

# MICROCHIP YOUR PET

Microchips don't replace a tag and collar, but they can make all the difference when it comes to getting your pet back.



**1 in 3** family pets will get lost



Microchipped dogs are more than twice as likely to be returned to their owners.



But only about **6 out of 10** microchips are registered



Microchipped cats are more than 20 times as likely to be returned to their owners.

## Successful Reunions



Gidget, a dog from Pittsburgh, PA, was found more than **2500 miles** away in Portland, OR



George, a cat in California was reunited with his family after **13 years**

**When a microchipped pet isn't returned home, it's usually due to incorrect or missing owner information in the microchip registry.**

In 2015, HomeAgain reunited **227,274 pets**



To date, HomeAgain has reunited over **2,000,000 pets** with their owners



**Register and update your pet's microchip!**



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## Important Information About Your Pet

Pet Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Next Scheduled Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

If the primary veterinary clinic is unavailable, a poison control hotline can provide valuable information. Although services will involve a fee, they are a great resource in times of crisis.

ASPCA Poison Control Center  
1-888-426-4435  
[www.aspcapet.org](http://www.aspcapet.org)

Pet Poison Hotline  
1-855-764-7661  
[www.petpoisonhotline.com](http://www.petpoisonhotline.com)



## Did You Know?

**Preventative Care for Your New Pet**







## EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ALL UNDER ONE WOOF!

All pets should have preventive health care. Annual healthcare exams and regular preventive care such as vaccinations, heartworm testing, fecal parasite exams, and dental evaluations, ensures a pet is healthy and cannot only save a pet's life but can save the pet owner money. Annual exams can reduce or eliminate health problems that can be more expensive to treat when they are not identified early.

During your visit, your Vet will assess the following -



Medical conditions, infectious & zoonotic diseases, parasite prevention and control, genetic breed, age, dental care, behavior, and nutrition.

## Start Early to Prevent Deadly Heartworm Infection!

Heartworms are spread by mosquitos, which pick up the immature stages from an infected dog, and then pass them on to a different dog when they move on for another blood meal. The parasite takes 6 months to mature in the dog, producing larvae which circulate in the bloodstream. The adult parasites stay in the dog's heart, where they cause disease.

Heartworm infection can cause major health issues such as severe lung disease and heart failure. Heartworm disease is complicated and potentially deadly. The best approach is prevention.

Heartworms can be prevented with monthly prescription medication or a new veterinary administered injection twice a year. Heartworm prevention is much less expensive and safer for your dog than treatment once they are infected. See your veterinarian for advice on testing and how to protect your dog from the dangers of heartworm infection.

## Emergency Care Can Be the Difference Between Life and Death

Tennessee law requires veterinarians to provide emergency care for patients already under their care. This requirement can be met by the veterinary clinic or through another veterinarian or emergency facility. The contact information on the back of this brochure is for your reference. Please keep the information handy so that you will be prepared in case of an emergency.



## 5 Reasons to Vaccinate Your Pet

1. Vaccinations prevent many pet illnesses.
2. Vaccinations can help avoid costly treatments for diseases that can be prevented.
3. Vaccinations prevent diseases that can be passed not only from animal to animal but also from animal to human.
4. Diseases prevalent in wildlife, such as rabies and distemper, can infect unvaccinated pets.
5. Many areas, local or state ordinances require certain vaccinations of household pets.

## Flea & Tick Prevention is Important :

- Fleas cause itching and discomfort for pets – and us! They can cause a secondary skin infection requiring multiple veterinary visits.
- Cats can become infected with cat scratch fever, which can be deadly to anyone who has a compromised immune system.
- Fleas carry the cystic form of the tapeworm.
- It is much cheaper to prevent fleas than treat an infestation – on your pets and even in your home!

Ticks carry many diseases that can be transmitted to dogs, cats, and humans. Bobcat Fever is transmitted to domestic cats through a tick bite and is nearly always fatal.

There are many options for flea and tick prevention, from topicals, to oral medications, to collars. Your veterinarian will make recommendations based on you and your pet's lifestyle to find the one that works best for you!