

**SHIH TZU RESCUE OF MINNESOTA  
MICROCHIP PROCEDURE FOR FOSTER HOMES**

**IN ALL INSTANCES THE FOSTER DOG SHOULD BE SCANNED BY  
THE VETERINARIAN FOR A POSSIBLE IMPLANTED MICROCHIP**

**A. If a dog comes into STRMN with a microchip implanted:**

1. At the first Wellness Exam, have the vet scan the dog to check for the microchip brand name and number. Confirm information with any records received with the dog when it came into rescue.

**Note: If the dog comes in with a microchip registration form or transfer of ownership form, send the form to Patti Johansen, Microchip Coordinator, via email or regular mail. Make sure the CORRECT microchip number (check 2-3 times) and name of the dog are recorded on the form. Do not send the form with the adopter.**

2. Record the microchip brand name and number on the Vet Check List and the Adoption Contract. If you do not have the brand name, the microchip coordinator can find this information via the internet.

**B: If a dog comes into STRMN without a microchip: STRMN will provide a *Datamars* microchip.**

1. Request a microchip from Patti Johansen at [pattijo284@gmail.com](mailto:pattijo284@gmail.com). Include the foster dog's name and gender in your request. A microchip packet will be mailed or given to you when the foster dog comes into your home. The microchip packet will include:

- Microchip
- Bar code stickers with microchip number - to be used by the vet and foster home (place on Vet Check List and the Adoption Contract)
- Red *Petlink* tag - place on the dog's collar or harness
- *Petlink/Datamars* brochure - give to the adopter

2. The microchip can be implanted when the dog is taken to a STRMN approved vet for their first Wellness Exam, follow up visit, or if there will be a surgery or a dental scheduled. When making the vet appointment, let them know that you will be bringing a microchip to be implanted (after scanning the dog to make sure one is not already implanted). Scanning can be done at the vet clinic.

3. Record the microchip brand name and number on the Vet Check List and the Adoption Contract. One of the bar code stickers with the *Datamars* microchip number should be used on the Vet Check List and the Adoption Contract to ensure accuracy.

4. *Petlink* is the data base registry for *Datamars* microchips. Attach the *Petlink* tag to the dog's collar or harness. Having the tag on the dog will save time in locating ownership information if a dog becomes lost. Adopters should also have an I.D. tag made with the dog's name and their contact information for the dog's collar or harness and have it ready at the time of adoption.

**C. Microchip Registration**

1. After the dog is adopted, the new owner information will be registered with *Petlink* for the *Datamars* microchip by the STRMN microchip coordinator. The adopter DOES NOT need to register their dog.

2. Transfer of ownership of dogs with *AKC*, *Avid*, *HomeAgain*, *24PetWatch*, or other brand name microchips will be re-registered with their respective data bases by the STRMN microchip coordinator. The adopter DOES NOT need to re-register their dog

3. New owner registrations and owner transfers are done on a monthly basis for the dogs adopted in the previous month.