

Tattoo Identification Program FAQ

The College of Veterinarians of British Columbia (CVBC) will cease administering the current Tattoo Identification Program on December 31st, 2016.

As of January 1st, 2017 The Tattoo Identification Program will be absorbed by the BC Pet Registry, owned and operated by the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA).

Q. What is the BC Pet Registry?

A. The BC Pet Registry is the only provincial pet identification registry in British Columbia, created with the sole goal of ensuring lost companion animals find their way home. By investing in permanent identification, BC Pet Registry aims to reverse a trend that sees thousands of animals enter shelters in our province each year, with no way to find their way home due to a lack of permanent identification.

Q. How does this change affect my veterinary practice?

A. The BC Pet Registry will be issuing new year codes (2017 Year Code is F). Veterinary practices will have an option of using the BC Pet Registry online portal (bcpetregistry.ca) to register tattoo information rather than maintaining tattoo log records at their practice. This transition will mean less information management and paperwork for veterinarians.

Q. Can I enter my existing tattoo log records in the registry?

A. Absolutely! As long as you have consent from your client, any existing tattoo, microchip or license can be entered in the BC Pet Registry Database.

Q. Are there fees associated with each registration?

A. In order to provide our clients with 24-hour quality customer service, there is a nominal registration fee (\$12 annual or \$45 lifetime) charged for each registration.

Q. I am opening a new practice. How do I obtain a new tattoo code?

A. You can apply for a tattoo code by emailing the BC Pet Registry at info@bcpetregistry.ca. Alternatively, call us at 1-855-622-7722.

Q. How do I start using the BC Pet Registry?

A. Veterinary practices will need to register as an Industry Partner in order to have access to the BC Pet Registry benefits and database. Registration is easy! Simply contact us by email at info@bcpetregistry.ca or by phone at 604-709-4677.

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