

# San Juan ANIMAL League



"we speak for those who cannot speak for themselves"

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Here's the link:

[https://smile.amazon.com/ch/  
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An idea for your home safety, to eliminate the possibility of wild intruders, pet doors are now available with **microchip readers** so that only your chipped animal can enter!

UPDATE YOUR INFO  
for your microchipped pets at  
**PETLINK.NET**



## A Microchip Mystery With a Happy Ending

*Call me AdventureCat. I lost track of how many times the sun came up before I knew I couldn't find my way home. Hungry and desperate, I finally spotted some guys around a picnic table and I got **very bold**. I rubbed on one Kind Man, and*

*meowed at him to tell him how hungry I was. He ignored me. Kind Man smelled like dog so I went looking for a doggy door and found food and water in the dog's garage where I was out of the cold. It turns out, Kind Man fed the dog, and found me there. He let me stay and even went and got cat food for me. He wouldn't pet me or pick me up, so one day I found him on his lounge chair and invaded his space, laying down behind his neck and then he knew I needed my people. He really does like cats, too, but didn't want to get too attached. He took pictures of me after that, and on my daily walkarounds, I saw posters all over the neighborhood that he'd put up with my picture on them.*

*He got a message on his phone one day from a woman who thought I was hers, and she sent her man to come and get me. I got skittish because I didn't know him. He took a picture and sent it to his wife because he wasn't sure I was their missing cat. Kind Man borrowed a cage from the girls across the street and gave me to the man to take home to his house but their other cat hissed and chased me. He put me back in the cage, and took me in a car to a big noisy place full of other animals. They rubbed a box over me and called MY PEOPLE! Finally, I am home and have no desire to have another big adventure. My people have no idea where I'd been. The Kind Man had no idea where I'd come from and still wonders who I belong to!*



Keeping your  
information up-to-date is critical to the return of  
a pet.



Kathy Hogan

Another year is coming to a close and when I look back there is so much to be grateful for. I am amazed by the community of dedicated animal lovers that surround SJAL.

Our vaccine clinics have reached more people than ever this year, this last one serving 505 animals! The spay neuter schedule has been full and we doubled the number of Trap Neuter Return cats we have serviced. The credit for this goes to the dedicated Board Members and the volunteers who give so freely of their time. The attitudes and positive energy at these events are a joy to be around. I speak of our Board and our volunteers often, however, none of this would be possible without the other organizations and sponsors that partner with us. Vaccine Clinics—Dr. Nowicki. Spay Neuter and TNR—Dr. Whitaker (Pawprints), Dr. Bauer (Aztec Animal Shelter) and Dr. Perkins (Dogsters). Our Emergency Fund works through Animal Haven and because of a dedicated partnership with the Regional Animal Shelter Foundation we are able to assist more animals in distress. San Juan County has provided us a 'home' for the last four years.

Going forward into the new year these partnerships are going to be even more important! As we work toward having a building of our own, a physical presence in the community, we are going to rely more on our ability to work with the entire animal welfare community. There are many wonderful partnerships and changes coming in 2018 so please come to our Membership Meeting on January 20th (see back page for time and location) to hear more and see how you can fit in to the momentum of change and service to our furry friends—those that can't speak for themselves.

—Kathy

# Microchipping Your Pet

## An Owners Perspective



My dear precious Calico, aka; "Needles" when she was just over being a kitten, disappeared about 10 years ago. She had recently been chipped. I was desperate and placed pictures of her with lost pet notices all over our neighborhood on light poles and even around town at local bulletin boards. I'd search and look



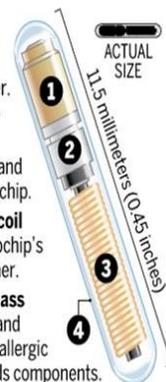
for hours on end some days, including local shelters throughout the region. After 6 weeks I was starting to lose hope. One day at work, I got a phone call from the local Farmington shelter that they found and had identified my Calico with her chip. She'd been found across town at the Home Depot! Coincidentally the day she disappeared I saw young couple in a pick up stop in front of my house and it didn't really bother me at that time. Perhaps they catnapped her...I still don't know but I'm guessing maybe they took her and she just got away and ended up at The Home Depot across town. Anyway this proves that ID chips can identify a pet and get them back home. I have 4 cats and they are all chipped. It gives me extreme peace of mind. The day she was found my workmates were all aware of the situation and my boss immediately gave me the day off to reunite with little Calico. Miracles do happen. Now when I see lost pet notices I encourage owners to not give up hope if their pets are chipped as well. —RG

### HOW A PET MICROCHIP WORKS

Veterinarians can implant these tiny devices in all kinds of pets – including cats, dogs, birds and reptiles. Each chip carries a unique number that is linked in an online database to the name and contact information of the pet's owner.

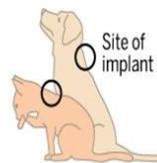
#### KEY PARTS

- 1. Microchip** holds the unique ID number.
- 2. Tuning capacitor** receives power from an external scanner and sends it to the microchip.
- 3. Copper antenna coil** then transmits microchip's information to scanner.
- 4. Biocompatible glass capsule** – nontoxic and designed to prevent allergic reactions – surrounds components.



#### IMPLANTATION

A needle is used to inject the chip between a dog or cat's shoulder blades. The procedure does not require anesthesia.



#### REGISTRATION

The pet and its owner are enrolled in a database, either by mail or on the Internet. But owners must keep their contact information up to date for the system to work properly.

#### DETECTION

The chip has no battery. It is energized by the radio waves of hand-held scanners used by animal shelters and veterinarians.



### Cold Weather Tips

- Cold weather chemicals like anti-freeze are deadly poison for our pets. Clean up any spills.
- Feral cats: use straw (not hay) for shelter bedding. Straw repels moisture and keeps cats warm.

## When Your Pet is Lost—Here's What Happens at Local Shelters

**Aztec Animal Care & Control** has scanners in every room in the shelter and all animals get scanned upon arrival. They microchip every adopted animal (unless the owner requests no chip). For more info, go to their website:

<http://www.aztecmn.gov/animal/shelter.html>

At the **Farmington Regional Animal Shelter (FRAS)** – each dog and cat that comes into the building, whether an owner surrendered animal or a stray, is scanned for a Microchip. If the animal is chipped, the chip is recorded and the information is given to the front desk staff where they try to make contact with the registered owner. The animal is put on a 5 day hold and each day the front desk staff tries to make contact with the owner. At the end of the 5-day hold, if the animal has not been picked up, it becomes the property of the shelter and an evaluation and health assessment are conducted.

Many animals that come in with chips are able to be reunited with their owners. When owners do not keep their information up-to-date, the shelter cannot contact the owner. If your animal is chipped, please take 5-10 minutes to make sure your information on-line is correct.

For more info, go to their website:

<http://fmrtn.org/173/Animal-Shelter>

### Microchipping (\$20) at a San Juan Animal League Vaccine Clinic



## Thank you!

### VOLUNTEERS & 2017 Clinic SPONSORS

*Your support helps bring vaccinations to **thousands** of pets.*

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### Newsletter Sponsors



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*Your donations go directly to the care of local animals!*

### VET PARTNERS

- Dr. Nowicki, DVM (vac. clinics)
- Dr. Shayna Whitaker, DVM (spay & neuter)
- Dogsters (spay & neuter)
- Dr. Bauer (spay & neuter)
- Animal Haven

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**Membership Categories**

- \$20 Individual
  - \$35 Family
  - \$50 Business/Professional
  - \$100 Corporate
  - \$\_\_\_\_\_ Friend of SJAL
- Donations are always welcomed.

**SAVE the DATE**

**SJAL Annual Meeting**  
**January 20th, 1-3 pm**

**Farmington Civic  
 Center**

**200 W Arrington St,  
 Farmington, NM 87401**



### Cold Weather Safety For Your Little Buddy




- ❄️ **Provide a warm shelter.** Bring them inside if you can.
- ❄️ **Make noise before starting your car.** Some animals try to stay warm by utilizing a warm car engine or wheel well.
- ❄️ **Check their paws.** Salt from sidewalks and frostbite can injure the pads of their paws. Wipe them with a warm cloth when they come inside.
- ❄️ **Recognize the signs of trouble.** If your pet is whining, shivering, anxious, or slows down, your pet is at risk of hypothermia.

**Did You Know?**

**Xylitol** found in gum, mouthwash, toothpaste and sugar-free baked goods and groceries can be **DEADLY for DOGS.** Ingesting xylitol causes a rapid and massive **insulin** release in dogs, which will manifest itself outwardly to a pet owner as **acute** weakness, staggering, and vomiting. "Within 15 to 20 minutes, they might even be comatose," says the AD at Pet Poison Hotline, and depending on the amount consumed, a dog can also experience liver failure from ingesting xylitol.  
 –from Pet MD

**READ YOUR LABELS!!!**

**Check out our FB Page for lists of what is good and bad for your animals!**

**Is microchipping painful for my pet?**

No more than a vaccine or other injection; microchipping doesn't require anesthesia and it only takes seconds. A microchip is as small as a grain of rice, and is easily implanted under the skin of your pet.