

**POSITION STATEMENT
TENNESSEE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTRONIC IDENTIFICATION DEVICE

The Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners hereby adopts the following American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) position statement titled “Electronic Identification Veterinary Practices and Procedures/Guidelines for Companion Animals, Birds, and Equids” (revised 4/05) and amends it to read:

“The subcutaneous or intramuscular administration of an injectable transponder, also referred to as “micro-chipping”, in an animal for an animal owner is an injection procedure and, therefore, constitutes the practice of veterinary medicine. The injection must be done by a licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinary medical technician under the employment and direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.”

The Board has the authority to discipline any practitioner or facility which, after investigation and proper hearing, has been found guilty by the Board of a violation of the Tennessee Veterinary Practice Act (Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-101 *et seq.*) or the general rules governing the practice of veterinary medicine (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-1 thru 1730-5).

Adopted by the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on the 24th day of August, 2005 and amended on the 19th day of April, 2006. Reviewed by the Board on the 25th day of August, 2010.

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