

## Why Microchip?

Having a lost dog or cat can be one of the most heart-wrenching experiences a person can go through. The American Humane Association estimates that over 10 million dogs and cats are lost or stolen every year.



Proper identification is crucial to help reunite lost animals with their families. I.D. tags are very helpful, but sometimes pets can slip out of their collars and occasionally tags fall off. Cats, especially indoor cats, often don't wear collars with I.D. tags. Microchipping your pet greatly increases the chance that they will be brought home. If a microchipped pet is found without their I.D. tag, a shelter, veterinary clinic, or local authority will be able to scan for a microchip number and access the contact information.

Microchips are encased in a special biocompatible glass. The chip is inserted under the skin between the shoulder blades using a device that looks like a large needle. Discomfort is usually mild and temporary. Adverse side effects associated with microchipping are rare.

Microchip contact information must be kept current and correct. People often forget to update their contact information when they move or change phone numbers. We are happy to scan your pet for a microchip and provide a phone number for you to call and review your contact information.

Please let us know if you have any questions about microchipping your pet.