

Here are some guidelines to follow to roll a good nose print.

- Have your supplies ready before moving your animal. You will require the noseprint cards, a stamp pad (preferably a dark colour), a large sponge to put the noseprint card on, paper towels, and a family member, friend or club leader for assistance.
- Try nose printing at night when it is cooler, and always in the shade, and try to keep the animal calm.
- Secure your animal in a chute or headgate to restrict movement
- Wipe the nose thoroughly, removing all nasal discharge. Immediately after this step you should be ready to apply the ink and ready to roll the print. The main cause of an unacceptable print is the nose sweats too much and the print is wet and smudged
- Place the ink pad on the face of the nose. If the ink pad is new, wipe some of the excess ink off before applying to the nose. After applying the ink, lightly dab off some ink before applying the nose print card
- Within seconds of applying the ink, place the nose print card on the bottom of the nose, rolling upwards. It works better if the nose print card is secured to a large sponge or small board
- Set the noseprint aside to dry, being careful not to smudge or smear it
- Examine the noseprint and decide if it is acceptable, and if you cannot see any lines in the print, re-print the animal

