



Microchip Hunters Report for 2021

Microchip Hunters is a non-profit initiative to help shelter staff across the country locate the owners of animals with so-called dead-end microchips.

The Microchip Hunters had 1157 requests in 2021 from shelters, individuals, and animal rescues to trace untraceable microchips. We located owners in 65% of our cases. These are cases that cannot be resolved with a call to the microchip company. They require research that often takes hours.

Although not every owner reclaimed the animal, we consider this a highly effective way to get animals home and increase shelter Return to Home rates. This free service to trace so-called dead-end microchips is allied with Lost Dogs America & the non-profit PetFBI.org.

This service is only possible due to our clever hard-working volunteers and the agreements we have with microchip companies, which mirror a shelter's agreement. We are held to the same confidentiality standards. Thanks also to the shelters in Chicago and San Antonio who use our service every day.

How can shelters participate? Use our form at MicrochipHelp.com to request us to trace the microchips that have you stumped. We have a comprehensive microchip format list you may download from our site. It will help you identify the correct chip company when PetMicrochipLookup.com gives you a list of possible companies for an unregistered chip. This saves staff time as they know exactly who to call to ask for implanter information, rather than call around to perhaps a half-dozen companies, although of course you could ask us to make the calls. We are here to help shelters.

If your shelter is interested in our services, call Marilyn Knapp Litt, 830.321.0954 or contact Team@MicrochipHelp.com