

IDENTIFICATION PROTOCOL

Corresponds with Requirement 5.2

Identification procedures refer to hot-iron or freeze branding, tattooing, or microchipping.

The identification method(s) used at this facility include:

Identification methods used are conducted in a way to minimize stress and pain. Steps taken to minimize horse stress include:

(e.g., providing sedation, analgesia, and local anesthesia 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.
- Horses are never branded when wet.
- Horses are monitored daily after they undergo identification procedures to ensure no complications after the process. In the event of complications, a veterinarian is contacted, as needed.