



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Free Pet Microchip & Chip Check Event

Sunday, May 4, 2025 | 11am - 1pm

### **What is a microchip?**

A microchip is a rice-sized device placed under your pet's skin that contains a unique ID number. It's not a GPS tracker, but it acts like a permanent ID tag that can never fall off or fade. If your pet ever gets lost, a microchip helps shelters and veterinarians contact you.

### **How does a microchip work?**

When a lost pet is brought to a shelter or vet, a scanner is used to check for a microchip. The chip transmits a unique ID number, which is then used to look up your contact details in a pet registry. That's why keeping your contact info up to date is so important!

### **Where can I get my pet microchipped?**

You can get a free microchip at this event! Just bring your pet, and we'll handle the rest. Most veterinarians and shelters also offer microchipping for a small fee. If you can't make it to this event, Foothills Animal Shelter hosts a weekly clinic that offers microchipping and initial registration for \$35.

### **My pet already has a microchip. How do I update my contact information?**

While we won't be updating existing microchip information at this event, we're happy to scan your pet's chip and provide you with the chip number and microchip company.

How to update your pet's microchip information:

1. Look up the chip number at [www.petmicrochiplookup.org](http://www.petmicrochiplookup.org) to find the microchip company.
2. Contact the microchip company to update your contact details. You will likely need to provide proof of ownership, such as an adoption contract, veterinary invoices, or other items.
3. Recheck your pet's registration regularly (such as your spring-cleaning check list!). Double-check that your phone number, address, and emergency contacts are current—this is key to making sure your pet can be returned to you if they're ever lost.

### **I adopted my pet from Foothills Animal Shelter. What happened to my pet's microchip registration?**

Great news! All of our shelter pets received a HomeAgain microchip if they didn't already have an existing microchip. We registered your pet's microchip at the time of adoption using the contact information you provided. However, if your contact details have changed since then, you'll need to update them directly with the microchip company. You can visit [www.petmicrochiplookup.org](http://www.petmicrochiplookup.org) to find out where your pet's chip is registered.