



WEATHERBYS

DNA SAMPLING FORM INSTRUCTIONS

(Aide-Memoire)

VETERINARY SURGEONS PLEASE NOTE:

All foals born in 1999 and onwards must be microchipped with a WEATHERBYS MICROCHIP as a Condition of Entry into the General Stud Book and Non-Thoroughbred Register. A barcode label **MUST** be attached to the form and the sample bottle.

If this form is not enclosed, or not completed in full, with microchip barcode labels affixed to the form and sample bottle, samples may not be accepted.

Because many markings need to be returned we have produced the following to help in the completion of the form overleaf.

DO

- ✓ **TYPE** the written description - all handwritten marking charts will be returned
- ✓ **INCLUDE** the Dam's microchip number in the box provided.
- ✓ **DESCRIBE** in the narrative all features drawn on the sketch and **DRAW** all features that you have described.
- ✓ Ensure that all features are **DRAWN FROM ALL PERSPECTIVES** on all of the diagrams.
- ✓ Ensure that the position of all features are **SUFFICIENTLY DESCRIBED** (i.e head whorls and markings in relation to the mid-line and eye level etc).
- ✓ **DESCRIBE CREST WHORLS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE NECK** (if one or both are not present please state. e.g. "There are no crest whorls on the left side" since the rarity of this event qualifies as an identifying feature).
- ✓ Ensure that you record **ALL FEATURES**. Hatch white markings in RED, mark whorls with an "X", feathering with a "_____", prophets thumb marks with a "▷" and scars with "▶". Include any permanent identifying congenital defects such as parrot mouth etc.
- ✓ **SCAN THE ANIMAL TO ENSURE A MICROCHIP IS NOT ALREADY PRESENT AND SCAN THE WEATHERBYS MICROCHIP AS FUNCTIONING BEFORE AND AFTER IMPLANTING IT IN THE MID LEFT NECK (NUCHAL LIGAMENT). ATTACH THE BARCODE LABEL TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS DOCUMENT AS SHOWN AND THE SAMPLE TUBE.**
- ✓ Indicate the location of the microchip with (M)→
- ✓ Make sure the description is clearly legible and completed in dark ink. Markings must be typed.
- ✓ **SEND THESE MARKINGS WITH THE BLOODSAMPLE TO THE WEATHERBYS LABORATORY, USING THE ENCLOSED RETURN ENVELOPE.**

DON'T

- X **DON'T ABBREVIATE OR USE DITTO MARKS** ("") - use "right hand side" not R.H.S.
- X **DON'T USE TECHNICAL TERMS NOT EASILY UNDERSTOOD BY A LAYPERSON** (e.g "caudal"). Owners need to be able to identify this horse from your description and, if it is exported, English may not be the first language.
- X **DON'T USE TERMS SUCH AS STOCKING OR SOCK** - describe the white in relation to the fetlock, pastern, cannon bone or hock etc.
- X **DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE THE DECLARATION, SIGNING AND DATING IT AND GIVING YOUR NAME AND PRACTICE ADDRESS, WHICH MUST BE CLEAR AND VISIBLE.**

Please note: If the horse can not be adequately identified from your markings in the future it may be prevented from racing or being sold at public auction.