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The smart way to
microchip your pet



Wandering pet?

Have a BackHome BioTec microchip fitted to your pet and, with one quick scan, any vet in the UK can discover its unique number.

This number will allow access to a database giving your name, your address, your phone number, your pet's name and your pet's special needs.



can my pet be chipped?

As long as the animal is big enough, virtually any pet can be fitted with an identity microchip – including dogs, cats, horses, rabbits, snakes, parrots, fish (eg Koi carp) and even tortoises! Ask your vet if your pet is suitable.

will it hurt my pet?

Of course there is bound to be some discomfort, but the majority of pets show no reaction when the microchip is fitted. Your vet will be experienced in fitting chips as painlessly as possible.

will my pet need sedating?

No. As the whole process is very quick and relatively painless, no sedative or anaesthetic is necessary.

However, it is **absolutely essential** that you DO NOT rub or prod the area where the chip is inserted for AT LEAST 24 hours – or you could risk it becoming dislodged or even expelled.

how big is the chip?

The chip itself is remarkably small – only about 12mm in length.

how long will the chip last?

The chip will last the lifetime of your pet. So once it's done, that's it for life!

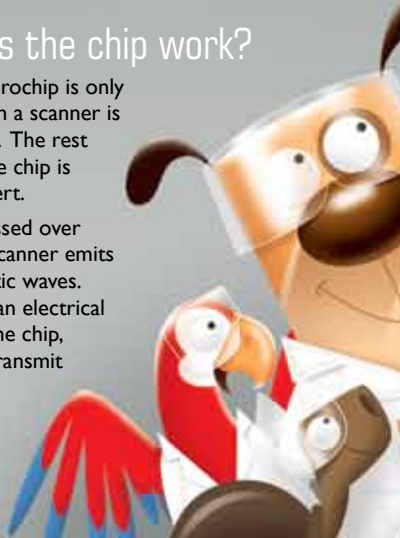
is there an annual fee?

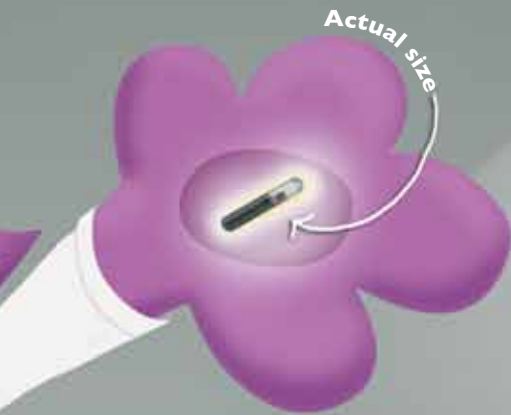
No, there's just one payment which you make when the chip is fitted. After that your pet will be on the national database for life with no additional fees.

how does the chip work?

Firstly, the microchip is only activated when a scanner is passed over it. The rest of the time the chip is completely inert.

When it is passed over the chip, the scanner emits electromagnetic waves. These create an electrical pulse within the chip, causing it to transmit a unique radio signal back to the scanner.





It's a very quick process, and completely harmless to the animal.

The person scanning the chip can then read your pet's unique identity code and use this to trace its owner (you) – by referring to the national database.

It's as if your pet has a barcode permanently attached to it, but a lot less unsightly!

can the chip be removed?

It's very unusual to have a chip removed, and hardly ever necessary – but it can be done with the appropriate anaesthetic and surgery.

will the chip move around?

The microchip is enclosed in a special bio-compatible casing to help prevent it from moving around, but on very rare occasions it can be dislodged and slide off under the skin before coming to rest again. This should not discourage you from having a chip implanted; if the chip cannot be located at the place of implantation the whole animal will then be checked.

who can scan the chip?

Identity microchips are now widely used by vets to establish animal identity, and are a legal requirement when a dog, cat or ferret is travelling abroad, so the vast majority of animal-related agencies will have a scanner.

what if I move house?

The microchip is only as good as the information on the national database, so it is absolutely essential that you make sure it is kept up to date. There are different ways of doing this...

- you can ask either your old or new vet to do it
- you can do it yourself by phoning 0844 4633999
- you can do it on-line at www.virbacbackhome.co.uk

...but to make any changes you will need your pet's microchip number and the security code from your registration certificate. There is a small charge of for making any changes to the database.

I own a horse, how will the passport regulations affect me?

The Horse Passport Regulations 2004 states that all horse owners are to obtain a passport for each horse they own. Without a passport owners will not be able to sell, buy, export, slaughter for human consumption, use for competition or breeding.

how do I obtain a passport?

Every horse must have its own individual passport. To obtain one you must complete an application to one of the Passport Issuing Organisations (PIO's) that have been authorised by Defra or the devolved administrations (Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales). A list of recognised organisations who are able to issue passports can be found on the Defra website: www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/tracing/horses/horses_index.htm

Further information may be obtained from the Defra helpline on 08459 335577.



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BackHome BioTec pet identification microchips from Virbac Animal Health make microchipping your pet easy!

It's a very quick procedure, with the minimum amount of discomfort for your pet – no anaesthetic or sedative is required and the whole process takes just seconds!

BackHome BioTec microchips are enclosed in a special bio-compatible casing to help prevent it moving around once implanted.

Just one payment to your vet puts your pet on the **BackHome BioTec** national database for the rest of its life!

A **BackHome BioTec** microchip only needs fitting once – and will last for the lifetime of your pet.

A **BackHome BioTec** microchip is totally inert with no harmful side effects – it only becomes active during scanning.

BackHome BioTec microchips are approved to ISO Standard as suitable for the EU Pet Passport scheme*.



* The fitting of identity microchips to travelling dogs, cats and ferrets is a legal requirement in the UK under EU Pet Passport legislation

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