

LANAnC63 - SQA Unit Code HA8E 04

Scan an animal to locate a microchip



Overview

This standard covers using a scanner to scan an animal to locate a microchip. It includes safe handling of the animal, correct use of scanning equipment and checking registration details where a chip is detected.

Users of the standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up-to-date legislation and guidance, and that they work within the limits of their authority, expertise, training, competence and experience.

This standard is suitable for anyone who scans animals for the presence of a microchip.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 maintain your own professional conduct and ethics and work within the limits of your own authority, expertise, training, competence and experience
- P2 comply with relevant animal health and welfare and other animal-related legislation and associated codes of practice at all times
- P3 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and business policies
- P4 maintain appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security
- P5 select, prepare, use and maintain equipment in a safe, clean and effective condition throughout
- P6 observe and recognise the behaviour of the animal
- P7 handle the animal in a safe and secure manner to enable scanning
- P8 scan the animal carefully using the correct procedure for the type of scanner to locate the possible presence of a microchip
- P9 check the data on the relevant database or other documentation where a microchip is detected
- P10 use the back track system to identify who implanted the chip where a chip is not listed on a database
- P11 take appropriate action where details on the database cannot be verified

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 your professional responsibilities and the limits of your own authority, expertise, training, competence and experience
- K2 your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and other animal-related legislation and codes of practice
- K3 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and business policies
- K4 the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how this can be achieved
- K5 the different types of scanners available, their limitations, and how to prepare, use and maintain them
- K6 the environmental constraints of using a scanner including what external factors can affect the reading of a microchip e.g metal collars. proximity to computer screens etc.
- K7 the different types of microchips available
- K8 the different databases where details are registered and how to use them
- K9 how to recognise the behaviour of the animal including signs of avoidance, pain, aggression, fear and distress, where relevant
- K10 how to handle and restrain the animal to enable scanning and when assistance may be required to handle an animal safely
- K11 the correct implantation site for the species you are working with
- K12 animal anatomy and physiology relevant to the possible location of microchips that have migrated
- K13 how to scan the animal to locate the presence of a microchip
- K14 the importance of checking and cross-checking the accuracy of the number
- K15 how to use the back track system
- K16 the action to take if a foreign microchip is found
- K17 the action to take if ownership of the animal cannot be verified

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Glossary

Veterinary Surgeons Act (1966):

It is illegal under the Veterinary Surgeons Act (1966) for non-veterinary surgeons to practise veterinary surgery.

The Act defines Veterinary Surgery as:

- the diagnosis of diseases in, and injuries to, animals including tests performed on animals for diagnostic purposes;
- the giving of advice based upon such diagnosis;
- the medical or surgical treatment of animals; and
- the performance of surgical operations on animals.

Current animal welfare legislation:

- England and Wales, Animal Welfare Act 2006
- Scotland, Animal Health and Welfare Act 2006
- Northern Ireland, Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

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