



Low-Cost Microchip Clinic

Our next microchip clinic is scheduled for Sunday, May 22nd, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The cost will be \$20.00 per dog, which includes the microchip, implantation by a licensed veterinarian and lifetime enrollment in the AKC CAR registry.

For more information, or if you would like to register your dog(s) to be chipped at this event, please email wkcmicrochip@aol.com.

Microchip FAQs

Where is the microchip placed? The microchip, which is about the size of a grain of rice, is implanted just under the loose skin at the top of the dog's shoulders.

Does it hurt? The microchip is injected under the skin using a needle slightly larger than those used to give vaccinations. So yes, there may be some momentary pain. Most dogs don't seem to feel it at all, but a few do yelp when they're stuck, like they sometimes do when getting any injection.

Is there any risk? With any procedure that breaks the skin, there is always a small risk of infection. But with the use of disposable, sterilized needles, the risk is very low.

Are all microchips the same? No. There are multiple manufacturers and distributors of microchips in the U.S. with minor variations in the design and operating frequency. However, there are universal scanners widely available and used by all animal shelters and Humane Society locations that are capable of reading all chips in current use in the U.S.

What happens if my dog is lost? If the person who finds your dog takes it to an animal shelter or the Humane Society, their scanner will read the chip number and type of chip. The shelter personnel will then call the company whose chip it is. The chip company will then look up the number in their database and will call the phone number you gave them in the registration. So if you change phone numbers, it's very important to notify the registrant.

Why do we use AKC CAR chips? (1) AKC CAR is the biggest not-for-profit pet identification and recovery service provider, with over four million pets enrolled. All profits from microchip sales and registrations are used to support animal health causes. (2) Unlike some microchip companies, AKC CAR does not charge an annual fee for registration. The fee you pay us includes lifetime registration in the AKC CAR database. So you never have to worry that your registration might expire and your dog's microchip will no longer be listed in the database.