Information for Veterinarians overseeing students complete ACMMIC401 Implant Microchip in Cats and Dogs

Background

The student who has approached you is currently seeking to study a Microchipping Course through the RSPCA NSW RTO (RTO Code 70238). They are completing a unit of competency called ACMMIC401 Implant Microchip in Cats and Dogs. They are completing this course for the primary purpose of obtaining their Authorised Identifiers number from the Office of Local Government which then legally allows them to Microchip Cats and Dogs in NSW as per the guidelines for authorised identifiers. As part of the course we require students to provide 3rd Party Evidence of their ability to perform the full implant procedure on a minimum of ten (10) animals. The student is seeking you and or your colleagues at this practice to provide that 3rd Party Evidence. Before coming to you for 3rd party evidence, the student would have received theoretical training in implanting a microchip and also completed a theory assessment. The student would also have satisfactorily demonstrated to one of our RTO assessors the ability to implant a stuffed animal replica on two (2) occasions. Our course is also restricted to those who are already employed or volunteering in the industry, or breeders that are registered with a breed club in NSW.

What does the student need to do?

The student is required to microchip ten (10) animals under the direct supervision of a veterinarian. Three (3) of these must be cat, three (3) must be dog and the other four (4) can be cat or dog. At least one (1) cat and one (1) dog must be conscious, other animals may be sedated, and we encourage where possible that this occurs for optimum animal welfare. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they meet all the above requirements. It is the student's responsibility to discuss with the overseeing vet where and how animals will be sourced for microchipping.

What do you as the veterinarian need to do?

You are required to oversee the student complete the implantation process. They will be provided with a logbook that lists the required competencies and you will be required to initial against these competencies if the student has performed them satisfactorily. A satisfactory attempt is one that would meed legislative and industry standards. You will then be required to sign off on each microchip and provide your NSW VRN number. The RTO will contact you once the student submits their paperwork to confirm their attendance and competence in the implantation process.

What if a student is not satisfactory?

If a student is not satisfactory, they should be marked accordingly, you would be expected to provide some feedback to the student on what they did not complete satisfactorily and then advise the student to contact the RTO for further advice and training before recommencing any further practical training.

Who can I contact?

If you have any questions before signing this form, or during overseeing one of our students you can contact us at any time via:

Email: training@rspcansw.org.au

Phone: 02 9782 4478

Declaration:

I _____ *(insert veterinarian name here)* declare that I have read and understand my requirements in providing 3rd party evidence for the student completing the Microchip Implanting training through RSPCA NSW, and confirm that myself or other Veterinarian Colleagues within my practice will provide this 3rd party evidence for the student mentioned below:

Date: _____

Veterinarians Name: _____

Veterinarians Signature: _____

Veterinarians Registration Number: _____

Student Name: _____