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Free Pet ‘Microchipping’ Offered Saturday at Mutt Strut

On Saturday, August 29th, the first 200 Snohomish County resident dogs and cats brought to the Everett Animal Shelter between 10 AM and Noon will receive free microchip implants. The chip station will be in the shelter’s parking lot across the street from Langus Park in North Everett. The shelter is located at 333 Smith Island Road, Everett.

Microchips help identify a pet owner’s name and contact information, ensuring a lost animal gets a quick ride home, instead of a trip to the local animal shelter. This program is available to residents of Snohomish County and cities within Snohomish County only. **All cats must be in a carrier and dogs must be on a leash.**

The free “microchipping” event is the 10th such event sponsored by the Snohomish County Animal Advisory Board in conjunction with the County Auditor’s Licensing & Animal Services Division, with support from volunteer veterinarians and vet techs. Each year we successfully reunite dozens of lost pets with their owners in Snohomish County through license tags and microchips.

“The goal of the microchipping program is to reduce shelter costs and promote responsible pet ownership”, said Vicki Lubrin, License Manager at Snohomish County. “Statistics have shown that 90% of microchipped pets that stray or become lost are successfully reunited with their families. We want to thank the City of Everett Parks Department and Everett Animal Shelter staff for providing the space for this event.”

Licensing your pet is the quickest and most effective method to identify and reunite an animal and its owner. Microchipping provides assistance in the event the license tag and/or collar are lost. Finders of lost pets with a Snohomish County Regional Pet License tag can access owner information from the Snohomish County Auditors website at www.co.snohomish.wa.us/auditor and by phone, 24 hours a day at 425-388-3627.

The cost of providing animal shelter facilities impacts local governments. Reducing the number of animals brought annually to the shelter by animal control agencies and the public directly reduces shelter costs. Lost and/or stray pets and their owners can be reunited much sooner, when pets are licensed and microchipped.

The microchip program is funded by the County's Animal Benefit Bequest Fund. The fund was established in 1999 to support programs, activities, equipment and/or facilities for the benefit of animals in Snohomish County. Resources for this fund are gathered from donations, gifts, and bequests by persons, businesses, and organizations. Your donation is welcome to help continue this free program.

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