Steps to obtain your up-to-date Microchipping Certificate

Is your dog already microchipped?

YES

Do you have a Dog Microchipping Certificate?

NO

NOT YET

Keep your Dog Microchipping Certificate safe and update any change in details on a Government-approved database

You need to visit a Government-approved database to check your details are correct and then order your Microchipping Certificate *

* Admin. fee may apply

If you are interested in rehoming a dog, supporting Dogs Trust or for more information and factsheets about all aspects of dog ownership, please visit www.dogstrust.ie or contact:

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- Animark
- Irish Kennel Club
- Microdog ID Ltd

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Here is our advice and information on microchipping:

**What is a microchip?**
A microchip is a small electronic device, the size of a grain of rice. The microchip is coded with a unique number that can be read by a scanner and then entered onto a recognised database alongside the owner’s details.

**How and where is the microchip implanted?**
Using a specially designed implanting device, the microchip is injected through a sterile needle under the dog’s skin between the shoulder blades.

**Does it hurt?**
No, it does not hurt the dog. No anaesthetic is required and the procedure should cause no more discomfort than a standard vaccination.