

BRANDING OF FOALS

Branding of your foal is required before Foal Approval/Classification. This is to be done before your foal is weaned. You will have to contact your vet, who will be able to do this for you, and you must use one of the following options.

BRANDING OPTIONS

- Option 1** Your stud brand on the near side shoulder with numerical brand on the Off side shoulder.
- Option 2** Your stud brand on the near side shoulder and micro chipped.
- Option 3** Micro chipped only.

STUD BRAND

Your stud brand does not have to be registered with HHAANZ, but is recorded at the time of your membership being accepted along with your stud prefix.

If you do not have a stud brand, these are usually made up by an engineer. It would be advised to speak to someone who already has a stud brand, and find out how they went about having one made.

It would also be advised to check with any other horse breed associations you wish to use your stud brand with, to check what their stud book requires in regards to stud brands. If you are a one off breeder or do not wish to have a stud brand, the option of micro chipping only, may be the best option for you.

Stud brands can be either freeze or fire brands, and go on the near side shoulder.

NUMERICAL BRANDS

These go on the off side shoulder, with the foal number of your stud at the top and the year of birth below. The year of birth is on the calendar year, i.e. for your first foal born in 2006 would be branded as **1**

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Your vet will have a set of numerical brands, and do this at the same time as your stud branding.

MICRO CHIPPING

A micro chip is a very small chip, which is injected into the nuchal ligament on the near side of the neck, midway between the ears and the wither just below the mane. The chip contains a number of about 15 digits and is inserted by a vet via a needle. The chip is then scanned to read the number which can then be traced back to you individual horse.

HHAANZ accepts Destron Life Chips which are used in both New Zealand and Australian Thoroughbred Stud books and General Stud Books which can be scanned/read worldwide.

The micro chips are supplied and inserted by equine vets throughout New Zealand and Australia. If micro chipping your foal/horse make sure you receive all the identification forms and detachable barcode stickers from the vet at the time of insertion, which confirm the chip number inserted into your foal/horse. One of the identification forms correctly fill out with a barcode attached and signed by the vet is required by the HHAANZ registrar. This is required at the time of registration of your foal, which is before Foal Approval/Classification.

If you wish to micro chip your foal please contact your vet who will answer any questions and give you all the costs involved.