



# LOOMIS BASIN

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## VETERINARY CLINIC

## Preventing Lost Pets and Microchips

Animal shelters throughout the country take in millions of lost dogs and cats every year. According to the American Humane Association, roughly only 17 percent of lost dogs and 2 percent of lost cats ever find their owners. Lost pets become labeled as “strays” and nearly 20 million of them are euthanized each year because their owners cannot be located. The majority of animals that are reunited with their owners were wearing some form of identification when they were lost.

Collars with identification tags can be used on both dogs and cats. Collars for cats typically contain a short piece of elastic; these “breakaway” collars will stretch and allow the cat to escape if it should get hung up on a tree branch or a fence. It’s important to remember that many more cats have died because they were lost and their owners couldn’t find them than have ever been injured from wearing a collar. If you choose to identify your pet with a collar and identification tag, remember to keep the information on the tag current.

Microchipping a dog or cat is a simple procedure. We simply inject the microchip, about the size of a grain of rice, beneath the surface of your pet’s skin between the shoulder blades. The process is similar to a routine shot, takes only a few seconds, and your pet will not react any more than he would to a vaccination. No anesthetic is required. A microchip is permanent pet ID and is read by passing a scanner over the pet’s shoulder blades. The scanner reads the microchip’s unique cat or dog ID code and positively identifies the pet allowing you to be contacted.

### The HomeAgain Difference

HomeAgain is more than just a microchip; it is a comprehensive pet recovery service that has been reuniting lost pets with their owners for more than 10 years. Lifetime microchip registration in the national HomeAgain Pet Recovery Database and the first year of membership are included in the price of the microchip implant; Loomis Basin Veterinary Clinic will submit the paperwork to HomeAgain for the lifetime registration and the first year of membership. The HomeAgain membership is renewable annually for a small fee; HomeAgain will contact you when your renewal is due. In addition to HomeAgain’s world-class recovery service, you and your pet will benefit from a portfolio of services designed to keep your pet safe and well, and give you peace of mind:

- HomeAgain will instantly send **lost pet alerts** to animal shelters, veterinary clinics, and volunteer PetRescuers in the area your pet was lost. Currently there are over 500,000 volunteer Pet-

Rescuers around the country who have signed up to receive email alerts about pets lost in their neighborhoods.

- HomeAgain offers around-the-clock on-call support by **trained counselors** to guide and assist you until your pet is recovered.
- HomeAgain will enable you to easily create a **lost pet poster** with your pet's picture so you can begin the search for your pet.
- **Travel Assistance for Found Pets.** If your lost dog or cat is found more than 500 miles away from home, HomeAgain will cover up to \$500 to have the found pet flown home.
- **24/7 Emergency Medical Hotline Care.** As a HomeAgain member, you'll also have 24-hour access to licensed veterinarians at the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center.

For more information visit the website <http://www.HomeAgain.com>.