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Woods Humane Society to Host 4 Free Microchip Clinics in May

For National Chip Your Pet Month, Nonprofit Offers Clinics on May 9, 10, 23 and 24 from 2-4 p.m.

San Luis Obispo, CA (May 1, 2024) — In honor of National Chip Your Pet Month, [Woods Humane Society](https://www.woodshumane.org) announces four free microchip clinics to help members of the public protect their pets. The free clinics will be held on Thursday, May 9 and May 23 from 2-4 p.m. at the Woods San Luis Obispo location and on Friday, May 10 and May 24 from 2-4 p.m. at the Woods North County location.

Woods CEO Emily L’Heureux explains that a microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and is implanted just under the skin. Each chip contains a unique code that can be easily scanned by a veterinarian or an animal shelter employee and to look up the pet owner’s contact information in an online database.

“Microchips are tiny, affordable, and incredibly simple, but they make an enormous difference for lost pets,” she says. “They can help them reunite seamlessly with their owners, keep them out of the shelter, and ultimately save their lives.”

[The American Humane Association](https://www.americanhumane.org) 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.

“In advance of summer adventures and 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 our free clinics in May will give more pet owners access to these potentially life-saving devices.”

Microchips normally cost \$20 at Woods Humane Society, but the fee has been waived for participants in the May microchip clinics thanks in part to the support of microchip company [24PetWatch](https://www.24petwatch.com).

Local pet owners can make an appointment to get their pets microchipped for free on [Thursday May 9 and 23 from 2-4 p.m. at its San Luis Obispo location](#), and on [Friday, May 10 and May 24 from 2-4 p.m. at its Atascadero location](#).



**Free microchip
clinics at Woods!**

May 9 & 23 [SLO] • May 10 & 24 [North County]

Visit [WoodsHumane.org/microchip](https://www.WoodsHumane.org/microchip) to get scheduled or learn more.

For more information, visit woodshumane.org/adoptions/microchip/ 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.

For media inquiries or high-resolution images, please contact Media@woodshumane.org.

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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 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.