



What is a Microchip?

River City Veterinary Hospital recommends and carries the AKC Companion Animal Recovery (CAR) ID System microchip. This microchip is implanted under the skin between the shoulder blades. After implantation, we send in your enrollment form to register him/her in the AKC CAR system.

Your pet will receive a metal tag which bears the microchip ID number and the phone number of the 24-hour AKC CAR recovery hotline. If your pet is found, anyone can call the hotline. If your pet is found without the tag, most shelters, humane societies and veterinarians carry scanners which will read the information carried on the microchip. Once alerted, the recovery coordinators of the AKC will contact you so that you can be reunited with your pet.

Why Microchip?

- If your pet is recovered by an animal shelter/humane society/veterinary clinic, the identification of a microchip ensures an easy and speedy return home.
- Unfortunately, pets are occasionally stolen from their homes. If a veterinarian becomes suspicious that an animal they are examining has been stolen, a microchip scan may help to clear the situation.
- Collars can easily slip off or become broken. Tattoos may become blurry and difficult to read over time. Microchips act as a permanent and clear identifier.
- Microchipping is required for OFA certification.

If you have any questions about microchipping, please do not hesitate to ask one of our staff members.