



Bayer ResQ Microchip Identification System

Did you know that every two seconds a family pet is lost? Don't let that happen to you and your pet. It's very important for your pet to wear a collar with identification tags just in case he/she is unexpectedly separated from you. However collars can easily be misplaced or fall off, so how can you completely ensure your pet's safety? You may want to consider a microchip.

A microchip is a very tiny chip (the size of a grain of rice) that contains a unique number that identifies your animal as yours. This chip is so small that it fits inside a hypodermic needle and is injected right under your pet's skin. This procedure is easy and inexpensive.

How does it work?

After your veterinarian has injected the chip, your job as the owner is to register that unique number with PetLink at www.petlink.net/register/default.jsp or by calling 1-877-petlink. Please note that registering your pet is absolutely free. Microchips are useless unless the number has been registered with your name and phone number.

If your companion animal were ever to become lost and was brought to a shelter or veterinary practice they could use a special scanning device to check for a microchip. The scanner will read out the number, and the shelter or veterinarian can call PetLink and track your information down. Scanning stray animals for microchips has become a customary procedure for most shelters.

FIV Vaccinations and Microchipping

If your cat is going outdoors we highly suggest that your cat be tested and vaccinated for Feline AIDS (FIV) and Feline Leukemia (FeLV).

It's important to understand that the FIV vaccine will cause your cat to test positive on the FIV test. Because of this, we encourage all owners that elect the FIV vaccine to also microchip their cat.

Why do we encourage microchipping with the FIV vaccine?

If your cat were ever to become lost and ended up at an animal shelter, they will check your cat for a microchip. If a microchip is found, they will call you and you will be reunited with your feline friend.

If your cat is not microchipped, the animal shelter staff will go ahead and test your cat for FIV/FeLV. Since your cat has been FIV vaccinated, the FIV portion of the test will show up positive. Most shelters do not adopt out FIV positive cats and have to choose euthanasia. This is why a microchip is vital if you choose the FIV vaccine!