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Use Your Extra Hour to Ensure Your Pet's Microchip Information Is Current

You've got an extra hour this weekend – why not take a few moments to make sure your pet's microchip information is current? If you've moved or changed your phone number since you've microchipped your pet, or if you never registered your information, take a moment this weekend to locate your pet's microchip company – it will be on the paperwork you received when your pet was microchipped.

According to the American Humane Association, 10 million pets are lost or stolen each year. A microchip can provide proof of ownership and be an important tool in reuniting a lost pet with its family.

A microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and it is inserted into your pet using a needle. The process is painless for your pet. Every microchip contains a number and the name of the company that made the microchip. The microchip itself does not contain your information, nor does it have any GPS capabilities.

Every animal has the potential to be lost – even indoor-only cats! If your pet doesn't have a microchip, your local veterinarian can provide one. The Spokane Humane Society also provides microchips for pets who belong to families of low-income. The cost is just \$25 plus tax. You can schedule an appointment with our clinic at 509-467-5235, ext. 219.

A microchip is your pet's way home if it's ever lost. Give them every chance to return to you – update your microchip information, or make an appointment to have one inserted.

ABOUT SPOKANE HUMANE SOCIETY

The Spokane Humane Society is the oldest animal shelter in Spokane. They are a 501c3 private, non-profit serving the public since 1897 by providing care, shelter, and placement into loving homes for homeless, neglected, and unwanted animals in the greater Spokane area through adoptions.

To view their adoptable animals or provide life-changing support to furry friends, please visit their website at <u>www.spokanehumanesociety.org</u>. Stay updated by following their Facebook page <u>here</u>.

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