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PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION...Why should I??? (MICROCHIP/TATTOO)

PERMANENT ID'S- Help to assure their safe return should they wander off. The most common permanent identifications are tattoos and microchips. Many registries (such as the American Kennel Club or "AKC") require PERMANENT Identification for certain procedures on registered animals in order to accurately identify individuals.

TATTOOING / MICROCHIPPING offers many benefits...

-) They are PERMANENT. They cannot be removed or "fall off" if your pet runs away!
-) TATTOOS are EASILY SEEN...Microchips are invisible to the eye and require a special scanner...but the vast majority of clinics, shelters, etc have these special scanners (Moyock Animal Hospital, Currituck Co Animal Control, and many facilities in Virginia have these scanners)
-) TATTOOS & THE SPECIAL MICROCHIP TAG THAT YOU RECEIVE ALERT anyone who finds your pet that they DO have a home! This helps to "spark" fast action to find "mom" or "dad"! Many pets are found every year and are NOT returned simply because it is ASSUMED that they are homeless.
-) TATTOOS & MICROCHIPS SAVE LIVES! Animal Control Facilities and Animal Shelters are always on the "look-out" for tattooed & chipped pets...any animal with a tattoo and/or chip is traced through the "pet registries" *before* they are sent to a new home or euthanized.
-) TATTOOS are EASY to apply and MICROCHIPS are easy to insert. We can tattoo a patient with minimal sedation (sedation allows us to do a "neater" job and makes our patients much happier!). Tattoos can also be applied during other procedures (such as a spay or neuter, etc...). Most pets can be chipped awake...but this can be done during a "sleepy" procedure.

Tattoos are *typically* placed on the inside of the right thigh (can be placed in an other location if desired) and *usually* consist of a group of numbers (such as a social security number, an AKC or kennel registration number, or any number you wish). MICROCHIPS ARE PLACED UNDER THE SKIN, BETWEEN THE SHOULDERS.

TATTOOS can be registered with:
American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery
Website Registration: WWW.AKCCAR.ORG
Call: (800) 252-7894

MICROCHIPS ARE REGISTERED THRU WWW.PETLINK.NET OR 1-877-PETLINK

Please let us know if you have ANY questions !! THANK YOU !!