

Pet Identification (Microchipping): The Difference Between *Lost* and *Found*!

Why should I have my pet microchipped?

Microchipped pets (that become lost or stolen) have a much greater chance of being returned to their owners than non-microchipped pets. Microchip scanning devices are widely used by veterinarians, animal shelters and humane societies—across North America. Whenever a stray cat is brought in to Garden City Cat Hospital, a staff member scans the animal for a microchip. Thanks to microchips, we've been able to reunite some stray kitties with the families who love them.

Will the microchipping procedure hurt my pet?

No, microchipping will not harm or cause any pain to your pet. The microchip is implanted under the skin, within a layer of fatty cells and tissue, where your pet is not sensitive. The implantation procedure is very quick and straightforward.

How does a microchip work?

A microchip functions as an identification tag. Each microchip is assigned its own unique bar code (which becomes married to your cat's personal information), and is stored in a North America wide database. So whether your cat strays across town, to the end of the province or over the border as far south as Miami his microchip will connect him back to you.

What are the benefits of microchipping over tattooing and ID collars?

Tattooing does not allow a shared database of information for the safe return of your pet should it get lost. ID collars are less reliable because they can be removed if your pet is ever stolen. Microchipping provides a database all over North America that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. This guarantees a much higher likelihood for the safe return of your beloved pet.

What is the cost of a microchip?

The one-time cost associated with microchipping is small in comparison to the lifetime of benefits. Currently, the cost of a microchip is \$64.00.

I'd be happy to discuss any of the above in more detail. Please contact myself or the staff for more information.

**I was lost...but
now I'm found!**



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