

LOST DOG



\$1000 REWARD

A STUDY OF 7,700
SHELTER ANIMALS
SHOWED THAT DOGS
WITH MICROCHIPS
WERE RETURNED TO
THEIR OWNERS 52.2%
OF THE TIME VS. 21.9%
FOR DOGS WITHOUT
ONE¹



FRIDAY FACTS FROM BARRIO DOGS

► MICROCHIPPING YOUR PETS

If the unthinkable happens and your pet gets lost, improve your chances of being reunited: microchip him or her! It's cheap, easy and you can rest assured you've done your best to find your pet if lost.

- Microchips are implantable computer chips with a unique ID number. They're no bigger than a grain of rice and are placed under your pet's skin with a needle and syringe, much like a vaccine.
- Unlike collars and ID tags, microchips never break or fall off. They work by receiving a radio signal from a scanner and transmitting the ID number back to the scanner. All animal shelters and veterinary hospitals have scanners.
- For a microchip to work as intended, you must register it and keep your contact information up-to-date.
- Even if your pet has a collar and ID tag, it should still get microchipped.
- Adverse side effects from microchips are rare and may include hair loss, infection or swelling. There is little evidence that microchips cause cancer. In any event, the benefits of microchips outweigh the risks.

How do I get my pet microchipped?

1. If your pet is getting spayed or neutered, you can get it microchipped at the same time.
2. Next time you take your dog or cat to the vet for routine vaccinations, get it microchipped.
3. Organizations like the Houston Humane Society, CAP and Big Fix Houston offer low cost or free microchips from time to time. Check their websites for the next opportunity.
4. Don't forget to register the microchip after it's implanted. You must register a microchip for it to work; whoever implanted the microchip will give you the information you need to register it.

(1) <https://www.avma.org/microchipping-animals-faq>

TO LEARN MORE, GO TO [AVMA.ORG/KB/RESOURCES/FAQS/PAGES/MICROCHIPPING-OF-ANIMALS-FAQ.ASPX](https://www.avma.org/kb/resources/faqs/pages/microchipping-of-animals-faq.aspx)