



## Microchipping

Your dog could be lost without it!

The law has changed –  
**all dogs must be  
microchipped!**

**Be a responsible owner and  
neuter your dog – it's simply the  
best choice for you and your pet.**

If you are interested in rehoming a  
dog, supporting Dogs Trust or for more  
information and factsheets about all  
aspects of dog ownership, please visit  
[www.dogtrust.org.uk](http://www.dogtrust.org.uk) or contact:

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## Microchipping provides the security of knowing that should your dog stray, the chances of being reunited with him will significantly increase.

Whilst every dog owner is legally obliged to ensure that their dog is wearing a collar and tag, these can easily get lost or can be removed if a dog is stolen. A microchip is permanent.

### What is a microchip?

A microchip is a small electronic device, the size of a grain of rice. The microchip is coded with a unique number that can be read by a scanner and then entered onto a central database alongside the owner's details.

### How and where is the microchip implanted?

Using a specially designed implanting device, the microchip is injected through a sterile needle under the dog's skin between the shoulder blades.

### Does it hurt?

No, it does not hurt the dog. No anaesthetic is required and the procedure should cause no more discomfort than a standard vaccination.

### How are the owners traced?

If a stray dog is found to have a microchip, the local authority, vet practice or animal welfare organisation will contact the relevant database to find the owner's details. The owner can then be contacted and reunited with their dog.

### Where can I get my dog microchipped?

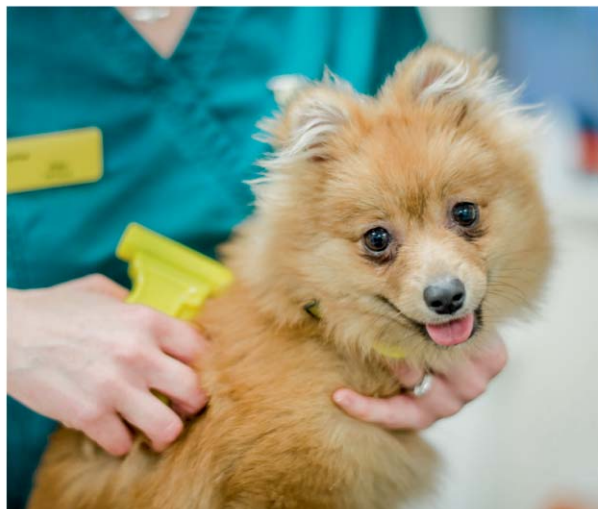
Most veterinary practices in the UK can microchip your dog, along with a growing number of local authorities and animal welfare groups.

### How much will it cost?

Dogs Trust provides a microchipping service at our Rehoming Centres for free by appointment. To find your nearest centre please visit [www.dogstrust.org.uk](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk) or to find out about free microchipping events in your local area please visit [www.chipmydog.org.uk](http://www.chipmydog.org.uk)

You can expect to pay £10 - £30 to have your dog microchipped at the vets.

Alternatively you may want to contact your local authority Dog Warden.



### Is there a fine/penalty if I don't get my dog microchipped?

All dogs aged 8 weeks and over must be microchipped, meaning a microchip must have been implanted into your dog and your details recorded on an approved database. If your dog does not have a microchip, or if your current details are not recorded on an approved database, you may be served a 21 day notice. Failing to comply with the notice could see you face a fine of up to £500. Alternatively an enforcer may seize your dog, microchip it, register the details and then recover the cost from you.

### Keep those chip details updated!

Remember to update your dog's chip information when you change your phone number or email address, or if you move to a different address. If you don't, the microchip will become useless! You will need to call your chip database directly to make your changes.

<b>Anibase</b>	<b>01904 487600</b>
<b>Petidentity UK</b>	<b>0800 975 1960</b>
<b>Petlog</b>	<b>01296 336 579</b>
<b>Pet Protect</b>	<b>0800 0778558</b>
<b>Pettrac</b>	<b>0800 6529977</b>
<b>Smarttrac</b>	<b>0844 5420999</b>

If you don't know which database your chip is registered to, please call any of the above and they will direct you to the correct database or visit [www.chipmydog.org.uk](http://www.chipmydog.org.uk) for more info. Charges for updating your details vary.