



Microchipping and your pet

Microchipping is a safe and effective way of permanently identifying your pet. A tiny chip the size of a grain of rice is inserted under your pet's skin using a needle gun. Once inserted, the chip stays with your pet for life. The chip emits a unique 15-digit number when scanned. This number is registered to you on a national computer database so that if your pet goes missing, they can easily be traced back to you.

These days, scanners are used by all organisations likely to come into contact with stray pets:

Veterinary Surgeries

Dog Wardens and pound kennels

Police Officers

RSPCA

Dog's Trust



A lost pet with no identification can be very difficult to find, and your pet may end up being re-homed in a different area of the country.

Microchips are essential if you wish to travel abroad with your pet, and mandatory in docked dogs that were docked after the Ban on Docking came into force in Wales.

It is a legal requirement that dogs wear a collar with identity tag when they are out. Unfortunately, collars can get lost, but a chip identifies your pet for life.

Microchipping at Riverside

Inserting a microchip is a quick and easy procedure carried out during any normal appointment. Microchips are always in stock.

Ask us today whether your pet can be microchipped.
Look out for our annual special offers!

