

A Message

To Pet Owners with Microchips



From **CHECKTHECHIP**.com

If your pet is lost, you will look to your microchip to help them home. ChecktheChip.com, a microchip database service, will help them home safely with these:

Pet Owner Microchip "Maintenance" Guidelines

MICROCHIP PAPERWORK:

Did you misplace the paperwork? Don't worry. Have the pet scanned and then go to **ChecktheChip.com** to find the database. Print the contact info for the database and keep the microchip number somewhere safe. If your pet is lost, you can then call the database and report the pet missing.

DOES THE CHIP WORK?

At your next veterinary appointment, ask to Test-Scan the microchip (even if your pet received the microchip recently) to ensure that it scans properly.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

When your pet is lost, a scanner will retrieve the microchip number and the microchip database will be called. Then the database will contact you so make sure your info is always up-to-date with the database.

Microchip Number
021376343
(example)

Don't know the microchip number OR database? Visit **www.CheckTheChip.com**.

Most databases register a friend or family member in case they cannot reach you. Has your alternate contact moved or changed phone numbers?

WHO HAS THE INFORMATION?

Some pet owners are not registered with their microchip database. Instead, the shelter or vet that implanted the microchip is the registered contact, which then the shelter/vet will contact you. This is not recommended because a lost pet will have to wait until the shelter or vet office's open hours to contact you, possibly delaying your pet's trip back home.

Microchip databases operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and can contact you directly.

OUT OF SIGHT. OUT OF MIND?

Microchips are tiny therefore and it's easy to forget that it's there. Please remember to update your information with the database if you move.

LOST PETS STATISTICS

"Less than 2% of cats and only 15 to 20% of dogs are returned to their owners. Most of these were identified with tags, tattoos or microchips"
(Source: NCPPSP)



HELP MORE LOST PETS HOME! Share a copy of this with other pet owners.