

STEP 1: Use rubbing alcohol and a clean cloth or paper towel to remove any wax in the ear. Dampen the cloth with rubbing alcohol and clean the ear completely. *Wax interferes with the permanency of the ink and may cause the tattoo to fade.*



STEP 2: Many brands of indelible tattoo ink are available through ag suppliers. The roll-on applicators may save ink and make the job neater. Apply a generous amount of ink to the ear (usually between the middle "ribs").

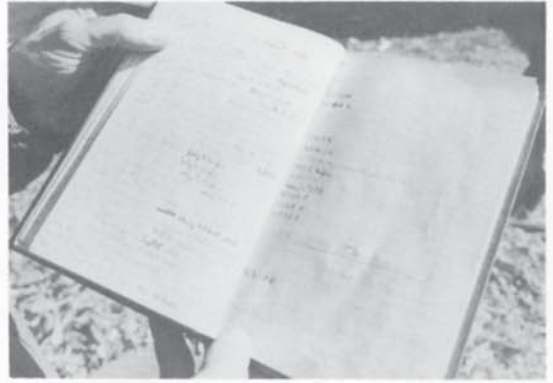
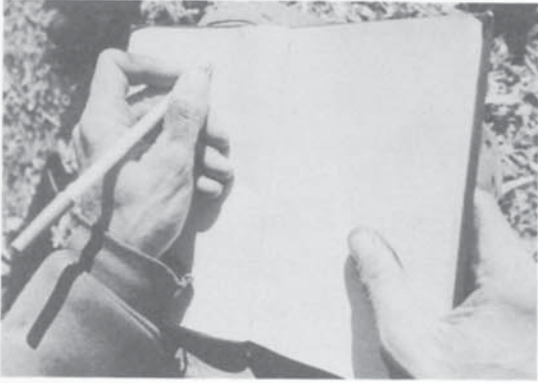


STEP 3: Check the tattoo by punching it into a piece of paper. Secure the calf, position the head of the pliers in the center of the ear, avoiding the ribs. Squeeze firmly and then lift the pliers out straight. Apply ink again and rub in firmly. This will insure a lasting tattoo.



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STEP 4: Write down the tattoo identification of the calf, the birth date and the names and registration numbers of the sire and dam. Accurate record keeping is crucial when registering Brown Swiss. *Calves should be tattooed within 3 to 5 days of birth and definitely before being housed in groups.*



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All Brown Swiss must be permanently identified by tattoo in order to be eligible for registry. Tattoos must be in indelible ink with letters and/or numbers selected by the owner. No two animals in the same herd can have the same tattoo. Since the vaccination tattoo is normally placed in the right ear, it is recommended that the permanent identification tattoo be placed in the left ear.