

What is a Microchip? A microchip is a tiny electronic device, about the size of a grain of rice, that is safely implanted under your pet's skin, typically between the shoulder blades. Each microchip contains a unique identification number that can be read by a scanner. This ID number, when registered in the HomeAgain database, links to your contact information.

HomeAgain is more than just a microchip; it's a comprehensive pet recovery and protection service that offers:

- Nationwide Pet Recovery Database: Once your pet's microchip number is registered, it can be accessed by shelters and veterinary clinics across the country.

- Lost Pet Alerts: HomeAgain sends out rapid alerts to a network of shelters, vets, and volunteer PetRescuers in the area where your pet was lost.

- 24/7 Emergency Medical Hotline: Access to licensed ASPCA veterinarians to assist with any pet emergency.

- Travel Assistance for Found Pets: If your pet is found over 500 miles away from home, HomeAgain will cover up to \$500 to fly them back.

Implanting the microchip is quick, simple, and relatively painless similar to a routine vaccination. It does not require anesthesia and can be done during a regular veterinary visit, but many owners do prefer microchips to be implanted during an anesthetized procedure, such as a spay or neuter. Once implanted, the microchip lasts a lifetime.

After implantation, the next critical step is to register your pet's microchip number with your current contact information in the HomeAgain database, this is done for you at our clinic. You will receive a welcome email when your information is registered. It's also important to keep your contact information updated if you move or change phone numbers, this you will be able to do at any time.

While we all hope our pets never go missing, the reality is that many pets do get lost, and not all are reunited with their families. A microchip, especially one registered with HomeAgain, significantly increases the chances of a happy reunion by providing secure, permanent identification that can't fall off, be removed, or become illegible. If you've not yet microchipped your pet, or if you have any questions about the HomeAgain microchip and how it works, please contact us. We're here to provide your pet with the best care possible and give you peace of mind knowing you're taking an important step in safeguarding your beloved pet. Let's ensure your pet's safety together. Contact us to schedule a microchipping appointment or to learn more about the HomeAgain microchip.