Private Practitioner Perspective on Equine Identification and traceability

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Where is your industry today relative to equine ID and traceability?

- Need a little history
- Co-chair ESWG
- NAIS/USDA/AHC
- Representatives from industry
Vantage points

- Racing
- Show horses
- Pet horses
- Trail horses
- Ranchers
- Tribes
- Rodeo horses
- International
Movement unique to horses vs. other livestock

- Horse ID
- Premises ID
- Movement Record
Challenges of the past?

- BLACK HELICOPTERS
- GOVERNMENT ACCESS TO OUR PRIVATE INFO
- MRLS-uncontrolled mass exodus in face of perceived outbreak
American Association of Equine Practitioners

- No position statement
- Member of the ESWG
- Realize the benefits of permanent equine ID
- Realize the benefits of a standardized acceptable form of ID
Microchips vs.
Iris scans vs.
Photos vs.
Descriptions vs.
New technologies
Position statement on animal ID included wording for microchips on horses

Equine organizations increasingly want animals microchipped

Microchipping offers peace of mind to pet owners whose animals might go missing, but for horses, the process has an added benefit: It can simplify identification of individual horses, and industry organizations are increasingly requiring it. Microchip placement, handled by veterinarians, is simple, relatively painless and inexpensive, writes veterinarian Nancy Loving (The Horse)
What does the future hold on animal ID and traceability?

- It depends
- Database
- Movements
- Public concerns on privacy
THANK YOU

- Questions??