

THE CHINCHILLA REGISTER FOR WINDOWS

**VERSION 12
UPGRADE ADDENDUM**

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Program Installation

1. Start your existing Chinchilla Register program. Go to the Summary Screen for any breed and click on **Display, System Information**. Write down what it says for the **Path** entry.
2. Exit from the Chinchilla Register, and restart your computer.
3. Visit <http://evsoft.us/version12.shtml> and click on the Setup12Ch.exe link at the bottom of the page.
4. Save the file to your Windows Desktop. Restart your computer and turn off any running programs, including anti-virus software.
5. Run Setup12Ch.exe.
6. You will get the message that the publisher cannot be verified. Depending upon your system, click either **Yes** or **Run** to continue.
7. The setup program will start to run. Depending upon what version of the software you were previously using, you may get a Maintenance screen that asks you to choose between **Add/Remove Components, Repair, or Uninstall**. To ensure proper program function, you **MUST** chose **Uninstall**. After the uninstall is complete, then start the installation process again, by repeating steps 5 & 6 of these instructions. Note that performing an uninstall will NOT remove your data.
8. During the installation process, you will be asked if you want to change the location of the application directory, we highly recommend that you do not change the default location.
9. The installation program should now progress smoothly to completion.
10. The program is now ready to run. The first time you start the program it will attempt to locate your old data, convert it to the format needed for the new version, and then end. When this happens, just restart the program, and your data should now all be there. If it does not locate the data itself, it is because you installed the previous version of the software in a location other than the default. In that case, you will have to click on **File, Restore Data**, and manually point the program at the location that you wrote down in step 1 of this installation procedure.
11. This program requires a new registration file in order to keep running. Be sure to follow the second link provided in the order confirmation email we sent you to obtain your registration file, otherwise the program will stop working in 30 days.

Program Improvements

The program contains many major and minor improvements. The following list will help you discover many of the new features — there are lots more, too many to list here. Just start reading below, beginning with the version number *after* the version that you are presently using. And be sure to visit <http://evans-software.com/version12.shtml> to download subsequent changes to this version for free. While on the Summary Screen, you can check to see if your program is current, click on **Help, Check for Updates**. If you've been using this method in earlier versions of our software, please note that in this version we've moved the menu choice to be more consistent with other Windows programs.

Added or improved in Version 7:

- Medications can now be specified for short term application. When you describe the medication regimen, you can tell the program to stop reminding you after a specified number of applications.
- The program no longer asks you if you are SURE you want to exit. If you like having it ask you if you want to exit, you can turn that feature back on, by going to the Summary Screen and clicking on **Options, Confirm Before Exiting**. Note that regardless of the option chosen, the program will still periodically remind you to back up your data
- You now can view a pedigree and have the animal's data be colored by either its sex (like it always was) or by the color of the variety. The color shown on the screen for each variety can be set by the user.
- While on the pedigree screen, you can have the program show line breeding percentages. Just select the box labelled **L.B. %** that is inside the Display frame on the pedigree page. The line breeding percentage will appear in the lower right corner of each animal's data box. While the LB% feature is active, if you want to see every place where a single animal appears on the pedigree, just hold down the shift key and click on the animal. All other animals will be blanked out, until you release the mouse button.

Added or improved in Version 8:

- You now can keep a picture with every tattooed animal. Just go to the Detail Screen for the animal, click on **Picture**, and then click on the **Add Picture** button. Then, when you print a pedigree, that animal's picture can be included on the printout. While viewing the pedigree, just click on **Adjust Printout**, and select **Use Animal's Photo, if Available**. If a picture is stored for that animal, it will be used. If no picture is available, the program will then print whatever image is selected as a logo on the Pedigree Printout Adjustment Screen.
- While on the pedigree screen, you can click on the "**picture**" check box, and the program will show you a photo pedigree, using the photos that you have on file. To identify each animal, just hover the mouse pointer over that animal, and it's name and ear number will appear.
- You can now store an email address & web address for each breeder in your ranch. If you have entered this information in the version you are currently using, it will apply to the first breeder on the breeder list, and you will have to enter the information for any other breeders. You can edit this data *by first selecting the desired breeder on the breeder selection screen*, and then going to the

Summary Screen and clicking on **Options, Update Personal Data, Update Web & Email Info...**

- We have expanded the SpeedFill capability. You can now use **Alt+B** to enter the currently selected **B**reeder's full name. And **Alt+R** will fill in the Ranch name. You can also define your own SpeedFill text. To view/edit the choices, click on **Options, Update Personal Data, View/Edit SpeedFill...**
- More label sizes have been added.
- Custom data can now be entered on the litter expansion screen.
- When entering winnings, the program now remembers which show you are working on, and prompts you with judge's names, based on a list of judges that have previously judged your animals. If you see you have the same judge on the list more than once, with slight variations in how you have spelled his/her name, you can clean that up. On the Summary Screen, click on **Display, View/Edit Judge List**.
- The program now records Date of Death (DOD), and calculates lifespan.
- We've added 4 user-defined fields to the litter data, so you can track data that we haven't thought of. These fields are defined by clicking on the wrench icon on the Litter Data Display Screen. We also added 5 more FCR fields.
- The program can now automatically move animals to whatever archive you want when they die, when they're sold, or if they are in the background of a pedigree. The program still defaults to putting everyone in Archive 1, but you can change that by clicking on **Options, Archive Settings...**
- You now can view a summary of all litter data for all active dams. Just click on **Display, View Dam Summary....**

Added or improved in Version 9:

- You can now password the program, so that only someone that knows the password can use the program. Just click on **Options, Startup, Require a password....** Be sure to pick a password that you will remember. If you forget your password, you won't be able to get into the program!
- The program can now import a pedigree directly from your email inbox. Note that you cannot be using a service like Hotmail or AOL for this to work.
- You can name the active and archive areas. These names can be unique for each breed. Click on **Options, Active/Archive settings....**
- The number of active and archive areas can now be set by the user. For each breed you can have up to 3 active areas and 6 archives .
- Each animal's sire's and dam's ear/ring number can now be displayed on the Summary Screen, in lieu of the GC/registration

- number.
- We've added a 'tip of the day' box that reminds you of about 50 program features that many users do not know exist. This box can be shut off if you find it to be annoying.
 - The program can periodically automatically check for free updates that are available.. Just click on **Options, Automatic Update Notification...** to activate this feature. If you have DSL or a cable modem, you may want to set this feature to check daily. If you are on dialup, with a slow connection, you may want to leave this set to **Never**. You can always have the program check by clicking on **Display, Check for Updates....**
 - When making changes to printed pedigree settings, those changes can now be previewed. Note that the preview that is provided is not as detailed as a real printout, so your final, printed pedigree will look better than what you see on the screen.
 - You can now pick from the entire Windows color palette when selecting the colors for your pedigrees.
 - Portrait pedigrees can now be printed in the custom formats.
 - Buyer info can be printed as a list.
 - Actual DOB can now be viewed on the Summary Screen.
 - You now can have mixed case in the animal name fields. Various options are available:
 - Always Capitalize: This is the format that you are accustomed to — regardless of how you type it, the entire name becomes capitalized: (example: MACDONALD'S OB26)
 - Always Mixed Case: The capitalization of the animal's name is left exactly as you typed it (so, if you got the cap's lock key on by mistake, it could appear as "mACdONALD'S ob26).
 - Speedfill Mixed Case ONLY: In this case, if your last name was MacDonald, the program would capitalize the animal's name as MacDonald's OB26, regardless of how you typed it, but when you entered McIntire, it would capitalize the entire word, because it is not YOUR last name.
 - We've added a 7th generation to the pedigree screen, for those people with large screens. Your screen must be set to 1600x1200 or higher to get this generation to show. While on the Summary Screen, click on **Options, Pedigree Display** to make your selection of the number of generations shown.
 - You can now view the pedigree of a hypothetical pairing. Just hold down the shift key and click on one male and one female — so that you get the asterisk in front of each one. Then click on the **View Pedigree** icon.
 - We have now added a sire summary screen, which functions identically to the extant dam summary screen.
 - The program can now import pedigrees that were exported using the postage stamp icon. To import a pedigree that someone else created using the postage stamp icon, they must be using version 7.5 or our software or later.

- We have expanded the search feature so that you can search for a partial match — so, for example, you can ask the program to show you a list of all animals whose ear number begins with one or more particular letters.
- On the Summary Screen, you can now ask the program to highlight females with litter data or those animals that have photos. Just click on **Display, Highlight Particular Animals** to activate this feature.

Added or improved in Version 10:

- **Miniature Pedigrees.** You now can print pedigrees that fit on 4x6 paper, so you can print them either on index cards or photo paper. Because the printing is so tiny, in order to get good results, you must use a printer capable of creating high quality images. If printing in color, we recommend a photo quality printer and photographic paper. If printing in black and white, then a laser printer on regular index cards will work just fine. The miniature pedigrees will match the general format of your full-sized pedigrees, but will not include any photo or graph images, and will not include sold to information. As with all printed pedigrees, You can make some changes to their style by clicking on the wrench icon on the Pedigree Screen.
- **Tracking For Sale Animals.** You can now enter a sale price for those animals that you want to sell. Then, on the Summary Screen, click on **Display, View For Sale Animals**, and the program will then show you a list of only those animals that are for sale. You can then click on the **Print** icon, and if you print an inventory, the program will list only those animals that are for sale, along with their sale price. As with all inventory printouts, you can click on the **Adjust Page Settings** button to control what other columns you would like printed on your sale list.
- **For Sale Cards.** In addition to printing the sale list, you can print For Sale cards for the individual animals. Just view the Sale List, then select the animals for which you want to print cards and click on the **Print** icon, select **For Sale Labels/Cards**, and click the **Print** button.
- **Weight Classes.** The program now knows the weight classes for all recognized breeds. It will automatically identify underweight and overweight animals, and will bump up your animals to a higher weight class, if the breed standard for that breed allows bump ups. You can control this feature for each animal by using a set of controls that appear next to the Class box on each animal's Detail Screen.
- **New Folder Locations.** When the program saves exported pedigrees and email show entries, it now places them in subfolders entitled My Pedigrees and My Show Entries, under the user's *own* My Documents folder — you no longer have to find the other My Documents folder on the c: drive.

- **Partial Dates.** When entering show winnings, you now do not have to know the day of the month of the show. Just enter a question mark ? In place of the day, and the program will understand that you do not know the day of the show. Example: The show was sometime in February 2003, but you don't know the date. Enter the date as February ?, 2003 or 2/?/3. The program will then display the show date as February 2003, or 2/2003.
- **More Inventory Choices.** You now have the ability to print each animal's weight on your inventory listings, as well as other info.
- You can now flag an animal as Not Show Quality, by using a check box on that animal's Detail Screen. It will then not appear on the screen when you are preparing a memorized show entry.
- The program can now be told to merge two animals. This feature is handy if you accidentally put the same animal into your program twice. It can be accessed from the Find Chinchilla screen. Search for the identical chinchillas, then click the Merge 2 Chinchillas button, and the program will step you through the process.
- You can once again print a watermark background on your pedigrees. This feature has been missing for the past couple of years, and we have returned it to the program.
- The program now has a breeding date calculator for folks who want to have animals ready for a particular show or holiday. Click on **Display, Breeding Date Calculator**, and enter the date you want to have animals of a particular age, and what age you want them to be, and the program will tell you when to breed.
- You can now record and plot up to 10 weights for each animal. Data is entered at the bottom of the Detail Screen, and is totally independent of the weight field that shows on your pedigrees and show entries.
- **Adjustable Screen Fonts.** If your screen is set higher than 800x600, you can now enlarge the display font on the most-used screens. Click on **Options, Program Font Size**. Depending upon your monitor setting, you will have either one or two more font choices. The larger your monitor, the larger the number of choices.

Added or improved in Version 11:

- **Print full 15 photo 'family portrait' pedigree.** On the pedigree screen, check the Photo box. Then click the Print Pedigree icon. By clicking on the wrench icon you can customize your pedigree to either have each picture matted and framed, or they can be printed exactly as shown on the screen. As always, the printed pedigree looks much nicer than what you see on the screen.
- **Print business cards.** These are printed from same screen that you use to print show entries, cage cards, etc. Please read the program's built-in help for complete details on how to design your cards.
- **Create a show entry.** For users in the US and Canada, the program now creates an MCBA-style show entry, and fills it in correctly (we

hope!). Age classes are based on the date of the show and each animal's DOB, colors are properly sorted, with standards appearing on a separate sheet.

- **Print cage cards on separate 3x5 and 4x6 file cards.** You can now print on individual cards, if your printer allows it. Most photo printers like to print 4x6 cards, no problem. You must manually set your printer to print cards before using this feature in the program.
- **Print litter data on cage cards.** When printing on any card that is more than 2.9" tall, the program will allow you to print litter info for the doe. Be sure to select the cage card size before going to the Cage Label Setup Screen, so the program will know you are planning on using large cards.
- **New Ancestry Search Features.** If you click on a single animal, and then click the View Kin icon, you can have the program highlight in yellow all animals on the active screen that have a common ancestor with the selected animal. You can also click on two animals, and via the View Kin icon, have the program display two pedigrees simultaneously and highlight the animals that are common between the two pedigrees.
- **Input dates by clicking on a calendar.** No more mis-spelled dates! Adjacent to most fields where you have to enter dates there is a new icon, which brings up a calendar, and you just click on the date you want.
- **Weight chart improvements.** When plotting dates, you now can plot either from the animal's DOB or from the date of the first weighing. You still enter all weights with the day they were taken, but you can ask the program to show you the weights by either date taken or by the animal's age. And, if you're entering a bunch of weights at once, you can set up the program to automatically bring up the weight entry screen for the selected animal when you double-click on that animal on the Summary Screen. Just click on **Options, Double-click Settings**. Weight charts can also now be printed, either singly or in bunches, from the same screen where you print cage cards, etc.
- **Select/edit litter and winning entries by double-clicking on them.** Now, instead of clicking on the entry and then clicking on the Edit icon, just double-click on the litter or winning that you want to edit.
- **Define default color to be entered when entering new animals.** For you folks that have mostly animals of one color, you can tell the program to automatically fill in that color for you. It'll still bring up the Variety Menu screen, but you can just push tab and keep going as long as you like the pre-filled variety. To specify the variety, click on **Options, Specify a Default Variety**.
- **Widen spacing on printouts.** You can now double- and triple-space inventory and MBL (in the Deluxe Edition) printouts.

Added or improved in Version 12:

- **Print Receipts/Bills of Sale.** You can select animals just as you would for a show entry, then click the Print icon. Select **Bill of Sale**. Follow the steps on the right side of the screen, and the program will print a completed Bill of Sale. You can add line items to the receipt for items other than your animals, and when you prepare a bill of sale, the program will check to see if you have already sold animals to the same buyer in the past week, and, if so, will add those sales to the receipt, if you wish.
- **The program now verifies that your backup is complete & accurate.** After backing up your data, the program now compares it to the data in your computer and makes sure that the backup copy is identical. That way you know your backup was successful.
- **Date-Stamped backups.** You now can make multiple backups to the same device, and it will keep them separate by date. Click on **Options, Backup Settings, Save each backup to its own folder**.
- **When restoring data, the program now automatically detects the version of your old software.** In the past you had to try to remember what it was.
- **Simplified and expanded the ability to sort and search through your data.** Above the Summary List we have placed a new control called the Summary List Control Panel. It allows you to easily select between all your animal displays such as active, archive, sold, and so on, and gives you complete freedom of choice in how you would like to sort your data. Click on any underlined item to view your choices. In addition, there now are tabs down the left and right sides of the list. Both sets of tabs are identical, we just put them on both sides because some folks like to turn their head to the left, while others turn their head to the right. The tabs are like the index tabs in a dictionary — clicking on a tab immediately takes you to that spot in the data. They really are handy when you have a more than 1 screen of data. But, if you find them annoying, you can shut them off by clicking on **Options, Summary List Options, Index Tab Placement, None**.
- **Exported pedigrees now match the style of your printed pedigree more closely.** Exported pedigrees now will try to more closely match the style of your printed pedigree, but we still can't include an image on the exported pedigree—that will be in the next version.
- **Exported pedigrees now print on one page without user intervention.**
- **When exporting pedigrees, you can suppress importable data.** If you are sending a pedigree just for someone to decide if they want to buy the animal, now not only can you suppress some of the displayed information, but you can prevent them from importing the data into their program.
- **The pedigree export/import process will now work with all email programs.** We've spent a LOT of time trying to come up with a scheme that will work with all email programs, and we think we've finally got it!
- **Added more active and archive areas.** You now can have up to 4 active areas and 9 archive areas.
- **Undelete animals.** Now when you delete animals they go to a Recycle Bin inside the Register program, and they will remain there for some time. This gives you the opportunity to retrieve animals that were deleted by mistake.
- **Segregate data by breeder.** For 4-H families, where each breeder needs their own records, you now can assign animals and expenses to a particular breeder, and the program will track that information separately for each breeder, or, at the click of a button, show the combined data. To activate, click on **Options, Personal Settings, Segregate Data by Breeder**.
- **SpeedFill now uses the = sign.** We've done away with using the slash, because some folks use it in names, and we've done away with using the Alt key because some anti-spyware programs thought we were key-logging.
- **Expanded the Points field for European customers.** Our offshore customers can now enter fractional points.
- **Numerous small changes to make the program more user-friendly and more like other Windows programs.** More calendars, more fields now autofill, and do it more intelligently. More drop-down lists, expanded address fields, ... The **Check for Updates** and **Display System Information** menu choices have been moved from under **Display** to under **Help**.