



# IDENTIFICATION PROTOCOL

*Corresponds to Requirement 5.2*

This facility DOES NOT perform any identification procedures. For the purposes of this protocol, identification procedures refer to hot-iron or freeze branding, tattooing, and microchipping.

OR

- This facility DOES perform identification procedures on animals in their care.
- All employees that perform or assist with identification procedures have been trained to adhere to this protocol.
  - The identification method(s) used at this facility is/are: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Identification methods used are conducted in a way to minimize stress and pain.
    - Steps taken to minimize stress include: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. providing sedation, analgesia, and local anesthesia (if applicable) during the identification procedure.)
    - Steps taken to minimize pain include: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. administering a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug as advised and prescribed by a veterinarian.)
    - (If branding is a method used) Horses are never branded on the jaw or cheek
    - (If branding is a method used) Horses are never branded when wet
  - Horses are monitored daily after (identification method) to ensure that there were no complications after the process. In the event of complications, a veterinarian is contacted as needed.
  - Any additional protocols: \_\_\_\_\_