

Information for veterinary surgeons completing DNA sampling forms

- **All veterinary practices in Great Britain and Ireland that have previously ordered Weatherbys microchips will receive an annual audit at the year end. Once this audit is completed and returned they will be sent their order of DNA sampling kits and microchips.**
- **The veterinary surgeon will need to complete a set of markings on the foal markings form supplied with the DNA kit, along with taking a bloodsample and inserting a Weatherbys microchip. The microchip barcode must be attached to both the sample tube (down the length of the tube) and to the markings form for the sample to be accepted at the laboratory.**
- **The markings form must accompany the DNA sample to the Animal Health Trust Laboratory, Newmarket if taken in Great Britain, or if in Ireland to the Weatherbys Ireland DNA laboratory based at the Irish Equine Centre, Johnstown, Naas, Co. Kildare.**
- **In Great Britain and Ireland the Foal DNA sampling kits are supplied directly to the veterinary practice and are only intended for use for the registration of foals born this year. DNA sample kits for older animals such as broodmares and yearlings or repeat samples will be supplied separately by Weatherbys to the owner and labeled for the specific animal.**
- **Guidelines in completing the markings form have been produced in conjunction with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and can be downloaded by clicking on the “Identification of Horses” link.**

