



What You Should Know About Pet I.D. Tags, Licensing and Collars



A Visible Identification Tag is a Must...

Microchipping is a great form of permanent identification should your pet's collar and tags get removed. Most vets and shelters will be able to track an owner through a microchip, but a microchip is not a replacement for a tag that can be immediately seen and read by all. Many people will stop to help a pet wearing a tag because they know the animal has a family that they can contact right away while many of those same people will not stop for a pet without a visible I.D. and a known owner. If your pet does end up at the shelter, having identification in any form gives us a greater chance of contacting you, the owner to reunite you and your pet.

BENEFITS of Dog Licensing in Butte County...

- A license is your lost dog's ticket home. An Animal Control Officer will try to contact you from your dog license information to avoid taking your pet to the shelter.
- If the officer is successful at bringing your pet home, you will be spared the associated impound, transport and board fees.
- The cost of a one year license for your altered dog is only \$12.50 and you will be supplied with a visible license tag your pet can wear affixed to its collar.



DOG COLLARS & THE DANGERS OF CHOKE CHAINS

For strength, dependability and durability, we like rolled leather (buckle) collars found at most pet supply stores. We have found that, in general, traditional buckle collars of any kind are less likely to break or come off than the collars with plastic quick-release attachments. Choke chain collars have resulted in the deaths of a great many dogs. Many dog behavior experts feel there are more humane, effective and safer options than choke collars. Dogs have choked to death when their choke chains caught on a fence, nail, or other obstacle, even on another dog when playing. Their use should ALWAYS be under the direct supervision of an adult.