



## **Helping Your Pet Find Their Way Home**

There are some very effective ways to help your pet find their way home if lost, these include:

### **Licensing Your Pet**

The easiest and most cost-effective way to help your pet find their way home is attaching a tag with contact information to your pet's collar. These tags can be purchased from almost any pet store or veterinarian. If money is tight, you can obtain a tag for your cat free of charge from the CRD (call 250-658-5745). The CRD tag is applicable for the life of your pet and needs no renewal.

### **Tattooing Your Pet**

Tattooing can be done by most veterinarians and costs approximately \$42.00 (please phone your local veterinarian for pricing). Pet tattoos are usually done inside one of the ears and include a prefix that animal shelters use to identify which veterinarian the tattoo was done by. Once the veterinarian is identified, the shelter can contact them to find your pet's home.

### **Micro-Chipping Your Pet**

Micro-chipping is also done by most veterinarians and costs approximately \$40.00 to \$50.00 (please contact your local veterinarian for pricing). The micro-chip is inserted just under the skin at the base of the neck and causes no discomfort. Each micro-chip is coded with a number. When your pet is found, it is scanned and the number is looked up in a registry containing veterinarian names. The veterinarian is contacted and your pet is on its way home! To keep this system accurate, please update your contact information with the veterinarian who micro-chipped your pet.

