

Griffith Animal Hospital offers microchipping for both cats and dogs. A microchip is a tiny transponder, about the size of a grain of rice. It is encoded with a unique identification number and is used for permanent identification.



The needle containing the microchip is loaded into the application syringe. The needle is then inserted into the loose skin between your pet's shoulder blades and the syringe depressed. The microchip is now permanent under your pet's skin.



The procedure is fast, safe, and appears to be relatively pain-free in most pets. The chips are usually inserted without incident, even in the tiniest kittens and puppies. The application needle is quite large, and some clients will choose to have the microchip implanted at the time of sterilization, so that the pet can be anesthetized for the injection. However, this is not necessary, and the microchip can be implanted at any time that is convenient.

Once your pet is microchipped, you must register him or her with the appropriate agency. We will provide you with the proper documents to register your pet. Failure to register your pet's microchip identification will render the entire process useless. If you move or change your contact information, be sure to update your pet's microchip information. If your pet is lost and recovered, this information will be used to reunite you with your pet. We have witnessed many pets unable to reunite with their owners because of failure to register or update information.

If you have any questions or would like to set an appointment to have your pet microchipped, please call us today.