Benefits of Microchipping Your Pet

Losing a pet can be devastating. That’s why, when it comes to the welfare of your pet, you should consider microchipping as an important part of their preventative care—along with dental exams, vaccinations, and the monthly, year-round, prevention of fleas, ticks, and heartworms.

Some basic information about microchips:

- No surgery is required for microchipping. Microchips are smaller than a grain of rice and are well tolerated by pets
- Home Again chips provide online tools to notify our large community of pet owners and animal professionals immediately when a pet is lost to help you look for your missing pet
- A microchip is like an insurance policy for your pet because, unlike with collars, it never comes off or gets lost—and, it works all over the world
- Approximately 8 to 12 million pets enter animal shelters nationwide every year and approximately 5 to 9 million are euthanized (60% of dogs and 70% of cats)
- If your pet is on medication or has a serious medical condition (e.g., epilepsy or diabetes), it is important to find your pet as fast as possible so that it can get its life-saving medication
- Microchipping should be an integral part of an emergency plan. In the case of a house fire or natural disaster, it is easy for your pets to be separated from you
- Only 22% of lost dogs that entered animal shelters in the US last year were reunited with their families. However, the return-to-owner rate for microchipped dogs was over 52%
- Less than 2% of lost cats that entered animal shelters last year were reunited with their families. However, the return-to-owner rate for microchipped cats was over 38%