

# Microchipping

## What is microchipping?

Microchipping is a safe and permanent method of pet identification. It is more reliable than other forms of identification, such as collars, which can get snagged or lost.

## How does it work?

Each microchip carries a unique identification number linked to a database containing details of the pet as well as the name and address of his owner. If a pet goes missing, he can be scanned to reveal his details and be returned quickly to his rightful home. Be sure to update your database details if you move.

## How do I get my cat microchipped?

Microchipping can be performed by vets or other specially-trained personnel, such as staff at Cats Protection's Shelters and some Branches. A microchip slightly smaller than a grain of rice is inserted under the cat's skin between his shoulder blades in a simple procedure.

## Will this hurt my cat?

No. The insertion procedure is no more painful than an injection. And, once in place, the animal is unaware of the microchip's presence.

# Please contact us – we'd love to hear from you!

Cats Protection is the UK's oldest and largest feline welfare charity. Every year, we rehome 60,000 cats and help 170,000 through our network of 260 Branches and 30 permanent Shelters.

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- The Cats Protection Branch or Shelter nearest you
- Cats Protection's neutering scheme for cat owners on low incomes or benefits
- Volunteering
- Becoming a member or a supporter
- Our young members' club, *Cool Cats*
- Receiving our primary or secondary schools pack (for teachers)
- Organising a tour or a talk for your group or school
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