

GUIDELINES FOR TATTOO REQUIREMENTS

TATTOOS REQUIRED

American Lowline Registry rules require that all registered animals carry a tattoo in one or both ears. That tattoo must consist of the owner's herd letters, an individual animal identification number and a year letter.

HERD LETTERS

Herd letters are assigned to each member when application for membership is submitted, and to non-members when they first register a Lowline with ALR. Herd letters must be a minimum of two, and not more than three letters.

When registering a calf born to its natural mother, the herd letters of the owner of the dam at the time of birth must be used, and that individual must register the calf before it can be transferred.

An embryo transfer calf must be tattooed with, and registered with the herd letters of the owner of the calf at the time of registration.

Under no circumstances should you attempt to register a calf with herd letters that have not been approved and assigned to you by the Registry Office or use the herd letters of another member or breeder. Example: **ALR**

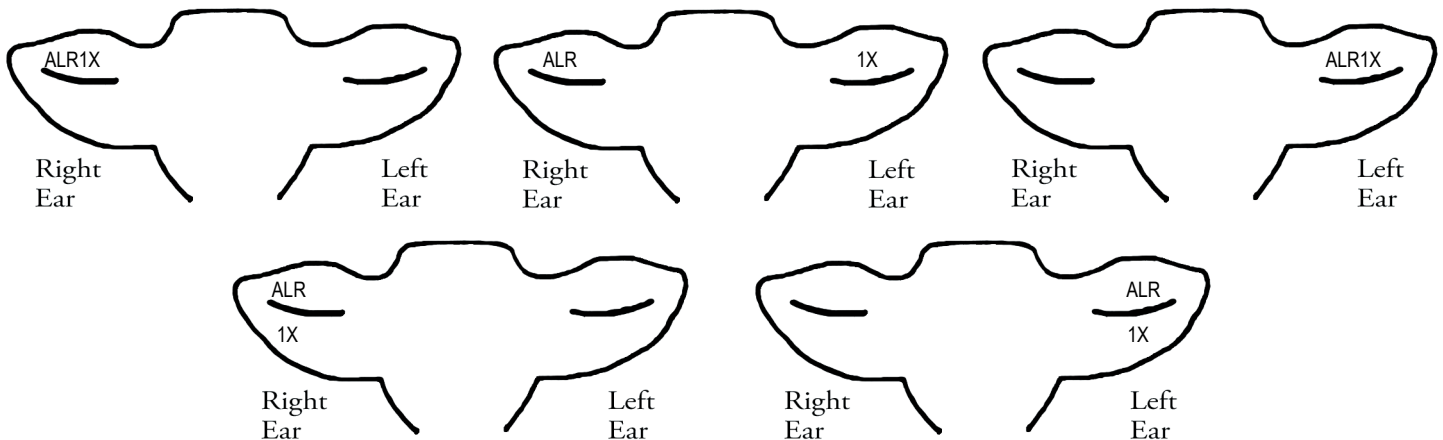
INDIVIDUAL I.D. NUMBER

No two animals can carry the same tattoo, so the individual I.D. numbering system is important. The individual I.D. number can be a minimum of two, and not more than three digits. Example: **1X**

YEAR LETTER

Part of the required Lowline tattoo must be a year letter. Usually it is the last digit in the tattoo. Below are the year letter codes from 2002 through 2013. (The letters I, O, Q and V are not used.)

2002 - M	2004 - P	2006 - S	2008 - U	2010 - X	2012 - Z
2003 - N	2005 - R	2007 - T	2009 - W	2011 - Y	2013 - A



EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE TATTOOS

The tattoo should be arranged so that the year letter follows the individual I.D. number. It should not follow the herd letters or be in front of the I.D. number. It is strongly recommended that you use the animal's individual I.D. number and the year letter portions of its tattoo as its animal herd I.D. number and possible tag number. For example: **ALR1X** in this case **1X** would be the tag number.

STEPS TO MAKING A LEGIBLE TATTOO

1. Review the tattoo requirements - Herd Letters, ID number and Year Letter.
2. Make sure you have your equipment on hand. Adequate equipment to restrain the animal. A towel or