

5 Ways That Microchips Save Lives



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It's about the size of a grain of rice and it could save a cat's life. Here's what a microchip can do:

1. Bring cats home

Microchipped cats are 20 times more likely to be reunited with their families than cats who are not. Always microchip every cat you care for, whether they live indoors or outdoors.

2. Protect community cats

Have them microchipped during Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) so they can always be identified and returned to their feline families outdoors. Find more best practices for community cat care at alleycat.org/ColonyCare.

3. Get cats out of shelters faster

Countless cats are still killed in many animal shelters. With a quick scan of a microchip, cats can instead be moved out of the shelter and returned back home.

4. Provide a permanent ID tag

A microchip lasts a cat's lifetime and won't get lost or damaged like collars and tags. Be sure to keep its contact information up to date!

5. Act as a lifeline in disasters

If a cat is lost or displaced during an emergency, a microchip can help reunite her with her family. Learn how to create a disaster response plan at alleycat.org/Disaster.

Remember to register your microchips.

We recommend the free database Found Animals Registry.

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