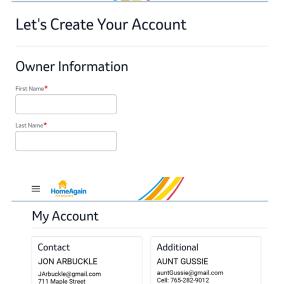
## **Your Microchipped Pet**

## What You Should Do Now



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 Sign up for a free account with HomeAgain in case you ever need to update your contact information. Your pet's microchip number can be found on the paperwork inside the adoption folder.

https://www.homeagain.com/create-account

- After Life is Better Rescue registers the chip, login to HomeAgain to verify the contact information and microchip number are correct. It is important to do this after Life is Better Rescue has registered the chip to ensure any information you may have previously entered, wasn't overwritten.
- Consider adding an additional contact in case they are unable to reach you if your pet is found.



- Add a photo of your pet that shows the majority of your pet, including any identifying marks. These photos will be used in case you report your pet as lost.
- It's free to do, so KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION
   UP TO DATE! If you move, take your pet with you on an
   extended vacation (for example, if you're spending the
   winter in Florida,) or if you get a new phone number or new
   email address, you MUST update the information in your
   pet's HomeAgain profile ASAP!

You can easily do this at any time on the HomeAgain website, or by calling them at 1-888-466-3242.

If your pet is chipped and registered, the only major roadblock to getting it back to you is out-of-date contact information!

## **Microchip Facts**

Did you know that **1 in 3 pets go missing** in their lifetime at least once? Microchipping is a lost pet's best chance of returning home. Since HomeAgain was founded in 2001, it has been responsible for reuniting more than 3 million lost pets with their families.

**Microchips don't hurt your pet.** They don't require surgery, and they don't wear out, but they do give your pet the best chance of coming home to you. A pet microchip is the size of a grain of rice, and is implanted just beneath your pet's skin, usually between the shoulder blades at the base of the pet's neck.

**Pet microchips are not tracking devices.** They are radio-frequency identification (RFID) implants that provide permanent ID for your pet. Because they use RFID technology, microchips do not require a power source like a GPS. When a microchip scanner is passed over the pet, the microchip gets enough power from the scanner to transmit the microchip's ID number. Since there's no battery and no moving parts, the microchip will last your pet's lifetime.

**No personal information** – about the owner or the animal – is contained within the chip itself, nor is the microchip GPS-enabled; instead, HomeAgain and other microchip registries use the unique ID number to locate the pet owner's information, contact the owner, and facilitate the reunion of the pet and its family.

Pets with **any brand of microchip** – not just HomeAgain – may enroll in the HomeAgain service. Life is Better Rescue registers all microchips, regardless of their brand, with HomeAgain.

## Cost

Upon adoption of a pet, Life is Better Rescue registers your pet's microchip with HomeAgain. This is usually done within 2 weeks of the adoption. You may access HomeAgain for **free** at any time to register your pet or update their information. You will first need to create a free account on HomeAgain's website (https://www.homeagain.com/create-account).

HomeAgain has an annual registration fee of approximately \$20 which includes 24/7 emergency medical hotline staffed by licensed ASPCA veterinarians, found pet travel assistance (if your lost cat or dog travels over 500 miles away, HomeAgain covers up to \$500 in travel expenses to fly your pet back home,) and the ability to send out rapid Lost Pet Alerts and personalized Lost Pet Posters.

It is **not a requirement that you must renew your pet's registration** annually in order to keep your pet's microchip number, description, your name, and your contact details in the HomeAgain database. Your pet's information and your contact information stays in the HomeAgain database for life for free.

When your first yearly registration is nearing the expiration date, you will receive notices from HomeAgain, either by email or post. If you wish to keep the special benefits of membership, you will need to renew your registration and pay the annual fee. However, if you decide not renew the membership, rest assured that your pet's information will remain in the HomeAgain database! If your furbaby ever goes missing, any animal shelter or veterinarian that scans the microchip and contacts HomeAgain will still be able to reunite you with your pet.