

# Microchip Myths vs. Facts

## Myth

## Fact

Microchips are GPS tracking devices.



Microchips only contain an ID number and can't track your pet's location.

Microchips contain your contact information.



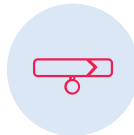
Microchips only contain an ID number. Your contact information is stored in the microchip registry, but only if you include it!

Once your pet has been microchipped, your work is done.



After your pet has been microchipped, you need to register the microchip number and update your contact information.

Your pet only needs a microchip or a collar with ID tags, but not both.



Having a microchip AND a collar with ID tags is the best way to ensure your pet is reunited with you. Make sure you have both!

# Microchip Basics

Did you know that 1 in 3 pets are lost during their lifetime? If your pet goes missing, a microchip could mean the difference between a happy reunion and a devastating loss.

A microchip is a device the size of a grain of rice, implanted in your pet, usually between the shoulder blades. The microchip contains a 9–15 digit number that can be read by a special scanner.

Getting your pet a microchip is the first step, but making sure the microchip is registered and your contact information is kept up to date is just as important.

Use the right side of this card to gather important information about your pet's microchip. You and your veterinarian should check this information at least once a year to make sure everything is current.



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# My Pet's Microchip

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Pet's name

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Microchip number

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Microchip company

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Company phone number

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Information last checked on (date)

To see where your pet's microchip is registered, visit [petmicrochiplookup.org](https://www.petmicrochiplookup.org)

For more information, visit [amcnyc.org/usdaninstitute](https://www.amcnyc.org/usdaninstitute)