

# Q-flex Ear Tags & Applicator Instructions



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## Fitting Instructions:

- 1. Female tags will need to be separated from male tags.**
- 2. Place the female cap of the tag** completely under the spring fingers of the applicator. If numbered, the numbers will be down and the tag will extend away from the tagger. **Slide the male tag** over the metal pin. If numbered, the numbers will be up and the tag will extend away from the tagger.
3. Before you try to insert the tag into the ear, gently squeeze the applicator together to ensure that both the male and female tags are aligned.
4. Place the ear between the jaws of the applicator, positioning the male tag on the back side of the ear. Make sure the tag is correctly placed (*shown at right*).



5. Grip the ear quickly and firmly at the proposed position of the tag. Place the point of the tag in contact with the ear close to your thumb. This allows you to feel the vein therefore avoiding it. Completely close the applicator until the tag is inserted through the ear and the female side of the tag.



*Remember: Female tags will need to be separated from male tags.*

## Placement is critical to success!

*Tags, especially tags for sheep, must be installed no more than 2 inches from the skull and near the center of the ear.*

*The opposite extreme (installing tags too far from the skull) will result in more lost tags as the tissue on the tip of the ear is tender and tears easily. \*Note: Avoid the large vein.*

