

The Benefits of Microchipping Your Pets

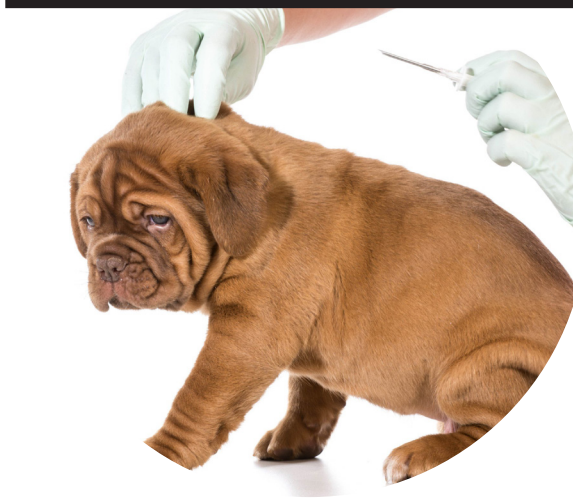
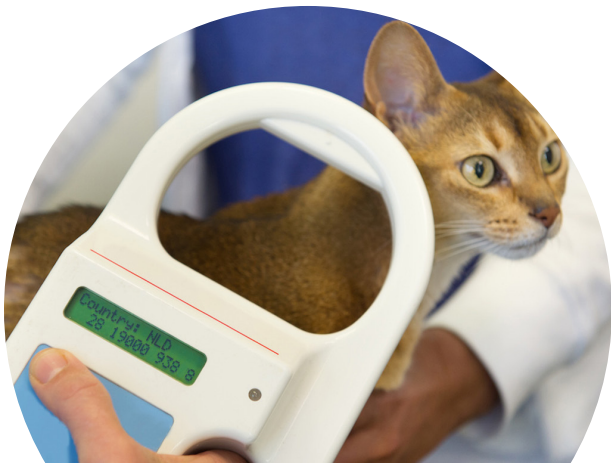
The best reason to have your pets microchipped is the improved chance that you will get your pet back if your pet becomes lost. It can protect your family from the pain of never seeing a lost pet again. It can prove ownership if your pet is ever stolen. It also helps our community by reducing the number of unclaimed pets at the local animal shelter.

Every dog and cat that is adopted from the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) or any of the established local animal rescues has a microchip.

Keeping your contact information current is as easy as a phone call or a visit to a website.

How is a Microchip Implanted into an Animal?

The microchip is placed under the skin of the pet using a hypodermic needle. The procedure is no more painful than a typical vaccination shot. No surgery or anesthesia is required. Microchips are designed to last for the lifetime of your pet.

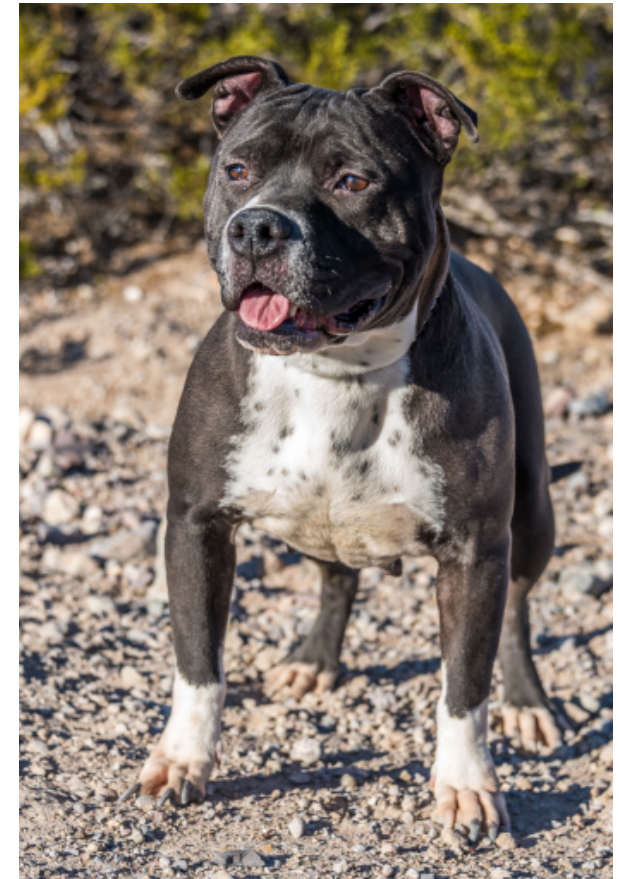


Some Quick Facts About Microchipping

- A pet identification microchip is a tiny device about the size of a grain of rice.
- It is not a tracking device.
- The chip is injected under the skin using a hypodermic needle like getting a vaccination.
- Without Identification, only 1 in 10 lost pets will make it back home.
- A Microchip with your current address and phone number on file is one of the best ways of returning your lost pet.
- A Microchip could save your pet's life.
- A Pet Microchip and an ID Tag together gives your pet the best chance of getting back home.
- Every found pet should be scanned for a microchip.
- **All owned dogs and cats are required to have a microchip by Dona Ana County and Las Cruces City Ordinances.**



Microchip Your Pets



Without any way of knowing who this dog belonged to, he was taken to the ASCMV.



What is a Microchip?

A microchip is a small device enclosed in a glass cylinder that is about the size of a grain of rice. It contains a unique identification code that is read with a scanner.

The chip itself is a passive device. It does not have its own power source. The scanner as it passes over the animal emits a signal that energizes the implanted chip. The chip then transmits the identification code back to the scanner that is then displayed on the scanner's screen.

What Information is Contained in a Microchip?

Microchips themselves contain a unique code that is registered with your contact information to a database. They are not GPS devices and cannot track a lost pet.

Where Can I Get My Pets Microchipped?

Most local veterinary clinics will microchip your pets as well as scan for an existing microchip. Low-cost options are provided by the following organizations:

Action Programs for Animals (APA)

We hold lowcost microchip events throughout Las Cruces and Dona Ana County.
575-571-4694
www.actionprogramsforanimals.org

Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV)

3551 Bataan Memorial W.
No Appointment Necessary.
ascmv.org
575-382-0018
Mon. to Fri. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sat. and Sun. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Humane Society of Southern New Mexico (HSSNM)

Host a "Pupperware Party"
Invite friends over and have everyone's pets protected with a microchip.
www.hssnm.org
575-523-8020

Mesquite Animal Vaccination Clinic

(Dr. Carver; Mobile Vet)
Mesquite, NM
English: 575-650-2000
Spanish: 575-650-9500

Where Can I Get A Pet Scanned For A Microchip?

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary

Free Microchip scans, educational information and Microchip registration assistance provided.
575-805-5338

If your pet is not wearing a collar and ID tag, or if the collar is lost or removed, then having a microchip with your current contact information is very likely the only way your pet can be returned to you and your family.