

Franklin Animal Clinic



AVID MICROCHIP

The AVID MICROCHIP is inserted under the skin in the area of the shoulder blades. For the next few days this area may be slightly swollen and a little sore. This is not uncommon because of the large needle used to place the chip.

The AVID MICROCHIP is a permanent pet identification device. The chip has an individual code embedded in it. A scanner will display this code number and the maker of the chip (AVID). No two chips have the same code. Scanners are available at places where animals tend to be brought as strays (Veterinary Offices, Humane Societies and occasionally Police Departments).

HOW WILL THE AVID CHIP RETURN MY PET IF HE/SHE IS LOST?????

When a stray animal is found, he/she is scanned to determine if a chip is present. When a chip is identified, the code number and the maker of the chip are determined. The organization that found the stray animal then calls the maker of the chip and gives them the chip code. At this point, one of two things may happen:

1. If you have registered directly with the AVID company (see below), your name and phone number will be provided to the finder of the stray animal and they can contact you.
2. If you do not register with AVID, they will provide the finder of the stray animal with the phone number of the Franklin Animal Clinic (all of our chips are registered in our name unless you register directly). Once we are contacted, we will search our computer database and determine the name and phone number of the lost animal. We will then contact you.

In case you move or change phone numbers it is important to notify our office, or the AVID company so records can be updated. Note that AVID charges a fee to change information. There is no cost to update our records.

HOW TO REGISTER WITH AVID DIRECTLY

If you wish to register directly with AVID a form can be provided with an application. By using this option the chip becomes registered in your name instead of the Franklin Animal Clinic's name.

We can provide you with the necessary form if you desire to do this or you may contact AVID at (800) 336-AVID.

THE AVID CHIP CAN BE USED TO OBTAIN A LIFETIME LICENSE

We can also provide a form that allows you to register your pet with your county for a lifetime license. Take the form to the County Treasurer's Office and they can finalize the process.