



Microchip



Q. What is a MICROCHIP?

A microchip is a tiny device which can be inserted under the skin of your pet as a permanent form of identification. It is a human surgical quality quartz glass implant, which, when sent a message from an Identichip reader, will modify that message, sending back a unique signal which the reader converts into a unique 10 (or more) figure alpha numeric identification code. When this number is relayed to a central computer, the operator will be informed of the name, telephone number and address of the registered owner of that animal.

Q. Should I have my puppy or kitten microchipped?

Whatever your pet, it is very difficult to identify an animal permanently so that if it becomes lost or stolen it will find its way back to you. Collars are often not tolerated by cats and even if tolerated can be danger to them, and equally collars can be removed. Likewise with a dog which has a collar and identity disc, or a bird with a closed ring; if stolen, these forms of identification can be removed. How could you prove that it is your dog or has been stolen, how will anyone know where he comes from?

Q. Who has microchip readers?

All local vets, RSPCA Shelter and the council pound have a microchip reader. So if your animal is lost, stolen or injured in an accident, whoever the pet is taken to, they should be able to identify your pet and inform you of the situation, so that you may be reunited

Q. How much does microchip implantation cost?

At Sugarland Vet we believe in the importance of permanently identifying our pet animals for the reasons described above. We currently run offers to allow you to chip and register your pet very cheaply.

Q. Are microchips safe?

If the correct chips are used, implanted by qualified personnel, there is no risk. They remain in situ, they do not cause any reaction, and rarely migrate.

