

CWHBA 2021 AGM

Equine Canada

The main area of activity at EC that we have been following and supporting has been the development of the Canadian Equine Identification Program.

EC continues their work on developing an identification & traceability program for the Canadian equine sector, known as the *Canadian Equine Identification Program*. The program will be essential for horse owners, facility owners, trainers, and anyone else responsible for the welfare of horses. It will also be important for the sustainability and growth of the industry.

The Canadian equine community is in desperate need of a unified identification and traceability system that is compatible with existing studbook identification systems and adaptable to the needs of both sport and the breeding industry. The initial phase of the program will address several issues

- proof of ownership; verifiable identification documents
- ability to trace an animal's owner during an emergency or natural disaster
- compliance with federal regulations
- disease control and prevention
- maintain horse pedigree records

CWHBA has strongly supported this initiative undertaken by by EC on behalf of the horse industry.