

LANAnC65 - SQA Unit Code HA8G 04

Carry out activities required following the implantation of a microchip in an animal



Overview

This standard covers carrying out the activities required following the implantation of a microchip in an animal. It includes providing advice to the owner/agent, completing records and maintaining hygiene and bio-security.

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. It is also important to ensure the animal is registered on the appropriate databases.

You will need to be aware of your own limitations and ensure that you meet the legal responsibilities for duty of care under animal health and welfare legislation.

This standard relates to the subcutaneous implantation of microchips in dogs, cats, rabbits and ferrets only. Those carrying out implantation should be aware of the circumstances in which the implantation of a microchip is considered to be an act of veterinary surgery under the Veterinary Surgeons Act (1966).

This standard is for anyone involved in microchipping of animals.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 work in accordance with the Veterinary Surgeons Act (1966) and 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 in accordance with workplace policies
- P5 explain the procedure you have performed to the owner/keeper
- P6 advise the owner/keeper of any potential problems following the implantation of a microchip and outline areas where veterinary advice should be sought
- P7 advise owner/keeper on the **aftercare requirements** following implantation
- P8 register the animal on the appropriate database
- P9 retain a record of the chip number and the owner details for back track purposes
- P10 advise the owner/keeper on their responsibilities in relation to the registration of the animal and its microchip and the need to keep details up to date
- P11 provide a record of your contact details to the owner/keeper so they can get in touch if they have any queries
- P12 clarify the payment required, how this is made up and agree how payment will be made
- P13 communicate professionally with others involved in the care of the animal to include the animal's usual veterinary surgeon, and provide notes where required
- P14 clean and remove all equipment
- P15 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with relevant legislation
- P16 maintain your own professional standards and ethics

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the requirements of the Veterinary Surgeons Act (1966) in relation to your role and the limits of your own authority and the implantation of microchips
- K2 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and business policies
- K3 the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how these can be achieved
- K4 the potential problems after the implantation of a microchip and when veterinary advice should be sought
- K5 the advice and information you will need to provide to the owner/keeper of the animal following implantation
- K6 how to register the animal on the appropriate database following the implantation of a microchip and the importance of doing so
- K7 the fees for services and how these are made up including costs and taxes and the reason for each type of fee
- K8 how to process payments, and any relevant forms that need to be completed
- K9 the importance of advising customers of their own responsibilities for ensuring details held on the system are complete and up to date
- K10 appropriate records to be kept, the importance of confidentiality and the requirements of the Data Protection Act (1998)
- K11 how to clean and maintain equipment
- K12 how to handle, store and dispose of waste in accordance with legal requirements
- K13 your legal and professional liability and the importance of appropriate insurance cover
- K14 your professional and ethical responsibilities and the need to maintain professional competence

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Glossary

Animal

For the purpose of this standard the term "animal" refers to dog, cat, rabbit and ferret.

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

When the implantation of a microchip is considered to be an act of veterinary surgery in the UK under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966:

- implantation by methods other than the subcutaneous route, will generally amount to veterinary surgery in view of the potential to cause pain or stress and for spreading disease
- the repair or closure of the entry site, where necessary, will generally amount to veterinary surgery
- the procedure may amount to veterinary surgery if there is special risk to the health or welfare of the animal

Aftercare requirements:

- checking of the implantation site and what to look for
- advice on when the implantation site is safe to handle
- advice on when the animal can next be exercised
- scanning of the microchip post implantation

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