

Dog microchipping

Roque Salinas, MPA

Executive Director

6/3/2025

Summary

- A review of city services was performed, and it was determined that dog microchipping should be offered to the public. The new service will increase the number of microchipped dogs in the community and assist both the City and dog owners with lost pets if picked up by animal control
- Options
 - Approve
 - Deny

Dog Microchipping

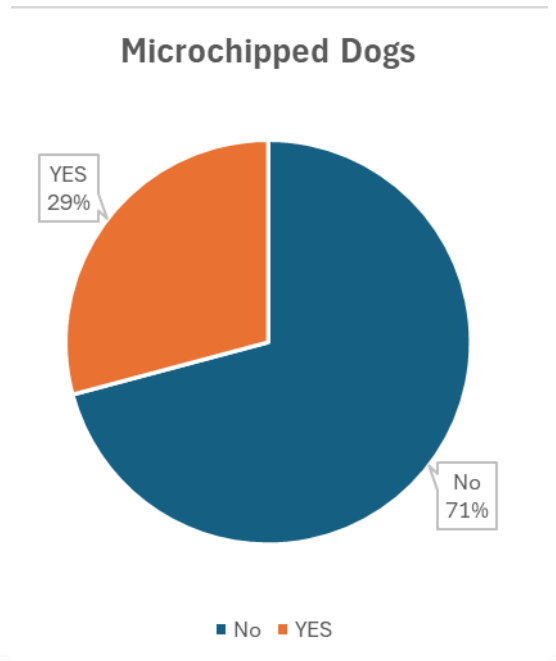
- A third of all family pets will get lost at some point. And with general activity and wear and tear, pets can lose their tags.
- But microchips are the only permanent, reliable solution for lost pet recovery.
- Microchips for pets are no bigger than a grain of rice.



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- Since January 1, 2024, the City has impounded 72 dogs only 29% were chipped.
- Microchipped dogs are held for a significantly less amount of time than non microchipped dogs.
- 20 of the 21 dogs that were microchipped were returned to the owner within 1 or 2 days.

Microchipped Dogs	Total Days Held		Average Days Held
No	51	1041	20.41
YES	21	32	1.52



Price

Leon Valley resident:

(1) Free with active City of Leon Valley Pet License.

a. Limit of 4 per address.

(2) \$15.00 without an active City of Leon Valley Pet License.

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Non- Leon Valley Resident:

(1) \$20.00 per dog- Limit of 5 dogs per person.

Price

City	Dog Chipping	Resident Price	Non-resident Price	Dog Registration
Leon Valley	Yes	\$ -	\$ 15.00	Yes
San Antonio	Yes	\$ -	\$ 5.00	Yes
Cibolo	Yes	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	Yes
Alamo Heights	Yes	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00	Yes
Shavano Park	No	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	Yes
Bexar County	Yes	\$ -	\$ 5.00	No
Schertz	Yes	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	Yes
Converse	Yes	\$ 10.00	No	Yes
Live Oak	Yes	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	Yes

Fiscal impact

- The fiscal impact would depend on the number of dog chips.
- The revenue would not be significant.
- However, having more dogs chipped will reduce staff time to find the owner. It will also reduce the cost for boarding the dog, feeding the dog, vaccines for the dog, altering the dog, and travel needed to transport the dogs to rescues.

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