

# Microchipping

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Microchipping is a permanent way of identifying your pet. A microchip is a tiny computer chip that is slightly larger than a grain of rice that is programmed with an identification number. Once your pet is microchipped they can be identified throughout their lives with this one-of-a-kind number. Your contact information will be connected with that number, which will allow your pet to be returned to you if they are ever lost. To access your information the microchip needs to be scanned to obtain the microchip number. The number will be called in to a pet recovery service that is most commonly associated with the microchip manufacturer to get your contact information from them.



The microchip is placed using a needle and syringe and most animals don't even notice it being done. The microchip is placed under the skin between the shoulder blades and once there it is rarely felt when you are petting your pet. It is recommended that your pet stays quiet for about 24 hours after the microchip is placed to ensure that the chip does not migrate to a different area of the body.

The microchip does not act as a location device (it is not equipped with GPS). Your pet would have to be found by someone and then be scanned for a microchip. A special scanner is used to scan your pet for the microchip which shows us its number which is registered to you. It is important to make sure that the microchip number is transferred to you if you have adopted your pet and they've already been microchipped and also to update your contact information if any of it changes. It is also a good idea to have the microchip scanned on a yearly basis to ensure that it is still working.

Some microchip companies also provide extra services if your pet is microchipped with one of their microchips. If you have any questions about the microchip, or the services provided by the manufacturer of the microchip contact us for more information.

A microchip is a great form of identification that has helped many pets reunite with their owners.

For more information feel free to contact Cedar Grove Veterinary Services at 920-668-6212 or go to <http://public.homeagain.com/>.