



MICROCHIPPING YOUR PET

- Many lost pets are never returned to their owners because they do not have any form of identification.*
- Microchips are a way of permanently identifying your pet.*
- Microchips must be registered with a microchip company to reunite you with your pet.*
- Microchipping is a simple, quick procedure that can be performed by your veterinarian.*

Why Microchip?

It is recommended that you identify your pet even if you don't plan to let him or her go outside. Even "indoor" pets can get out by accident, and many lost pets are never returned to their owners because they have no identification.

What is a Microchip?

A microchip is a tiny electronic device—about the size of a grain of rice—that uses radio waves to transmit stored information when it is read by the right kind of scanner. Microchips are made of a material that is compatible with body tissues, so rejection and infection at the site are rare. To read the chip, a compatible scanner must be passed over it. We use **HomeAgain** microchips which are able to be read by all scanners.

The Microchipping Procedure

Each microchip comes preloaded in a sterile syringe. To implant the chip, the veterinarian inserts the needle just under the pet's skin between the shoulder blades and pushes the syringe plunger. The entire procedure, like a regular injection, is very quick and does not require pain medication or anesthesia.

How the System Works

When a lost or injured pet is taken to a veterinary clinic or shelter, he or she can be scanned for the presence of a microchip. If the pet has a chip, the scanner reads the pet's identification number. If the chip has been properly

registered, the shelter or hospital can provide the number to the microchip company, which maintains the owner's contact information. The microchip company then contacts the owner, and the pet can go home.

Microchip Registration and Maintenance

Prior to your pet's microchip procedure you will fill out a form. We will submit that form to **HomeAgain** on your behalf. The cost of initially registering your pet into the National Pet Recovery System is included in the price of the microchip. However, you should expect an annual fee from **HomeAgain** to maintain that registration. Keep the contact information you give the company up-to-date. Ask your vet to scan your pet during regular exams to insure the chip is accurately working. Scanning is painless and takes only seconds.

HomeAgain pet recovery specialists are available 24/7/365. You can learn more about **HomeAgain** at www.HomeAgain.com.



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