

# **Microchip Implantation**

## ***Introduction***

- Microchipping involves the implantation of a tiny microchip under the animal's skin. Using special scanning equipment, the microchip's unique serial number can be read. Serial numbers are recorded on a central computer database, together with the name and address of the animal's owner.
- Scanning equipment is used routinely by rescue kennels, dog wardens and by cruelty and welfare organizations.
- Should a microchipped animal become lost or stolen, there is a good chance that the animal will be scanned and the true owner identified from the central database.

## ***Uses***

- Animal identification

## ***Advantages***

- Permanent technique
- Registration details can be changed if owner details change.

## ***Alternative Techniques***

- Collar with owner's name and address on engraved disk or similar.
- Permanent tattoo.

## ***Time Required***

- 5 minutes- Microchipping can be done during a routine vaccination appointment.