

How to Register Your New Pet's Microchip:

Congratulations on the adoption of your new pet! We are so happy that you have chosen to adopt one of our faithful companions to become a part of your family. All of our pets are microchipped while in our care, and it is very important that you register and update the contact information for their microchip.

You will find their microchip number in their medical records. If you have problems finding that number, please contact our adoptions team (<u>adoptions@carverscotths.org</u>); they will be happy to help you locate it.

To Register your Pet's Microchip:

Please go to 24PetWatch at <u>https://www.24petwatch.com</u> or call 1-866-597-2424 to work with a Pet Registry Specialist.

Please note that the Pet Owner should be the one to create this account. Accurate contact details are required. Your microchip will be activated once your registration is complete.

From the home page, please select Microchip Registration. Then Select Register my Pet/Microchip.

You will select: "I'm a Pet Parent" then select "Continue"

You will select "Create an account from Microchip"

You will enter the **Microchip Number and your first and last name**. This will begin the creation of your account.

From there, please follow the steps to create your pet's profile and registration.

Microchips only carry your pet's unique identification number. The information you provide to the microchip registry will only be used to contact you in the event your pet is found and taken to a veterinary clinic or animal shelter. Your contact information will only be given to the finder if you have given 24Petwatch consent to do so.

How does microchip registry work? Your pet's microchip is a tiny piece of technology — no larger than a grain of rice — that stores a unique ID number. Think of it like a barcode, except that it resides safely and securely inside your pet's body, just under the surface of their skin, so it can never get lost.

There are many different microchip manufacturers, but it doesn't matter who made the chip inside your pet. Some microchips operate on different frequencies, but a universal scanner can read them all. Even then, the only thing a scan will reveal is the microchip's unique ID number.

That's why registering the microchip is so important. When a lost pet is found and scanned, a shelter can quickly search that ID number in a database to find out where that pet is registered then alert the animal microchip registry that the pet has been found. If the microchip is registered properly, that registry then alerts the pet parent on file to arrange the happy reunion!

What microchips *don't* do is track your pet's location 24/7 so you can find them the minute they go missing. They also don't store any private data. And they're best used in *addition* to — not instead of — standard pet ID tags.

How to get the most out of your microchip registry: Hopefully, you can see the need to properly register your pet's microchip. When a pet is missing, you want to make sure you have the best possible chance of reuniting with them.

Here's how that works:

- The minute you realize your pet is missing, you can <u>report your lost pet</u> at any time of the day or night.
- The Lost Pet Recovery Team will then search for your pet's microchip ID in their nationwide database of found pets.

If they get a hit, they'll notify you using the contact information you included in your registry. (Even more reason to make sure that info is always updated!)

Free microchip registry: When you register your microchip with 24Petwatch, you get free access to the <u>customer portal</u> and lost pet recovery services. That means when your pet goes missing, you can take immediate action and contact the Lost Pet Recovery Team to get them on the case.

Pet protection services membership: However, finding a lost pet is seldom simple, and most pet parents want to do everything in their power to reunite with their lost pets as quickly as possible. 24Petwatch offers enhanced <u>Pet Protection Services</u> as part of an <u>Annual Membership</u> (\$49.95 for the first year and \$19.95/year thereafter) or <u>Lifetime Membership</u> (\$99.95).

For additional information, please visit pet-microchip-registry-how-to-easily-register-your-chip