

## General Questions:

Q: What is the BC Pet Registry and who operates and maintains it?

A: BC Pet Registry is a database for British Columbian companion animals' permanent identification. The BC SPCA is the sole owner and operator of the registry. ISO microchips and universal readers are also being sold to industry partners at a competitive price.

Q: What is the preferred method of identifying pets?

A: Microchips are preferred as they won't come undone, fall off, or fade (like a tattoo).

Q: How long does the microchip last?

A: The microchip itself contains no internal battery but is powered by energy it receives from the scanner or reader. It will last the lifetime of a pet.

Q: What kind of pets can be registered?

A: Dogs, cats, kittens, puppies, and rabbits.

Q: What kinds of pet identification can be used in BC Pet Registry?

A: Microchip, tattoo or municipal licence.

Q: Will the information in the registry be safely stored?

A: The information a pet owner provides will be secure within the registry (and kept completely separate from other BC SPCA activities). We do not sell registrant information to others.

Q: A pet owner has their pet registered in another microchip registry. Can they still register with BC Pet Registry?

A: Yes, the pet owner only needs to create an account online at [www.bcpetregistry.ca](http://www.bcpetregistry.ca) with their personal information and the unique chip ID.

Q: How do I access the database?

A: Veterinarians and animal shelters can access our registry by using our online industry portal. With the industry portal, users can search forms of ID and register companion animals.

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