

Microchipping Guide

At MSD Animal Health, we're committed to helping pets stay safe with their families.

By enhancing our understanding of the microchipping process and best practices, we can ensure that microchips are registered correctly and pet owners understand their responsibility to keep their microchip details up-to-date.



Registering

There are two main methods of registering a microchip.

1

Your PMS may be connected to a microchip database via VetEnvoy, so when a microchipped pet is logged in the PMS, they will automatically be registered onto the associated microchip database.

2

You can register microchips online at HomeAgain Professional Portal at: professional.homeagain.co.uk

You will first need to activate your account, and once complete, you can register multiple microchips to yourself or to keepers.



Implanting

Microchips should only ever be implanted by a veterinary professional or approved microchip planter. Full instructions of how to implant can be found on the microchip box.

After implantation, you should scan the animal to confirm the microchip is safely in place, place the microchip number sticker on the vaccination card that you give to the pet owner, along with the wallet card, to take away with them.



Searching

If you have a lost pet and the microchip is registered with HomeAgain, you can use your Professional Portal online account to search and find the pet and owner information to help you reunite the pet.

More about microchipping

It is important that you are aware of which microchip database you are registering pet microchips with, and which microchips you are using.



Microchips

Animal microchips can vary in size and quality. You should source your microchips from a reliable supplier and check the microchip and needle gauge size to ensure you are implanting an appropriately sized microchip into the animal.

There are also microchips that not only display the microchip number, but also the pet's subcutaneous temperature, called HomeAgain ThermoChip® microchips.

These microchips have an integrated temperature-sensing biosensor and are just as reliable and accurate as your trusty digital rectal thermometer, an independent laboratory study demonstrated¹.

You only microchip once - so make it count!



Database

You should only register microchips on DEFRA-approved microchip databases. The approved list can be found at: www.gov.uk/get-your-dog-cat-microchipped

Be aware that some microchip databases charge pet owners for the use of their services including personal information updates and transfers of keepership.

HomeAgain is a 100% free-of-charge, DEFRA-approved database from MSD Animal Health.

