



AVA[®] Accredited Microchip Centres



One of the objectives of the AVA[®] is to promote the veterinary profession to the community.

As part of this objective, veterinarians, as the primary providers for the health and welfare of animals should be the prime implanters of microchip in companion animals.

AVA[®] Accredited Microchip Centres are promoted to State and local government and the community as the preferred location for animal owners to have their companion animals implanted with an identification microchip.

AVA[®] Accredited Microchip Centres agree to comply with the following protocols in order to achieve accreditation.

Protocols

AVA[®] member practices seeking AVA[®] Accreditation must agree to abide by the following protocols. They:

- Must keep an acceptable inventory of microchips to meet normal demands.
- Must possess a transceiver (reader) or transceivers capable of detecting the FDX-A chips, as well as the ISO compatible FDX-B chips.
- Must scan the animal before implantation to ensure that it does not already carry a microchip.
- Must scan the chip prior to and following implantation to ensure its effective functioning.
- Must forward registration details of the owner to the registry within a maximum of five days of implantation, but preferably on the following working day.
- Must register animals on accredited registries that meet the AVA[®] protocols for companion animal microchip databases. In those States where microchip identification is an integral part of the legislated registration process, the practice must also comply with all legal requirements imposed by the registering authority. *Members should note that in NSW and Victoria, the use of FDX-B (ISO) microchips is a requirement of Companion Animals Legislation.*

Note:

The NSW Pet Registry currently does not comply with AVA[®] guidelines for the operation of microchip registries.

- Must offer lifetime registration on the microchip database.
- Must keep statistics of the numbers of animals implanted for audit purposes (to help assess the effectiveness of the scheme).
- Must use microchips that are individually packaged and sterile.
- Must report all adverse reactions to the AVA[®].

Member practices which agree to abide by the above protocols will be entitled to use the AVA[®] Accredited Microchip Centre logo and advertise as an AVA[®] Accredited Microchip Centre.



Microchip Centre Accreditation Application Form

Name of practice

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Directors / partners

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Primary Contact

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Address

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Suburb State Post Code

Phone..... Fax.....

Email.....

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What microchip supplier do you use? (specify)

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Please note:

Since the 31st December 2001, ONLY FDX-B, ISO Compatible transponders will be acceptable for use in companion animals under AVA[®] policy. Most microchip distributors in Australia sell chips that conform to the FDX-B ISO Standards. It is important to ensure that the chips you are purchasing comply with the Australian standard.

If in any doubt as to the type of transponder (Microchip) you are using, please contact the AVA[®] National Office for further assistance.

What type of Readers/Scanners do you use? (Specify)

E.g

- Allflex ISO Reader
- Avid mini tracker
- Destron Pocket Reader EX (FDX-A only)
- FDX-A Scanner (Please Specify Brand) _____
- Avid Power Tracker IV
- Destron Pocket Reader EX (FDX-A + ISO)
- Trovan multi reader
- Datamars ISO Max 111
- Virbac Home Again
- Other _____

Please name the Registry where Animal & Owner Information is Recorded.

AVA[®] Accredited Databases

- Australasian Animal Registry at RAS in Sydney, NSW
- Central Animal Records in Springvale, Victoria
- National Pet Register in North Melbourne, Victoria

Other Database – Legal Requirement in NSW

- NSW Companion Animals Register

Note: In NSW, registration on the Govt database is a legislative requirement and to fulfil AVA[®] requirements the animal must also be registered on an AVA[®] accredited data base.



Microchip Centre Accreditation Application Form

Declaration:

We the undersigned have read and agree to abide by the protocols for an AVA[®] Accredited Microchip Centre. We possess a scanner / scanners (transceiver) capable of scanning FDX –A microchips (transponders) manufactured by AVID, Destron, Trovan and all ISO-compatible FDX-B microchips, commonly used in Australia.

We wish to apply for accreditation as an AVA[®] Microchip Centre. Furthermore, we understand and agree that accreditation of our practice will be removed if we fail to continue to abide by the above protocols.

Signed.....

Name.....

on behalf of (practice name)

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Date.....

Witnessed

Name of witness.....

Date.....

Please complete and return to:

**AVA[®] Microchip Accreditation
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or

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