SCANNING PETS FOR MICROCHIPS

1. Hold the scanner close to or touching the pet.
2. Scan slowly and patiently.
3. Rock the scanner back and forth slightly while scanning because implanted chips are in various orientations.
4. Begin and concentrate scanning at the cranio-dorsal aspect of the pet.
5. Scan in a horizontal then a vertical “S” pattern down the pet as shown in the diagram.
6. Consider scanning each pet more than once.

Effective scanning isn't easy! Take your time, be patient!

Scanning live animals to verify whether or not they have a microchip can be difficult; animals move, hop, flap, step, jump, wiggle and wag!

Even when they are being held or restrained, they are not truly still. Sometimes, just the expansion of their chests when they breathe can make it difficult. Take you time. Be thorough. Scan each animal at least twice to be safe.

For more information about microchip implantation and scanning, please visit the World Small Animal Veterinary Association’s website at www.wsava.org.