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# Woods Humane Society Hosts 6 Free Microchip Clinics in May

### *For National Chip Your Pet Month, Nonprofit Offers Clinics on Fridays from 2-4 p.m.*

**San Luis Obispo, CA** (May 3, 2023) — In honor of National Chip Your Pet Month, Woods Humane Society announces six free microchip clinics to help members of the public protect their pets. The free clinics will be held on Fridays from 2-4 p.m. at the Woods San Luis Obispo location and on Friday May 5th and May 19th from 2-4 p.m. at the Woods North County location.

"A microchip is a tiny, affordable, and incredibly simple tool, yet it can make all the difference if your pet becomes lost at any point in its life," says Woods Interim CEO Emily L'Heureux. "Without one, your chances of being reunited with a lost pet are much slimmer."

The American Humane Association estimates that only 15 percent of lost dogs and 2 percent of lost cats in shelters without ID tags or microchips are reunited with their owners.
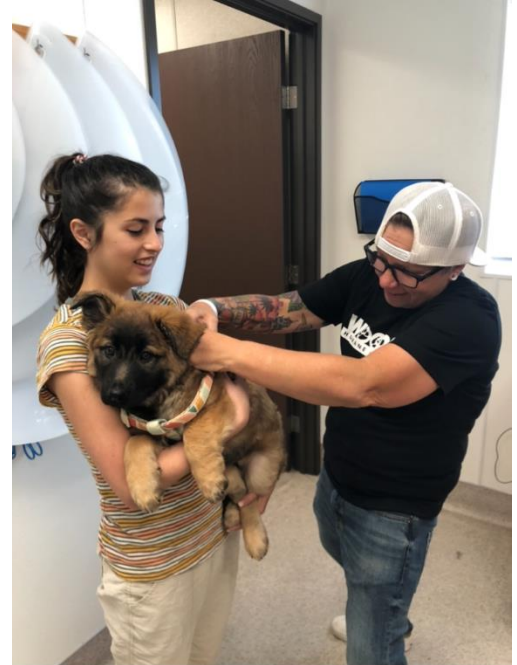
"As we approach the summer months, and in advance of Fourth of July fireworks, it is crucial that pet owners protect their pets by microchipping and making sure their microchip registration is up to date with current contact information. We hope these free clinics give more pet owners access to these potentially life-saving devices."

The nonprofit animal adoption center says that microchips are about the size of a grain of rice and are implanted just under the skin. Each chip contains a unique code that can be easily scanned by a vet or an animal shelter employee and matched against an identification database online. Microchips normally cost $20 at Woods Humane Society, but the fee has been waived for participants of the May microchip clinics thanks in part to the support of microchip company 24PetWatch.

Local pet owners can make an appointment to get their pet microchipped for free on Fridays from 2-4 p.m. at its San Luis Obispo location, and on Friday, May 5th and May 19th from 2-4 p.m. at its Atascadero location.

For more information, visit www.SpaySLOCounty.com or call (805) 543-9316. Woods Humane Society is located at 875 Oklahoma Ave., San Luis Obispo, CA 93405 and at 2300 Ramona Rd., Atascadero, CA 93422.

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**About Woods Humane Society**

Founded in 1955, Woods Humane Society is a privately funded, non-profit, animal sheltering and welfare organization that annually places more than 3,000 dogs and cats into loving homes. All animals are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped prior to being placed for adoption. Visit [www.woodshumane.org](www.woodshumane.org)  to view available animals, donate or learn more. To make an adoption appointment, call Woods Humane Society SLO, located at 875 Oklahoma Avenue in San Luis Obispo, at (805) 543-9316, or Woods Humane Society North County, located at 2300 Ramona Road in Atascadero, at (805) 466-5403.