



Microchipping Your Pet

A microchip is only the size of a grain of rice. It contains a unique sequence of letters and numbers that when read by a scanner, will identify your pet. It is inserted over your pet's shoulder with a needle much the same as giving a vaccination.

You register your information with the chip manufacturer. Your pet wears an ID tag with the chip number and Home Again's telephone number provided with the chip. This allows shelters, veterinarians and others who have a scanner, or anyone who finds your pet, to identify your pet's number, call or access the manufacturer's website and return your pet to you. Your information is not given out, but you are contacted by the service and notified of your pet's whereabouts. We at Stoneledge use the Home Again chip. Their website provides assistance to you via the internet, puts out pictures of your missing pet, etc, in order to help you recover your pet. There is a fee associated with the Home Again service, plus the cost of the micro-chipping. Please check their website www.homeagain.com for the most current fee schedules.

Statistics after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita showed that less than 15% of non-chipped lost pets were reunited with their families, compared to 50% of chipped pets. The procedure is relatively painless, but a good time to have micro-chipping done is when your pet is spayed or neutered, and under an anesthetic for surgery.

If you have questions about micro-chipping, please call us or ask during your next visit.