

## GUIDELINES FOR TATTOO REQUIREMENTS

### TATTOOS REQUIRED

American Salers Association 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 Salers with ASA. Herd letters must be a minimum of two, and not more than four 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 the herd letters of another member or breeder.

### INDIVIDUAL I.D. NUMBER

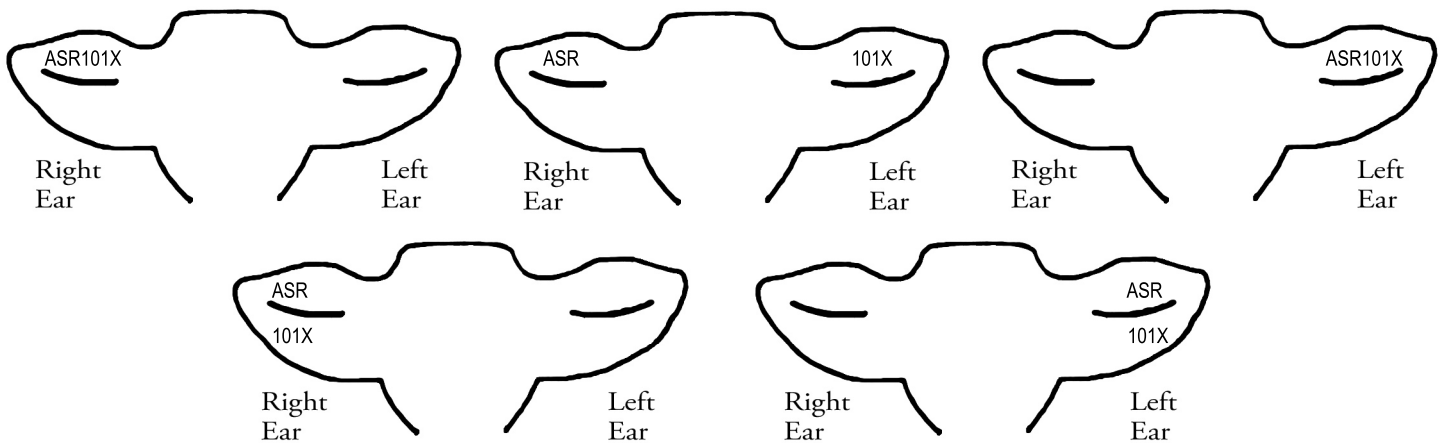
No two animals can carry the same tattoo, so the individual I.D. numbering system is important. The individual I.D. number can be a minimum of two, and not more than four digits. Commonly used and acceptable numbering systems are: **Consecutive Number System:** The first animal born is number 1, the second is number 2, etc.

**Year/Consecutive Number System:** This can be done one of two ways. **1)** Integrate the last number of the year (8 in 2008) as either the first or last digit in the I.D. number with a consecutive numbering system, i.e., 108 represents the first animal born in 2008. The system has the disadvantage of cycling every ten years, but you could add an additional number or letter for the second ten years. **2)** Integrate the last two numbers of the year (10 in 2010) as part of the I.D. number with consecutive number system, i.e., 1001 represents the first animal born in 2010.

### YEAR LETTER

Part of the required Salers 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.)

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



### 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 of 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 in the Salers "Records of Efficiency" performance program. A maximum of eight (8) digits may be used in the tattoo.