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Pets Say it's Hip to Microchip!



Legally every pet in South Australia needs to be microchipped. If your pet does not have a microchip, then you could be facing a hefty fine from the council. But we don't microchip our pets because we need to, we microchip them because it's the best chance at being reunited if they go missing.

A microchip is about the size of a large rice grain which is implanted under the skin by one of our vets or nurses. Once the microchip is implanted, the paperwork is filled out by the client, double checked by us and then the information is sent off for registration. When this is complete, any veterinary clinic, council or pound can scan the microchip and retrieve the contact information.

Microchipping is a quick and inexpensive way to keep your pet safe for their whole life!

The most important part of microchipping is to ensure your **details are up to date**. If you move house for example, be sure to change your address and most importantly update your phone number. Lost pets which are brought to us that do not have a microchip are picked up by the local council and sent to the Animal Welfare League until their owner is found.

Save your pet the stressful trip to the pound and be sure to update your microchip details when appropriate. If you ever need help updating your details our staff are always here to help!



Don't Turn a Blind Eye to Vaccination

Why is Vaccination so important?

Protects against preventable diseases – many dangerous and fatal diseases are completely avoidable with the correct vaccinations.

Boarding – if you ever plan to board your cat or dog they must be up to date with their vaccinations.

Vaccinations save money – they are substantially less expensive than the cost of treatment for the diseases they prevent against.

Visits to the vet hospital – if your pet needs to stay in hospital he needs to be vaccinated. If your pet is sick, his immune system may already be compromised so you want to know he is protected.

Myth Busting Microchips!

A microchip does not replace a collar or tag

You can save everybody – including your pet – a lot of anxiety by making sure that your pet **also** has a collar with your contact information on it. If the collar comes off, a microchip can serve as a good backup and help your pet find their way home.

Your pet's microchip is not a GPS

A microchip is not like a GPS tracker that can be used to find a pet's location. Microchips don't transmit information. When a scanner is passed over a microchip, it will show the chip's code, which is linked to the owner's contact information.

The microchip is useless if it's not registered, or information kept up to date

Microchips don't store your personal information – they store a unique code that is linked to that chip. If you don't register that code and connect it with your contact information, then whoever scans that code will be no closer to finding you than if your pet was microchip-free.

Patient of the Month

Vegas -

The Escape Artist



Vegas is one of our recent escape artists who managed to escape from her new home two days in a row! Her microchip details weren't exactly correct but luckily with some digging we were able to track down her current owner. Vegas enjoyed her stay with us with lots of cuddles and treats even though she was a cheeky girl for escaping!

Pet Boarding over the Holidays

Now is the time to get vaccinations up to date and to allow time if they have lapsed.

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