MICRO DOG ID

Information Notice

MICROCHIPPING of all pups born from June 1, 2015 has commenced since September 1, 2015 and all dogs born prior to June 1, 2015 must be micro chipped by March 31, 2016.

Micro Dog ID is a Department of Agriculture-approved database providing a full microchipping service to all dog owners as per the Microchipping of Dogs Regulations 2015.

Control stewards are authorised implanters as per the Regulations and will perform this function in conjunction with tattooing.

Microchipping Procedure:

The authorised implanter will be provided micro-chip details for each pup and an ISO Standard 11784 compliant micro-chip by the Authorised Database. On completion of the implantation of each pup, the breeder is provided an application form to be forwarded to the Database, whereby a "Certificate of Registration" is issued.

The information to be entered on a dog identification database is (to be held for 20 years):
*   the unique identifier of the microchip inserted in the dog,
*   the date of insertion of microchip, the date of birth of the dog,
*   description of the dog which may include breed, colour and markings,
*   the sex of the dog,
*   the address of the premises where the dog is normally kept,
*   the name, address and contact details of the owner
*   and, if different, person having possession or control of the dog,
*   the identity (including a unique identifying code assigned by the Database operator) of the person who microchips and registers a dog,
*   details (cause, date and place) of the death of the dog,
*   and details of the loss of a dog.

On completion of the microchipping procedure, the breeder is provided a certificate of registration application form as per the Microchipping of Dogs Regulations 2015. The breeder or the new owner (purchaser of pup) will submit this form to the Database with a fee as outlined on this form and a certificate of registration will issue to the owner and all relevant details logged on the Database. The certificate of registration form will also contain a naming form for each pup.

Microchipping: What you need to know

Microchipping background

THE "Microchipping of Dogs Regulations 2015" is now in force in the ROI. They have been in the offing for the last number of years and open to consultation for input by all stakeholders during the drafting phase. Microchipping has been occurring in pet dogs for well over 20 years, so it is not new. There are numerous databases holding information on millions of dogs throughout the world. It is now a requirement under law in the ROI that all dogs, including greyhounds must be microchipped and this is consistent with other greyhound racing jurisdictions such as the NI (2011), UK (2009) and Australia (2011). It is also necessary to have your dog chipped in the event of travelling outside the country.

What is a microchip?

A microchip is the size of a grain of rice that contains computer circuitry that holds unique information. It has a sterile non-active bio-compatible casing and the antennae are made of coiled copper wire. The chip itself is passive and has no power source at all and is only energised by a scanner. Because of this they have a very short range, in that they need to be close to the scanner to become energised and to be read. Once the scanner energises the antennae, the power passes to the circuit which creates the signal, which is sent back to the scanner via the same antennae (different types of microchips activate at different frequencies).

Where to implant the greyhound

The microchip is placed in a specific position subcutaneously (under the skin), dorsal midline between the shoulder blades at an angle of 30 to 45 degrees and is completed in a matter of seconds.

How to scan a greyhound

To scan correctly, the scanner must be close enough to energise and read the chip. You must move slowly enough to give the chip time to energise and you must cover the area where the chip should be along with the surrounding area.

MICROCHIPPING SERVICE

The following Control Stewards are providing a microchipping service and can be contacted on the numbers below.

Fahy, Tony 087 3747234	**Co. Westmeath, Co. Longford, Co. Cavan, Co Roscommon, North Offaly**
Griffin, Jeff 087 2424959	**Clonmel, Cashel, Cahir to Tipp Town, Mitchelstown, Fermoy, Midleton, Youghal,**
Griffin Tom 087 6806041	**Co. Galway, Co. Mayo, Co. Sligo.**
Haughey,Philip 0044 7788884915	**Co. Down, Co. Armagh, South Antrim, South Tyrone**
McDonald, Jim........... 086 8226745	**Balbriggan to Dublin to Celbridge to Naas to Baltinglass to Wicklow**
McLaughlin, Martin ... 087 7135847	**Co Donegal, Co. Derry, North Tyrone**
Moloney, Michael....... 086 8461529	**Nenagh to Roscrea to Portlaoise to Tullamore, to Ballinasloe to Portumna**
Murphy, Michael........ 087 9264596	**Co. Clare**
Nolan, John 087 7543258	**Celbridge to Edenderry to Portlaoise to Ballickmoyler to Naas**
O'Donnell, Jim 086 2476689	**Kilsheelan to Carrick to Dungarvan to Waterford to New Ross to Callan**
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O'Shaughnessy, Alan.. 086 2697627	**Co. Kerry**
Quinn, Peter............... 086 4023388	**Templemore to Portlaoise to Carlow to Kilkenny city to Cashel.**
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Roberts, P.J. 087 6108030	**Co Wexford and Arklow to Baltinglass to Carlow town to Kilkenny city to New Ross**
Supple, Aidan............. 086 8109020	**Co. Limerick and Killaloe to Newmarket-on-Fergus to Limerick**