



## National Microchipping Month

**Microchipping your pet is the single most effective way of identifying them should they be parted from you.**

Nearly a thousand pets go missing every day in the UK. Here at Powis and Partners we use Tracer Advance microchips. Each Tracer microchip is slightly larger than a grain of rice. Implanting a microchip is a straightforward procedure, just like an injection. The vet will locate the microchip in a standard position using a sterile pre loaded implanter. The location is in the loose skin of the neck.

Each tracer microchip has a unique code which is linked to the national 24 hour Petlog database. The database contains your name, address and phone numbers. If your pet is found away from home, most vets, animal shelters and local authorities will have a scanner to read the microchip and retrieve your pet's details. Your pet can then be returned to you safe and sound.

**Choosing Tracer Advance Microchips provides a host of unique benefits:**

- Lifetime registration with the Petlog database, available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- A high quality microchip from the UK's Number one supplier for microchipping.
- High quality wallet to store registration paperwork and an information card with all relevant contact details for Petlog.
- Options to upgrade to Petlog Premium, with a host of additional benefits.
- Total peace of mind that your pet has the best possible chance of being returned to you should it go missing.
- Pet insurance, like microchipping, is an important part of responsible pet ownership and gives you even more peace of mind for your pet. That's why Tracer microchips come with 4 weeks free Petplan Insurance for eligible pets.

As a veterinary practice we have many animals brought into us and sadly, more are not microchipped than are. This means that often, we do not find their owners and are moved on to rescue shelters or rehomed. However, if they are microchipped, they are usually reunited with their owners within a few hours.

**June sees the start of National Microchipping Month, promoting the importance and benefits of getting your pet microchipped. From June the 1st, the cost of microchipping will be reduced to £12.00 for one month only.**

The cost up until then is £14.84, this is still a small price to pay for the peace of mind that if your pet is parted from you, he will be quickly reunited with you.

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# newsletter

## Neuter Those Bunnies!



Having your rabbit neutered is one of the most important steps you can take to help your pet enjoy a happy, healthy and long life.

Male rabbits make responsive pets, but have the same drawbacks as tom cats if they're not castrated. Most are territorial and spray urine, and aggression is a common problem. They will also have to be kept alone, which isn't fair on an animal that needs company. Castrated males are much happier and relaxed. They can enjoy life without constantly looking for a mate and are less aggressive and smelly!! Castration is a relatively minor operation that can be performed at around 4-5 months old.

Having a female rabbit spayed is even more important. Most females become territorial and aggressive from sexual maturity onwards (4-6 months) they have repeated false pregnancies, and may growl at, scratch and bite their owners as well as attacking other rabbits. Spaying reduces and sometimes eliminates these behaviour problems. Spayed rabbits are likely to live longer than their unspayed sisters. Females who are not spayed when young and in good health may have to undergo the operation later in life if a pyometra (uterine infection) or cancer develops, although usually it is too late and the cancer has already spread. Spaying is a bigger operation than castration and again is performed around 4-5 months old.

If you would like any further advice or information about having your rabbit neutered, please do not hesitate to contact the surgery. You will also find lots of information about your rabbits at [www.rabbitwelfare.co.uk](http://www.rabbitwelfare.co.uk).

## Practice News

Each year in April, Vets and Nurses from the practice attend the BSAVA (British Small Animal Veterinary Association) World Congress to further improve their skills and knowledge.

Held at the ICC/NIA in Birmingham, it is the largest international veterinary event to be held in the UK. It offers more than 300 lectures presented by world class speakers, covering a wide range of topics.

Last year BSAVA Congress was visited by over 5000 vets and nurses!!!!

## Opening Hours

8.30am – 7.00pm  
weekdays

10.00am – 12.00pm  
Saturdays

## Consulting Hours

9.00am – 10.30am,  
2.30pm – 4.30pm &  
5.00pm – 7.00pm weekdays

10.00am – 12.00pm Saturdays

Consultations are by appointment only,  
please call the surgery to book.

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## Now In Stock – Royal Canin Dog and Cat Foods

We have always stocked and used Royal Canin Veterinary diets for pets with specific medical conditions but we are now stocking other Royal Canin diets. One in particular we would like to mention is the range of diets for neutered cats and dogs. After neutering, the dietary requirements of dogs and cats changes. This can mean that they are prone to weight gain, which in itself, is harmful to your pets. Also, at different ages in their lives, dietary requirements will change too.



Royal Canin's collection of diets caters for all these requirements in dogs and cats. Their foods contain ingredients that ensure excellent digestive security, support the joints of growing dogs, help control tartar deposit on teeth, help promote healthy skin and coat and help maintain urinary tract health which is especially important for cats.

Royal Canin also maintain that the ingredients in their foods are taken from the exactly the same source each time they are produced. This means that each bag or tin you buy contains exactly the same ingredients as the previous one. Many other widely commercial pet food do not use this and this can result in your pet either refusing to eat it or it may cause a digestive upset.

Through Royal Canin, we are providing a loyalty scheme. Each time you buy a bag of dried or a pack of wet food, you receive a sticker on a card and after you have collected 6 stickers you will get the relevant product free. This offer is for anyone purchasing Royal Canin diets from us. If you have a pet that is currently using one of their specific diets for a medical condition, you can use the loyalty scheme too.

Also, for anybody bringing a new puppy to see us, we are giving out cards entitling the receiver to a free bag of puppy food.

**If you would like any further information about Royal Canin, you can either visit their website at [www.royalcanin.co.uk](http://www.royalcanin.co.uk) or telephone the surgery.**