



FEI Equine Welfare – Lifetime traceability

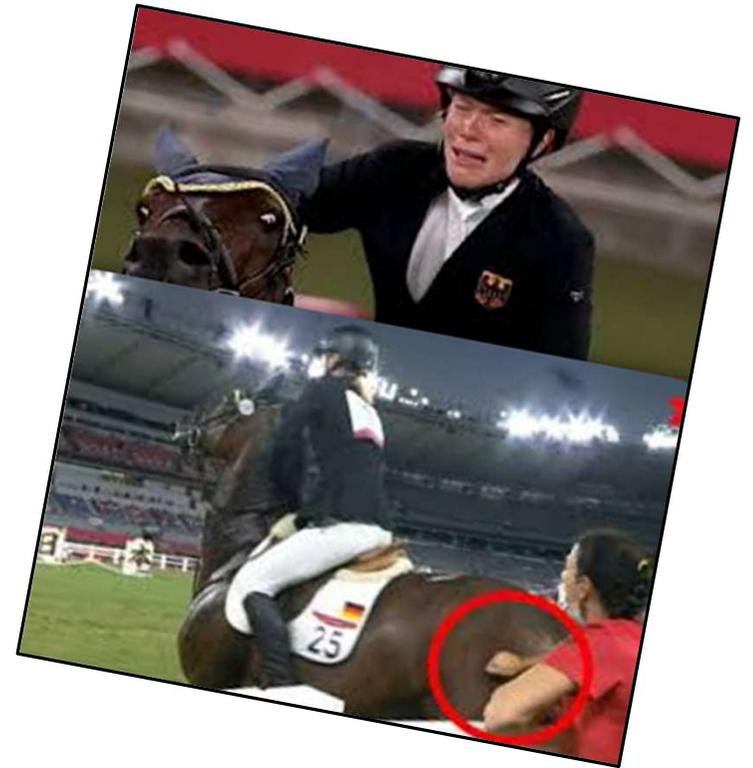
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Equine welfare – a hot topic!



Society has changed...

Society's views on using horses in sport must be acknowledged, says charity boss

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Horses going from extrinsic ➡ intrinsic value

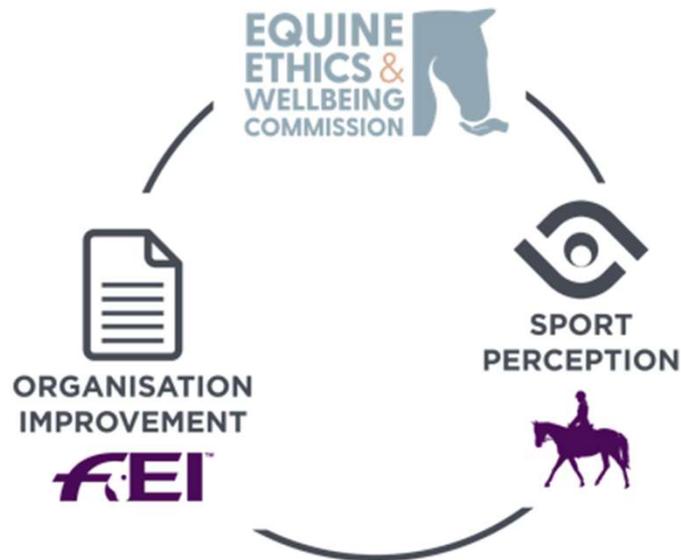
Advances in science and technology

Social media – speed and global reach

Who decides – **If / what / when / how**



Formulation of the Equine Ethics and Wellbeing Commission (EEWBC) – June 2022



- an **independent** body
- to act as a **critical friend**
- 10 members that included **five external experts with diverse specialisations** and **critical perspectives**, and **five FEI stakeholders** with deep knowledge of our sport

EEWBC final report (November 2023)

30 recommendations across 6 focus areas

1. Training, Riding, Tack & Equipment
2. Recognising physical and emotional stress
3. Accountability, enforcement and knowledge
4. The other 23 hours
5. Competitive drive/the horse as a number/object
6. Not fit to compete/masking health problems

**LIFETIME
TRACEABILITY**

FEI Board tasked the FEI HQ to develop the Equine Welfare Strategy and an operational Action Plan to implement the EEWBC's recommendations.

How should the equestrian sector proceed?

- **Systematic welfare work**

- Welfare strategies based on science and ethical considerations
- 5 Domains model – WOAH Standard
- Take ownership as a united equestrian sector – closer collaboration
- **Breeding – Sport – Post Career with lifelong traceability**



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Equine Digital Passport Introduction – 10.2025

Situation - The market, 2 models...



European Union

Strictly legislated with mandatory physical passports (SLID) issued by breeding organisations etc. under authority of government.

For FEI Horses, FEI Recognition Cards are added to SLIDs by NFs.

The EU legislation focuses on traceability and food chain protection.

In the EU, the Digital Passport would, at least in the upcoming years, be a complement to the physical SLID.



Rest of the World

Varied systems; legislation exists in some countries, NFs have databases/registers.

NFs issue FEI Passports or FEI Recognition Cards to FEI Approved National Identification documents.

Many countries lack registration of Horses and their whereabouts.

Outside the EU, it may either be a complement or potentially replace physical documents.

Digital Passport project - What is it about?

The digital passport refers to a secure and portable form of identification that exists digitally in electronic or computerised form.

It serves as a virtual lifelong representation of a horse's identity and individual information, similar to a physical passport.

The project is led by the FEI departments of Veterinary & Equine Welfare, and Technology Operations with support from partner organisations **WOAH** and **IHSC**.



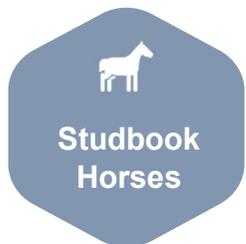
Beneficiaries - Digital Passport versions



V1 - All FEI Horses as of the launch of the solution



V2 - Opening to interested National Federations



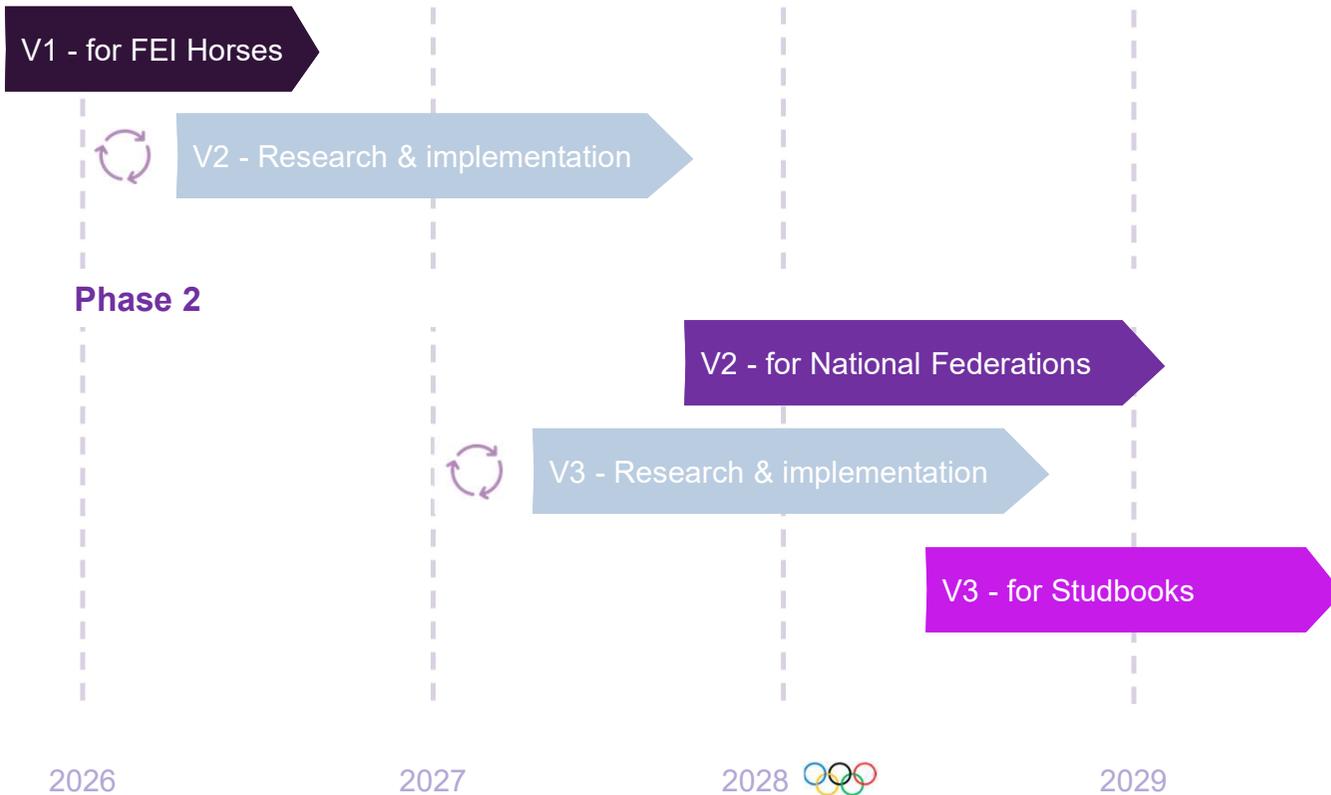
V3 - Extending to studbooks as passport providers

Current phase - When is V1 coming?



Roadmap - Upcoming extensions

Phase 1



Phase 2

Phase 1 - Business model

Digital Passport yearly fee included in FEI horse registration. Users per horse may be limited.

Phase 2 - Business model*

Yearly subscription based model. Licenses may vary & include multiple users.

Revenue sharing model available for existing passport issuers.

**Alternative models may be explored with key stakeholders.*



Product scope features introduction

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Product scope - 3 key pillars



Identification

Digitally storing and verifying each horse's unique identity, including microchip data, photos, and pedigree information, in a secure and standardised format.



Biosecurity

Protecting horse health by ensuring accurate records of vaccinations, treatments, and disease-related test results are always accessible and up to date.



Traceability

Tracking a horse's movements and location history to support transparency, health monitoring, and cross-border travel compliance.

Secure & accessible passport duplicates

National and FEI-recognised equine passports are essential for maintaining biosecurity.

The Equine Digital Passport will offer a secure, **interoperable digital platform** to improve traceability and health record integrity on a global scale.

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Recognized document

 Issuing body/NF

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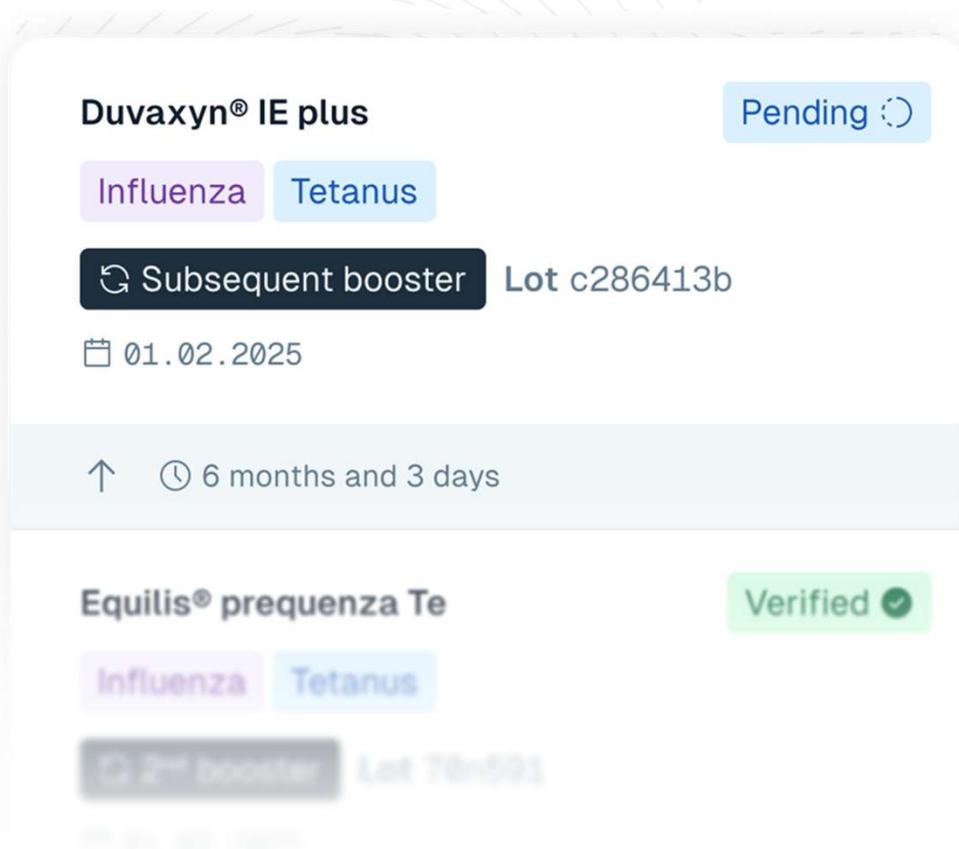
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Digital passport valid until the 24.03.2029

Consolidated health records & medication tracking



The digital format centralizes key veterinary information ensuring accurate, verifiable and up-to-date health data.

Health records include **vaccination history**, medication and **antimicrobial treatments**, as well as sanitary documents.

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Comprehensive horse traceability tools

A built-in traceability system enables **location tracking** and **itinerary management** for one or multiple horses travelling together.

This feature ensures that all relevant documents are readily accessible during horse transportation.

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Movements

Écurie la Forêt SA

CH - EQU - 132556

Chemin des Sauges 2
1010 Lausanne



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Pferde haus GmbH

DE - EQU - 295856

Kirchgasse 12
99713 Helbedündorf



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📄 2 travel documents



Aachen du Rouet

UELN 108EA8218203946

Product scope - Frequent questions



Multiplatform solution

While the v1 is mostly mobile focused, our digital passport will provide an administrative desktop interface.



Protected access

Data shared in the passport is only visible to users with the relevant access rights. It is not an open database.



Easy to set up

Users can easily create a digital passport account and link it to their FEI ID, automatically retrieving their data.

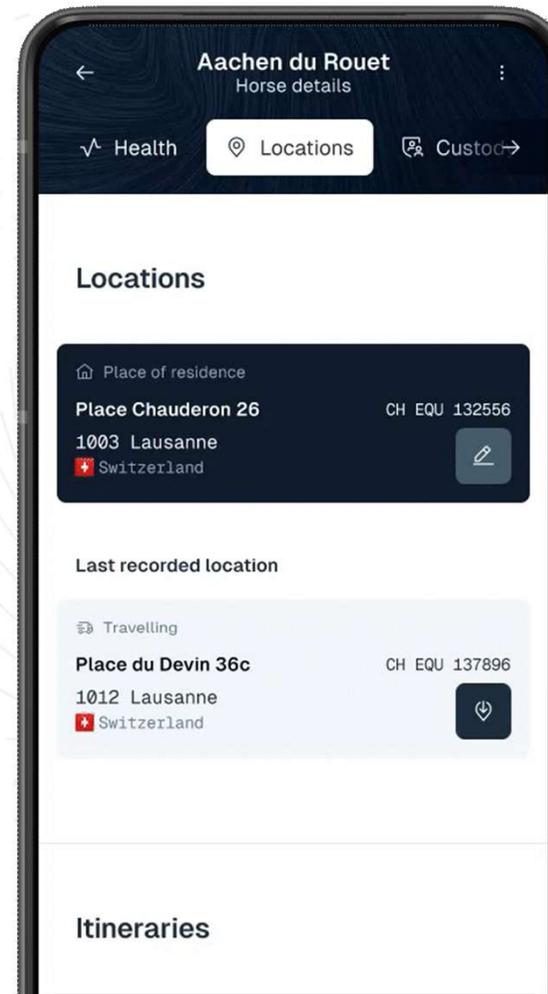
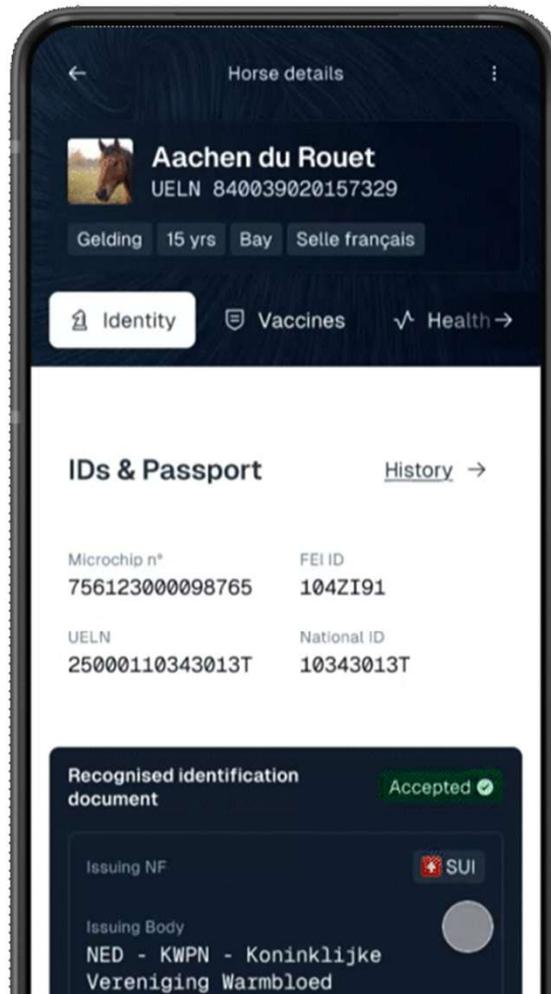


Data consistency

The application will synchronise with other FEI systems. Users won't have to input any information twice.

Digital Passport - Application sneak peek

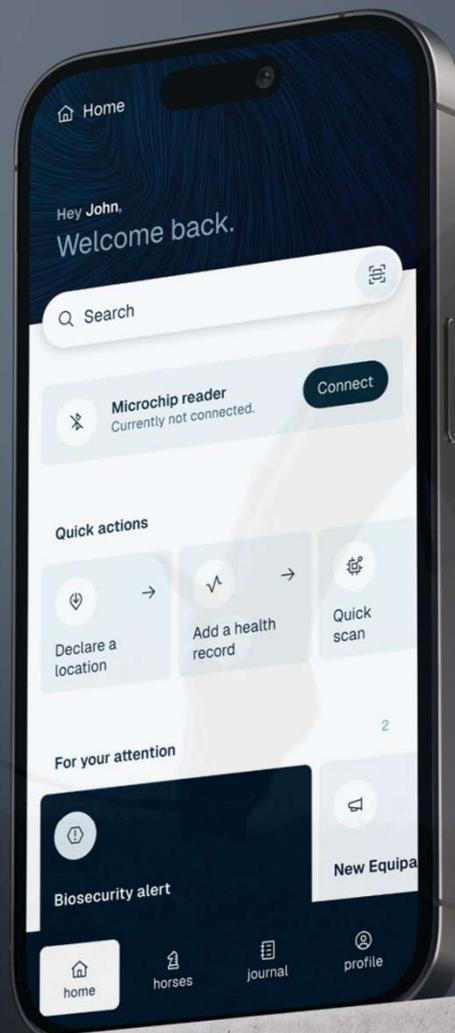
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Digital Passport - Sneak peek

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equine identification starts
with digital passports

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