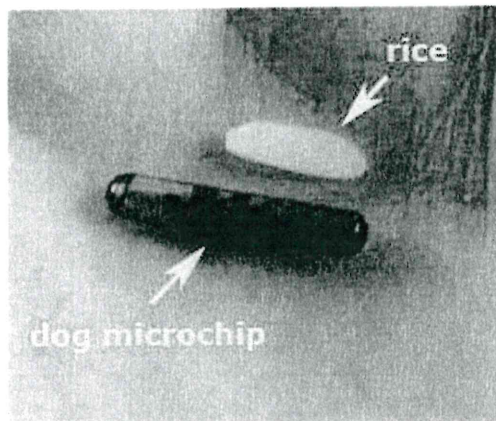




Microchips

Every animal at LCHS is microchipped at intake- it is safe, easy, and effectively reunites you with your lost pet. *If you move or change your phone number, make sure to update that information with the microchip company!*

A microchip is an electronic chip that is about the same size as a grain of rice. It is implanted under the skin between the shoulder blades. The microchip itself does not have a battery—it is activated by a scanner that is passed over the area, and the radiowaves put out by the scanner activate the chip. The chip transmits the identification number to the scanner, which displays the number on the screen. This code is used to retrieve the contact information that the pet's parent has provided to the pet recovery database.



When an animal is found and taken to a shelter or veterinary clinic, one of the first things they do is scan the animal for a microchip. If they find a microchip, and if the microchip registry has accurate information, they can quickly find the animal's owner.

A study of more than 7,700 stray animals at animal shelters showed that dogs without microchips were returned to their owners 21.9% of the time, whereas *microchipped dogs were returned to their owners 52.2% of the time*. Cats without microchips were reunited with their owners only 1.8% of the time, whereas *microchipped cats went back home 38.5% of the time*. For microchipped animals that weren't returned to their owners, most of the time it was due to incorrect owner information (or no owner information) in the microchip registry database – so don't forget to keep your information updated.

A microchip is not a GPS device and cannot track your animal if it gets lost.

If you would like to microchip one of your pets that was not adopted from LCHS, we can do that for you at one of our low cost vaccine clinics!