

MICROCHIPPING



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What you need to do:

- Have your dog microchipped once it is 12 weeks old
- Register your contact details with the microchip provider on a government-approved database
- Order your Dog Microchipping Certificate from the microchip provider and keep it safe
- Update your details on the database if you move house or change your phone number
- If you are unsure if your details are correct, always check with the microchip provider! It can make all the difference
- If ownership of the dog is transferred from one person to another, the details must be recorded on the dog's microchipping certificate and the relevant database notified of the change of ownership
- Failure to comply with the legislation can result in a fine of up to €5,000 and/or 6 months imprisonment

Microchipping is universally recognised as the best way to make your beloved pet permanently identifiable, and gives you the best chance of being reunited in the event that your pet goes missing.

Microchipping is now a legal requirement for all dogs as of 1st April 2016. All dogs must be microchipped once they are 12 weeks old, and owners must be in possession of their microchipping certificate and register and maintain correct contact details on one of the Government-approved databases (Fido, Animark, Irish Kennel Club and Microdog ID Ltd).

The microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and is painlessly inserted under the skin by a vet or suitably trained person like a vet nurse. The microchip stores a unique number which can be read by an electronic scanner, which can be found at most vet practices.

