



Instructions for Inserting Shearwell SET Tags

USDA / Scrapie approved for Sheep and Goats

It is important to follow correct tagging procedures when tagging sheep and goats. Generally they should not be tagged when fly strike is likely. Tagging at birth is recommended whenever possible.



1. Remove a SET Tag (fig 1) from the strip and load the tag in the applicator, making sure each end clicks into place (fig 2).



2. Dip the jaws of the applicator holding the tag into antiseptic or disinfectant solution prepared at the correct dilution. Do not immerse the whole strip of tags (fig 3).



3. Hold the animal securely.

4. In young lambs (fig 4) and kids place the tag on the upper edge of the ear (this is the strongest edge) allowing room for growth, 1/3rd from the base and 2/3rd from the tip. On long-eared goats, place the tag either above or below the level of the eye (fig 5).



5. For older animals it may be necessary to apply to the back of the ear if the top is too thick for the tag pin, again allowing room for growth.

6. The point of the tag should go in from the outside of the ear (fig 6). Once applied, the point will be on the inside of the ear.

7. Avoid piercing the ridge of cartilage along the top of the ear, as this may deform the ear and may also result in infection.

8. When tagging young animals, leave enough room for the ear to grow. Allow 4 - 5mm (approx. 1/4 inch) of space between the loop of the tag and the edge of the ear. (If tagging larger eared breeds or tagging in the back of the ear, more room may be needed.)



9. Squeeze the applicator handles together; listen for the click as the tag snaps together.



Please turn over for important tag storage information!

Important storage information for Shearwell SET Tags



Why are storage conditions so important for tags?

It's important to keep your new tags stored in a sealed container if they are not being applied immediately.

Plastic can be affected by humidity in the air. If tags are kept in dry conditions for long periods of time then the plastic can dry out and become brittle.

Tags kept in high moisture conditions for a long time can absorb extra moisture and become too soft and difficult to apply. Changes to the plastic don't happen over-night, but tags that are left out for months can be affected.

It is important that tags are in the correct condition to be applied.

How should I store my tags?

- In their original zipper-lock bag, with the top sealed.
- Inside a plastic food container with tight fitting lid, kept closed.
- Out of direct sun.
- In a warm, dry place. If a room is comfortable for humans, it's comfortable for tags.



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