

## Why have your pet microchipped?

Pet microchips are an important way to help ensure your pet makes it home if he or she wanders away. Unlike a collar and tags, a microchip cannot get lost, fall off or be taken off. It stays with your pet for life; it is designed to keep transmitting a signal well beyond any pet's normal lifespan (25+ years). Give your pet two layers of security: a current, legible secure collar with tags and a microchip.

## How are Pets Microchipped?

Having a pet microchipped is a simple, outpatient procedure similar to a regular vaccination. We inject the tiny chip into your pet's skin between the shoulder blades. Once there, it bonds with your pet's tissues so that it generally stays very close to the insertion point. The microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and it is encased in an inert, hypoallergenic, bio-friendly glass. We very often inject microchips during spay or neuter surgeries while the pet is under anesthesia just to make the process a little easier for your pet.

## What Happens if My Pet Gets Lost?

The majority of shelters, animal hospitals and veterinary clinics now have microchip scanning equipment. So if your pet gets lost and is then found by someone, that person can take your pet to one of these locations and they will check for a chip. If they find a microchip and your registration is complete and up-to-date they will contact you and you and your pet will be reunited! Why wait another minute to have your pet microchipped?

## Is Your Pet Microchipped Already?

If you are not sure about the answer, bring your pet in to Skycrest Animal Clinic so we can scan him or her. If you are adopting a new pet, we will discuss microchipping with you during the first pet wellness appointment.

## Is the Information Registered with Your Pet's Microchip Up-to-Date?

Anytime you move or go on an extended absence with your pet, you should call and update your contact information with the microchip registry. When you have your pet microchipped we can give you the information to do this. This is just as important as having your pet microchipped in the first place because the microchip is only as good as the contact information listed with it!