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Lee County Animal Services Offers Walk-in Pet Microchipping

Fort Myers, Florida, Jan. 27, 2015—Lee County Domestic Animal Services is now offering weekday, walk-in microchipping for dogs and cats. Pet owners do not need an appointment and may bring their pets to Animal Services' Veterinary Clinic 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. The cost of the microchip is \$10. The walk-in microchipping program replaces the Microchip ID Clinics previously held the first Friday of each month.

A Microchip ID is a small computer chip, about the size of a grain of rice. It is implanted under the animal's skin, between the shoulder blades. Unlike other forms of identification, a Microchip ID cannot be removed or lost. Very often, pets slip out of their collars or lose tags. With a Microchip ID, a pet will have a much greater chance of being returned to its owner if it is lost.

The microchip can be scanned by equipment that most Animal Control agencies, humane organizations and veterinarians carry as part of their regular equipment. All pets are scanned at Animal Services. Each microchip has a unique number that belongs to one pet only.

If your pet is implanted with a microchip at Animal Services it will be registered locally but a national registration for an additional fee is recommended. A national registration makes it easier to identify an owner even if the pet is lost out-of-county. In either case, it is important to keep contact information current so authorities can contact you should your pet become lost.