

Benefits of Microchipping

What's the big deal about microchips? Here are some key benefits that microchips provide you and your pet.



What if my information changes?

When your pet is microchipped, your veterinarian will give you paperwork with the microchip's unique 10-digit registration number and the manufacturer. Simply contact the manufacturer with the code handy to update the information.

If you don't know the manufacturer, call your vet or search the code on the American Animal Hospital Website.

<http://www.petmicrochiplookup.org/>

What is a microchip?

A microchip contains an unalterable ID code that emits a signal on a specific radio frequency that enables animal shelters to locate owners should pets become lost.

Does it require surgery?

No. Microchipping is a quick, non-surgical process that involves injecting a sterile microchip - about the size of a rice grain - between a pet's shoulder blades. The implanting procedure is much like receiving a routine vaccination, and animals can't feel it afterward. The chip also has an anti-migration cap that prevents movement in the pet's body.

When is the information used?

Each microchip has a 10-digit code that, once registered, becomes part of a national database. When an animal arrives at a shelter, staff scans the animal. If the pet is microchipped, the special number is read and phoned in to database operators. A check of the database will reveal information such as name, address and the medical history of the animal.

How do I get one for my pet?

The SPCA of Texas offers microchipping services at all of our clinics. Make an appointment online or by calling 214.742.7722. Microchips are \$25 or free for qualifying southern Dallas zip codes.