

# Identification (microchip application) and entry in the registry of pets, dogs, cats and ferrets

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Dogs, cats and ferrets are identified by inserting a single microchip under the skin in the middle of the neck, by the left side (behind the left ear). The microchip is an essential element for entering the animal in the regional registry, a computerised system in which all dogs, cats and ferrets kept as pets and present in the Emilia-Romagna Region are registered.

Only a veterinarian may perform the microchip application procedure. Whoever needs to identify a dog, a cat or a ferret can approach an Accredited Freelance Veterinarian (usually one's regular veterinarian), who has at his disposal the microchips to identify the animal and access the Regional Registry for pets to register the animal. The fee is set by the Freelance Veterinarian.

Identification by microchip application and registration of the animal in the pet database may also be done by the veterinarians of the Bologna Local Health Authority (USL) as per the method set out in the annexed instructions.

The instructions for identification (microchip application) and entry in the pet registry for dogs, cats and ferrets are available at CUP (Central Appointments) counters as well as at the bottom of the page.

## For information

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