

Microchipping You Cat

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Do you know how microchips work in pets? Most pet owners first learn about microchipping their pets when they bring their cat to be spayed or neutered. This of course, is an easy time for your veterinarian to implant a microchip because your pet would not be moving while anesthetized. But did you know a microchip can be implanted at any appointment visit with little to no pain to your pet?

The benefit to microchipping is that it provides unique and permanent proof that identifies that your cat belongs to you. Cats that live outside tend to know their whereabouts well, but if they are injured and found by a Good Samaritan, how would that person know who it belonged to? Some owners think that their indoor cat could not or would not escape. However, what would happen if a house fire or tornado impacted their home and in the disaster, their beloved companion got loose? These scenarios are reasons that we at Trusty Vet support microchipping you cat. We know that they are your furry friends and the success stories about cat's being reunited with their owners when they've been microchipped are all the proof we need.

The simple process of microchip implantation involves pinching the skin between the shoulder blades and quickly inserting the rice sized microchip underneath the skin with a sharp needle similar to but larger than ones used to administer vaccines. The microchip is then registered in an online database with the owner's contact information. When a stray pet is brought to a veterinarian or animal shelter, the facility will scan the shoulder region looking for a microchip in hopes of reuniting owner and cat.

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