registration included?

The UHC has partnered with MicrochipID Equine to provide the Mini EquineChip™ for the program. In order to ensure the horses are getting registered, the UHC will also be covering the cost of registration for each chip that is put into a horse. Each packet will come with a sterile, pre-loaded chip syringe, as well as a pre-paid registration card. The veterinarian providing the gelding services at the clinic will be responsible for inserting the chips.

Where do I register my horse once he's been chipped?

You will be able to register your horse's microchip on the [Equine Protection Registry](#) hosted by Microchip ID Equine. Instructions on how to register will be included with the microchip packet.



Are microchip scanners also available?

Yes! The UHC is making Microchip ID Equine's popular [Hero™](#) scanner available to eligible 501(c)(3) rescues to apply for for a discounted rate of **\$25**. This scanner reads all 9, 10 and 15 digit chips, all ISO chips, and all brands of microchips. Additionally, the scanner is Bluetooth® compatible and will send the chip number detected to any Bluetooth® device. Limit one scanner per organization.

How do I pay for the scanner?

The UHC accepts checks, credit cards, or cash as payment for the scanner.