



HASS Rubric: Lost Pet Reunification

At what point does the organization microchip pets?

Terminology

1. **Intake Process:** The process during which a pet comes under the responsibility and care of the organization. For purposes of this document, the intake process includes data entry for pet information and an entry medical exam.

Beginner

The organization microchips all adopted pets prior to leaving the facility with the adopter.

Intermediate

The organization microchips all pets housed on-site prior to physically leaving the facility with an adopter or foster. Pets who do not physically enter or are housed at the facility, such as finder-to-foster participants or direct transfer to foster from an external rescue, are microchipped during the first medical intake process and must be microchipped prior to adoption.

Advanced

Organization microchips all pets in care during the medical intake process regardless of whether or not the pet has a pre-planned outcome. No pet physically leaves the care of the shelter without a microchip.