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Faculty of veterinary science's OTAU sheep sponsored with latest state-of-the art electronic eartage

at the Faculty of Veterinary Science of the University of Pretoria will in future be able to use a unique ear tagging system on their 48 sheep, courtesy of a generous sponsorship by Intervet SA. Intervet's latest top quality tags carry a unique IFS code, which can be scanned and entered into an on-line data base. Through this state-of-the-art technology the management of livestock, their treatment, vaccination record and weight from birth can be recorded. A personal

The tags provide a unique identity or 'fingerprint' for each animal and thus enable ongoing monitoring of individual animals. Another advantage of these tags is that they can provide proof of ownership by linking to DNA. The system's software can easily be integrated into existing computer systems.

record number can also be added.

An outdoor ceremony to hand over the tags and scanner to OTAU was held at the Onderstepoort campus of the Faculty of Veterinary Science or 29 November 2006. The software for the ID tags was also installed on one of OTAU's computers by Dr Sunelle Strydom of Intervet.

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