

Instructions for Inserting Shearwell MET RFID Tags



The Shearwell metal electronic tag is designed for exceptional long-term retention. Follow these instructions to ensure the tag performs properly.

IMPORTANT: DISINFECT! As for any tag, the spike of the tag should be dipped in a veterinary-approved disinfectant before tagging. Check for signs of infection following application and treat appropriately.

IMPORTANT: PLACEMENT! The tag goes in the top of the ear with the electronic capsule (plastic part) on the inside of the ear. It is vital that sufficient room is left on the loop of the tag to allow the ear to grow without restriction. As a general rule, leave one third of the tag when applying to young calves.

IMPORTANT: CLOSURE! The applicator is designed to give a mechanical advantage, making it easier to close the tag. However, you must squeeze the handles all the way to ensure the tag is properly locked together to ensure long-term retention.

1. Load a tag into the applicator, making sure the plastic part of the tag is seated flat in the pocket of the bottom jaw, and the metal spike has clicked into the groove on the top jaw.
2. Disinfect the tag and ensure the skin and hair around the tagging site are clean and dry.
3. Restrain the animal securely.
4. Insert the tag in the top of the ear about 1/3rd from the head (2/3 from the tip), with the microchip inside the ear. Avoid the sinews.
5. Leave enough room for the ear to grow. For a newborn calf leave 1/3rd the length of the tag; less for older animals.
6. Squeeze the applicator handles together all the way to completely close the tag.

