Chapter 7 – Adding a computer/New computer

Some producers like to have Pedigree Master on two or more computers for flexibility in working with records. Also, as producers add a new computer to replace their old one, they will need to seamlessly move Pedigree Master and their data to the new machine. The first step in the process of putting data onto a new machine is to use a backup file to transfer the data. At the opening screen, click on **Summaries, Validation & Database Backup.** You should first validate the data so that if there is any invalid data, it will be corrected. There is no sense in transferring invalid data to the new computer. Click on **Validate** and the validation process will begin. You can print out the invalid data if you so desire using the pop up box that appears. If there is nothing invalid, or after printing, you can leave this screen by pressing the Esc key.

Next fill in the circle by **Save to this computer** and check the box by **Include EBVs in backup. Then** and click on **Create backup.** Click **Yes** to the questions about having validated the data, assuming you have. Browse for a folder or spot to place the backup file. The desktop is highly recommended for this as it is easily accessed and very visible. After highlighting the desired spot, hit OK. Click on OK when the statement occurs that says a backup file was created. The file should be named with your NSIP Id with the zip extension, such as 620007.zip. Transfer this file to the other computer via email, jump drive or cloud storage.

If the other computer does not have Pedigree Master, you will need to download it http://kidplan.mla.com.au/pedigreemaster/ . After it is downloaded, run the file, normally by double clicking it, to install it. The steps to do this are explained in more detail on page 3. After installed, run the program again and at the main screen, click on **Reports & Utilities,** then on **Advanced** and then on **Importing**. Then click on **Import …. Pedigree Master Archive.** Click on **Yes** for the question regarding having a current backup. Select the backup file from wherever you transferred it and click on Import. Click on **Yes** to the question about overwriting current databases, if it appears. After transferring the data, you need to click on OK to the box about restarting the program. Re-start the program and check if all transferred. Remember that the EBVs will not be there. The EBVs can be included by either going to a past EBV update page and following past procedures, but to this computer, or by updating it after future data processing.

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