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Microchipping pets is a way to help keep them safe and increase the chances of finding them if they ever get lost. It's like giving them a special identification card that they carry with them all the time.

A microchip is a very tiny device, about the size of a grain of rice. It doesn't hurt the pet at all when it's implanted. It's usually placed under the skin, usually between the shoulder blades, with a simple procedure done by a veterinarian.

The microchip contains a unique number that is associated with your pet's information, like their name, your contact details, and other important information. This number is really important because if your pet ever gets lost and is found by someone, it can be taken to a veterinarian or an animal shelter like the RSPCA NSW.

Then they can scan the microchip with a special device called a scanner. The scanner reads the number on the microchip and then they can look it up in a database to find your contact information. Once we find your contact information, we can call you and let you know that your pet has been found. This way, you can be reunited with your furry friend much faster. It's like a secret code that helps people find the pet's family! It's also essential to keep your contact information up to date in the database so that people can reach you if your pet is found. Remember, microchipping is a responsible and caring thing to do for your pet. It's like giving them a permanent form of identification that can help bring them back home if they ever wander off.

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