



Adopt a Pet Month and Microchip Awareness March Newsletter



Dear Valued Client,

Greetings to all. We hope the start to your spring is a bit warmer than February, and that all is well with your pets and family. During the month of March we will be turning our focus towards keeping your pets identifiable should they be lost from you as well as helping any of you interested in gaining additions to your pet family find the best places to select them.

It is a horrible feeling when our little four-legged friends get lost. We hope that none of you find yourselves in that position. At Alvin Animal Clinic we can offer you some solutions to getting your animals back to you sooner should they ever wander from your care. We can place a microchip under the skin near the base of the neck of your pet that has a number that can be traced back to you. There are several companies that make microchips, and we have chosen to buy ours through the HomeAgain company. The procedure is quick, around 5 minutes, and is injected much like a vaccination. The needle is a bit larger, and therefore we use a local anesthetic at the site to reduce any pain your pet may feel. The microchip itself is about the size of a long grain of rice. We have samples in the clinic if you would like to see for yourself. The standard placement recognized by all microchipping companies is under the skin at the base of the neck. One universal spot was designated so that anyone wishing to scan an animal for a microchip knew exactly where to look each time. This is a great way

of permanently identifying your pet.

The process of how the chip works is simple. Each one is assigned a number. Once it is placed in your pet, you will receive an informational form that will need to be filled out so your pet's number can be linked to you. For the next year we will fill out the form for you and register your pet with the HomeAgain company online. If you ever move, change your phone number or any other contact information, it will be up to you to contact the company and make sure they have everything current. Once the chip is placed, if your pet is lost and then picked up and taken to any shelter or most veterinary clinics they can be scanned for their number. All shelters are required to keep a scanner on hand and most veterinary clinics have one available as well. If a pet is found to have a microchip, we then call the company and report the number. If your information is current, we can contact you based on the information the microchip company has that matches the microchip number of the animal in question. Many pets have been recovered through this process.

We would also like to take a moment to recognize all the adoptable pets available to us. If you are seeking to add to your animal family, don't forget to look at our local shelters and breed rescue groups. At Alvin Animal Clinic we work with several rescue groups, including PugHearts, www.pughearts.com, Vision Hills Sanctuary (Mugsy's Fund), www.visionhills.org, NABS, www.nabs-tx.com, and the Alvin Animal Shelter, www.alvin-tx.gov. Even if you are looking for a purebred animal you may find one at any of the afore-mentioned locations. People may adopt purebreds thinking they have made the right choice, and once they are home they realize this was not the right breed for them. Sometimes we even have pets that have been dropped off or abandoned at our clinic that are in need of good homes. Check out our website for our current adoptees, www.alvinanimalclinic.com. We are always looking for great new families to help pets in need.

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Enjoy your upcoming spring and may it bring warmth to you and your animal friends!

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