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Microchipping is now compulsory for all dog owners in England. If your dog isn't microchipped then you could be liable to a fine of up to £500.

All puppies must be microchipped and recorded on a microchip database by the time they are 8 weeks old.

Any changes to an owner's contact details must be updated on their microchip database to ensure compliance with the law.

If you move, change contact telephone number, etc. then the dog is no longer considered microchipped under the law and enforcement can be taken.

Benefits of microchipping

If your dog is microchipped you can feel assured that should they get lost, they're more likely to be returned to you safe and sound.

Microchipping also has a number of other welfare benefits, including:

- All puppies are traceable to their breeder helping reduce the problem of puppy farming
- Deterrent to dog theft
- Allows for rapid return of lost dogs
- Easier identification and subsequent arrests of owners culpable of animal cruelty
- Enables veterinary surgeons to contact dog owners for emergency procedures

Getting your dog microchipped

If your dog is not microchipped please contact you vet or visit the [Dogs Trust website](#).

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