



Microchip Hunters Report for 2019

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 829 requests in 2019 from shelters, individuals, and animal rescues to trace untraceable microchips. This was an increase over the 606 requests we handled in 2018. We located owners in 50% of our cases. (That is the average for all states. Lost Dogs Illinois found the owner in a remarkable 61% of 367 cases.)

Although not every owner reclaimed his animal, we consider this a highly effective way to get animals home and increase shelter Return to Owner rates. This is a free service to trace so-called dead-end microchips offered by nonprofit organizations allied with Lost Dogs America & HelpingLostPets.com.

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 chips 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.

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