

Microchipping



Write a letter to your Mum and Dad to explain that your cat or dog needs to be microchipped.

Read this information first, then write your letter below.

What is a microchip?

A microchip is a tiny piece of metal (about the size of a grain of rice) that has a special number on, which tells people who your pet belongs to, in case they are lost or stolen.

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Microchipping is when a microchip is placed under your pet's skin, so that if they are lost or stolen, it is easy to trace the owner.

Important information about microchipping

If your pet goes missing, microchipping allows people to trace you if they find him or her, as long as your details are up-to-date on the microchip database.

It is a good idea to give a few contact numbers to the database because if you are out looking for your pet, the company may not be able to contact you to say your dog has been found.

You will often also be supplied with a tag which should be fitted to your dog's collar saying that your dog is chipped. Not only does this let people know they are chipped, it can also stop people stealing your pet.

It is law that dogs have to be microchipped and then put on a big register. If your dog is found and not microchipped, you might have to pay a £500 fine and have to go to court. You might then be considered to be a criminal.

Now write your letter:

Introduction:

- Explain why you are writing- to ask them if they will microchip your pet

Points to include:

Why is it important to microchip your pet?

- In case your pet gets lost
- In case your pet gets stolen
- To let people know that they have been microchipped so that they will not get stolen
- To help your pet be at home with the family
- The people that can scan your pet will be able to get in touch with you and tell you where your pet is
- It is law to microchip dogs from 8 weeks old

Now explain why your pet needs to be microchipped...

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