

SELECTION GUIDE IDENTIFICATION

COMPARATIVE **OVERVIEW**













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	Markers	Ear Punch	Ear Tags	QR Codes	Tattoo Systems	RFID Chips
Ease of use	⊚	⊕ ⊕ ⊕	⊚	⊚	⊚	☺
Readability	⊚	⊚	© ©	© © ©	⊚	⊕ ⊕ ⊕
Large cohorts	⊚	⊚	©	©	©	☺
Dark fur compatibility	©	⊕ ⊕ ⊕	⊕ ⊕ ⊕	© © ©	⊚	⊚ ⊚ ⊝
Durability	©	⊕ ⊕ ⊕	⊚	⊕ ⊕	⊕ ⊕ ⊕	⊚ ⊚ ⊚
Animal well-being	⊚	©	© ©	© ©	⊚	☺
MRI compatibility	⊚	⊕ ⊕ ⊕	N.A.	⊚	⊚	N.A.
Automated data collection	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	⊚	N.A.	N.A.
Neonate compatibility	©	☺	N.A.	N.A.	⊚	N.A.
ID without handling animals	◎ ◎ ◎	©	© ©	© © ©	©	⊕ ⊕ ⊕
Price (varies per model)	€	€	€	€€	€-€€	Available soon

TIPS & TRICKS TO HELP YOU CHOOSE

Ear tags, ear punches, tattoos and chips are permanent procedures, which may be more susceptible to infection and ear tearing.

- Ocrrect positioning of the ear punch or label is of paramount importance to avoid ear damages and optimize readability for the technician
- Surgical instruments and appliers must be sterilized in order to avoid infections

Our recommendation: if the duration of your study is greater than 3 months, tattooing the tail is the most durable, and therefore our recommended method.