



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Lancaster Microchip Success Story

Lancaster, TX – The Lancaster City Council recently approved a citywide mandatory microchipping ordinance requiring all cats and dogs, 4 months and older, to be microchipped. The ordinance aims to reduce the number of loose dogs within the city limits.

Microchips greatly increase the chance pets will be reunited with their owner if they are lost or stolen. According to the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, only about 22% of lost dogs that entered the animal shelters were reunited with their families, but the return-to-owner rate for microchipped dogs was over 52% (a 136% increase).

The city has several positive stories and interactions with the microchipping procedure. For example, the reunion between Gabby and her family. Gabby and her family were temporarily relocated to Lancaster, Texas from Houston due to hurricane Harvey.

While out for a walk, Gabby got spooked and ran off. Her family looked everywhere in the area, the shelter, placed fliers and no Gabby. After three weeks passed, Animal Control Officer (ACO) Katherine Hail received a call of a dog in a hog trap. Once the dog arrived at the Lancaster Animal Shelter, she was scanned and luckily she was chipped!

ACO Hail notified the owners and all that was heard on the other end of the phone was, “THANK YOU LORD!!!!”

As you can see on the pictures below Gabby and her owners are very happy and they have been reunited.



Chipping your pets is one of the best decisions that you can do for your dogs or cats.

The new ordinance will go into effect Monday, February 19, 2018.

The City of Lancaster invites you to “like” the City on [Facebook.com/CityofLancasterTX](https://www.facebook.com/CityofLancasterTX), follow us at [Twitter.com/Lancaster_TX](https://twitter.com/Lancaster_TX) or register for weekly e-mail alerts regarding upcoming events on our website at www.lancaster-tx.com by clicking on “Notify Me”.

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City of Lancaster Animal Shelter
Fee Schedule

Admission	\$10
Consultation	\$10
Preventive Medical Exam	\$10
Vaccinations	\$10
Spay/Neuter	\$100
Microchip	\$10

If your dog is missing

1. Call all local veterinary practices.
2. Check with your veterinarian for information.
3. Call the City of Lancaster Animal Shelter.
4. Check with your neighbors.
5. Check with your friends.
6. Check with your family.
7. Check with your community.
8. Check with your local newspaper.
9. Check with your local television station.
10. Check with your local radio station.
11. Check with your local police department.
12. Check with your local sheriff's office.
13. Check with your local fire department.
14. Check with your local utility company.
15. Check with your local business.
16. Check with your local school.
17. Check with your local church.
18. Check with your local synagogue.
19. Check with your local mosque.
20. Check with your local temple.

Lancaster Animal Shelter	631-200-1234
City of Lancaster	631-200-1234
Animal Services	631-200-1234
Adoption Services	631-200-1234
Medical Services	631-200-1234
Spay/Neuter	631-200-1234
Microchip	631-200-1234
Emergency Services	631-200-1234
Public Access Animal Shelter	631-200-1234
Animal Control	631-200-1234