

Microchipping Your Furry Friends

August 15th is **National Check the Chip Day**, a day created by the American Veterinary Medical Board (AVMA) and American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) to raise awareness on microchipping your pets and the importance of registering the information.

Why Microchip?

- Your pet's microchip number is a unique number that is associated with your pet only
- If your pet is lost and scanned the **microchip number is linked to your contact information**
- It can be used as a 'fail-safe' if your pet's collar and ID tags are not on the pet
- *It's simple and easy to do*

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER THE MICROCHIP

- If your pet is found and scanned but you have not registered the microchip or given the company your contact information it's much harder to reunite you with your pet
- Make sure you update the information regularly so that you can be found if your pet is lost

Other information about microchips

- Not GPS.....it unfortunately can't tell you where your pet is, but hopefully someday technology advancements will bring that to microchips
- Can stop working – things happen and for whatever reason the chip might stop working
 - This is rare
 - This is another reason to have your vet do a quick scan for the chip annually during his/her annual exam
- Can migrate – they are usually injected between the shoulder blades, but sometimes the microchip can migrate down the back or legs
- **Tip:** *put the microchip number in your phone using the chip number as the "phone number" and your pet's name as the "contact name"*

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More info: <https://www.avma.org/Events/pethealth/Pages/Check-the-Chip-Day.aspx>

