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1. FECAVA supports the concept of Registration of dogs associated with some form of permanent identification.
2. At the present time, FECAVA feels the identification of animals using microchips offers the most advantages for a pan-European system and so is the method of choice.
3. FECAVA endorses the use of the ISO Standard chip, with dual readers that can also recognise the original FECAVA Standard microchips.
4. FECAVA would recommend the formation of a single national database with control maintained by a non-commercial competent authority.
5. FECAVA recognises the need for coordination of national databases at a Pan-European level. At the current time FECAVA recognises EuroPetNet (EPN) as the most effective means of coordinating European national databases
6. FECAVA recommends that the implantation of a microchip is a veterinary procedure that should be carried out by a qualified veterinary surgeon
7. FECAVA recommend that all dogs in Europe are identified by microchip and registered