



# POSITION STATEMENT

## Conducting Programs for the Implantation of Electronic Identification Devices (EID) in Companion Animals

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<b>College Contact:</b>	Accreditation Manager or Registrar

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## **Purpose**

This position statement was developed to describe for members the circumstances under which they might conduct/sponsor programs for the implantation of electronic identification devices (EID) in companion animals from an unaccredited facility.

## **Scope**

This position statement will apply to members wishing to sponsor EID implantation programs either on their own or further to a request from an outside agency.

## **College Position**

The procedure of implanting an electronic identification device in a companion animal constitutes the practice of veterinary medicine in Ontario and must be performed or supervised by a licensed veterinarian.

## **Application for Approval**

Approval must be obtained before the program is held in order for the CVO to agree to waive full enforcement of the rules as stated in the legislation (see Appendix A for relevant legislation and Appendix B for the application form).

## **Exemptions Allowed on Approval**

**Accreditation Requirement:** Once the program has been approved, the EID implantations provided through the program need not be performed in an accredited veterinary facility.

**Medical Records Requirements:** The medical records required shall be maintained in a systematic manner by the members organizing the program, and may be limited to:

1. A reasonable identification of the implanted animal;
2. The owner's name, address and telephone numbers; and
3. The date and fact of implantation.

**Advertising:** Members sponsoring an EID program may advertise the location, date, and time of the program; the names of participating members; and the cost of the implantation. The College will hold the sponsoring member responsible for the content of all advertising.

## Implantation Program Requirements

Members wishing to sponsor an EID program must ensure that:

- A. An application has been made to and approved by the College 14 days prior to the scheduled date of the program (see Appendix B for Application Form).
- B. The EID is implanted by a member or his/her supervised auxiliary. An auxiliary must have *immediate* supervision for the purposes of EID implantation such that the member is on the premises and within sight or hearing of the auxiliary throughout the program.
- C. The custodian of each implanted animal is provided with an EID certificate signed by the member following the procedure, *which also includes a statement that the custodian/owner should advise his/her regular veterinarian of the fact that an implantation has been done.*
- D. All professional fees collected as part of the program must be paid directly to the veterinarian sponsoring the program. If that individual is someone other than the member performing the procedure, the member performing the procedure must be paid by the sponsoring member. None of this precludes the donation of any or all of the proceeds collected to a third party.
- E. The EID product conforms to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and is appropriately registered after the implantation has been carried out.

# APPENDIX A

## Relevant Legislation

The *Veterinarians Act* R.S.O. 1990, Chapter V.3, is the profession-specific Act that governs the practice of veterinarians in Ontario. Ontario Regulation 1093 is the regulation made under the Veterinarians Act; it contains specific requirements pursuant to the practice of veterinary medicine in Ontario.

## Under Ontario Regulation 1093

**Records requirements for Companion Animals** as per sec 22 (2) of Ont. Reg. 1093 are as follows:

1. Patient identification, including species, age and sex.
2. The client's name, address and telephone numbers.
3. If the client is likely to be absent from his or her address while the animal is confined with the member, the name, address and telephone number of a person to be contacted in case of an emergency.
4. Date of each time that the member sees the animal.
5. A history of the animal's health, including a record of vaccinations.
6. The animal's current weight.
7. Particulars of each assessment, including any laboratory investigations, performed or ordered by the member and the results of each assessment.
8. A note of any professional advice given regarding the animal and an indication of when and to whom such advice was given if other than to the client.
9. All medical or surgical treatments and procedures used, dispensed, prescribed or performed by or at the direction of the member, including the name, strength, dose and quantity of any drugs.
  - 9.1 One of the following with respect to each surgical treatment:
    - i. The written consent to the surgical treatment signed by or on behalf of the owner of the animal.
    - ii. A note that the owner of the animal or a person on the owner's behalf consented orally to the surgical treatment, and the reason why the consent was not in writing.
    - iii. A note that neither the owner of the animal nor anyone on the owner's behalf was available to consent to the surgical treatment, and the reason why, in the member's opinion, it was medically advisable to conduct the surgical treatment.
10. A copy of all reports prepared by the member in respect of the animal.
11. A final assessment of the animal.
12. The fees and charges, showing separately those for drugs and those for advice or other services.
13. Any additional records required by this Regulation.

**Advertising rules** stated in subsection 36.–(1) of Ontario Regulation 1093 include the requirement that an advertising communication:

- (d) contains no information in respect of a fee or price;

### **Under the Veterinarians Act**

**Certificates of Accreditation** are required under Section 15 of the Act:

- 15. No person shall establish or operate a veterinary facility except under and in accordance with a certificate of accreditation.

# APPENDIX B

## COLLEGE OF VETERINARIANS OF ONTARIO

### APPLICATION FORM: PROGRAM for the IMPLANTATION OF ELECTRONIC IDENTIFICATION DEVICES

Sponsoring Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Member's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply to sponsor a program to perform the Implantation of Electronic Identification Devices at the following location(s):

Location	Date	Time

The implantations will be performed

- By me, OR
- By another licensed Ontario veterinarian (name: \_\_\_\_\_), OR
- By one or more of my auxiliaries, who will be under immediate supervision.

I am a licensed member of the College of Veterinarians of Ontario and agree to abide by the College's Position Statement on EID Programs and all other relevant legislation.

**Signed:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Member of the College of Veterinarians of Ontario

**Return this form to:**

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