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# Microchipping your dog

In 2006 new legislation was introduced by Parliament to make it easier to track down dogs that get lost and to identify dangerous dogs.

Whereas tags can easily be lost or swapped among dog owners, microchipping is a permanent means of identification that links dogs to their owners.

The chip is placed between the shoulder blades of the dog and is a painless procedure.

All new puppies need to be microchipped within two months of when they are registered for the first time.

You also need to microchip your dog if:

- you are registering your dog for the first time in your local area
- your dog is classified as dangerous
- your dog is classified as menacing
- your dog has been impounded for the second time. Dogs that are impounded for a second time will not be released from the pound until they have been microchipped.

Working farm dogs used solely for the purpose of herding or droving stock are exempt from microchipping.

Microchipping services are provided by:

- Veterinarians who supply the owner with a certificate stating the dog has been microchipped. You must provide an Animal Control officer with a copy of this certificate so that they may update your records.
- Animal Control officers are also able to microchip your dog for a cost of $40.00. Contact our Westport or Reefton office for more information.

Failure to adhere to the microchipping law will result in a $300 infringement fine being issued.