

**RESOLUTION #4—2020  
Regular Winter Session**

Submitted by-  
Board of Directors

**REVISED POLICY ON MICROCHIPS**

**RESOLVED**, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) adopt the revised policy on Microchip Identification of Companion Animals and Equids as noted in [Attachment 1](#) (additions are underlined, deletions are ~~struckthrough~~).

**Statement about the Resolution**

The Council on Veterinary Service (CoVS), State Advocacy Committee (SAC) and the Animal Welfare Committee (AWC) worked together to revise the Policy on Microchips.

It became evident that the current version of the policy had become very cumbersome, including the title and had evolved into a Standard Operating Procedure. It is recognized that there are valid reasons to scan new patients and regularly scan existing patients, however, dictating in policy the precise situations, frequency, or procedure of such scanning may impinge on, or conflict with, state laws regarding property ownership. For example, if a veterinarian has already established a VCPR with a new client/animal, then discovers that the animal has a microchip of which the owner was unaware, the requirements and ability of the veterinarian to attempt to notify anyone about this situation is likely limited due to the existing VCPR.

No member comments were received on this policy.

**Financial Impact:** None.

	<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>House Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Reference Committee #6</b>	<b>House of Delegates</b>
<b>Recommend Approval</b>	X	X		
<b>Recommend Disapproval</b>				
<b>Recommend Referral to...</b>				
<b>No Recommendation</b>				
<b>Recommend Postpone Indefinitely</b>				
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