Humane Society Holds Microchip ID Clinic for Pets

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The Humane Society of Central Oregon is holding a microchip identification clinic on Friday, October 27th and Saturday, October 28th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The purpose of the clinic is to highlight the importance of identification on family pets. Microchip implants, including registration will be provided for only $10 at the Bend animal shelter.

A variety of ways to provide identification for your pet will be available at special prices during this event. Microchip implants, identification tags and embroidered collars will be available at discounted prices. Dogs must be on a leash and cats in a crate. No appointment is necessary, but a limited number of appointments are available by calling 382-3537.

Whether a pet is lost by accident or separated from you by a disaster, a microchip and ID tag will help reunite you with your pet.

The Bend shelter received 2,396 lost animals in 2005. Only 5% of these stray animals arrived with valid current contact information. â€œIf every animal had current identification the Humane Society could quickly reunite people with their pets,â€• stated Troy Kerstetter, animal welfare director. â€œAnimals immediately returned to their owners reduces the stress of an overcrowded shelter,â€• commented Kerstetter.

Along with the Humane Society of Central Oregon, local veterinarians believe that providing identification to quickly and safely return pets to their families is critical. In an effort to increase awareness, local veterinarians will help the Humane Society by administering the microchips.

Micro chipping your dog or cat provides a permanent identification that cannot be lost, altered or intentionally removed. It is a safe, simple and inexpensive way to protect your pet against loss or theft. The microchip is the size of a grain of rice. The chip is inserted between the shoulder blades like a vaccination.

The Humane Society of Central Oregon is located at 61170 SE 27th Street in Bend, just south of Reed Market Road. For more information call 382-3537 or visit www.hsco.org.

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