Microchipping your dog

Microchipping your dog ensures that he can be easily identified if lost, and can be returned to you instead of ending up in kennels.

Thousands of dogs are lost each year and are never reunited with their owners. Microchipping is a way to permanently link your dog to you, so that if your dog is lost, he can be returned to you.

Since April 2016 is has become a legal requirement to Microchip all dogs.

How does it work?

Microchipping involves injecting a tiny chip, about the size of a grain of rice, into the scruff of your dog's neck. The microchip has its own unique code which can be read by a scanner, and then entered onto a nationwide database and linked to the owner's details.

If a stray dog is found anywhere in the UK it will be scanned, and if a microchip is present, its code can be matched to the database. This will identify the owners, and the dog can be returned.

Where can I get my dog microchipped?

Most veterinary practices in the UK can microchip your dog, along with a growing number of animal welfare groups, including our kennelling contractor, North Clwyd Animal Rescue. We also hold occasional events throughout the County to promote microchipping.

Does it hurt?

No anaesthetic is required and the procedure should cause no more discomfort than a standard vaccination.

What if my details change?

Owner details can be easily amended on the database. You will be given information about how to do this when your dog is microchipped.

My dog wears a collar and tag, why should it be microchipped as well?

By law, all dogs must wear a collar with the name and address of the owner inscribed somewhere on it when they are in a public place. Microchipping does not remove this requirement.

However, collars can be maliciously removed or break, and the tags can sometimes fall off and be lost. By microchipping your dog you can ensure that you and your dog's details can always be identified.

How much will it cost?

You can expect to pay £5-£30 (depending on the Vets) to have your dog microchipped at the vets, but it is also available at a lower cost from various animal charity organisations in the area.

For more information or advice about microchipping, contact us on:

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