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DOES YOUR PET HAVE I.D.?

WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

Microchip- Tiny encapsulated chip injected under the skin.

Pet tag- Hangs on the collar

Tattooing- Specific number on the inner ear

We are open seven days per week. Call us to book an appointment and for price

MICROCHIP

You need this to have a pet passport. It lasts a pet's lifetime and is safe and non-loseable. It identifies your pet with a specific code matched with the owners contact details. You must let the microchip company know if you change phone numbers or they cannot contact you. If your pet strays and is taken to a vet, picked up by a warden or rescue centre, they have scanners to read microchips. You can expect a call asking you to collect your pet. If your pet is stolen or a stranger insists that they are the owner, having microchip I.D. in your name goes a long way to prove that this pet is yours. It is a one-off procedure for a lifetime's registration. Suitable for all types of animals, not just dogs and cats. **The microchip system we have chosen gives you immediately registered I.D.**

PET TAG

By law all dogs should wear a pet tag. This is usually a metal disc that attaches to their collar. This should have the owners' details engraved on one face and the vets' details on the other. Any animal wearing a collar can have one. This is a brilliant idea unless it falls off. If someone wants to steal your pet then they just have to throw it away, leaving your pet unidentified. You need a new one each time it is lost and each time you change vets or phone number. We have discs that we can engrave for you at reception.

TATTOOING

This is often seen in greyhounds. It was more fashionable before the invention of the microchip. Your vet does not do it but you need to find an animal tattooist. It involves tattooing blue numbers onto the inner ear. It is permanent and the I.D. is specific to your animal. It is now thought to be outmoded by the microchip which is a quicker, less noticeable and painless form of permanent I.D.

Animals with I.D. have been found hundreds of miles from home and can still be quickly re-united with their owner. Without I.D. this would be impossible. Most strays have no I.D. Rugby's stray kennels are allowed to offer for re-homing or destroy an animal if it is not claimed within 8 days. Accurate identification for your pet can save their life.