

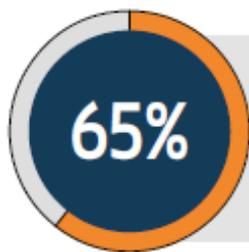
## August is about Pet Vaccination too!

Like people, pets need vaccines. And pet vaccinations, like those for humans, may sometimes require a booster to keep them effective. The best way to stay on schedule with vaccinations for your dog or cat is to follow the recommendations of a veterinarian you trust.



CHANCES ARE YOUR VET'S SUGGESTIONS WILL  
BREAK DOWN INTO TWO CATEGORIES: CORE  
PET VACCINES AND NON-CORE VACCINES.

Many vaccines can be given to pets as young as 6 weeks old, so talk to your vet about setting up the best vaccination schedule for your dog, kitten or puppy.



ABOUT 65% OF THE ESTIMATED 80 MILLION PET CATS IN THE U.S. LIVE INDOORS ONLY. BUT MILLIONS OF KITTIES ARE STILL ALLOWED OUTSIDE, WHERE THEY FACE MORE DANGERS.



National

Check the  
Chip Day

August 15

Microchips greatly increase the chances that pets will be reunited with their families if they are lost or stolen...but a microchip only works if its registration information is accurate.

**To remind pet owners to have their pets microchipped and to keep the registration information up-to-date**, AVMA and the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) joined together to create "Check the Chip Day." With support from Home Again, we've been able to develop additional materials to promote the event.



**Pet owners:**

**Take advantage of this reminder:**

**1) Make an appointment with your veterinarian for microchipping** if your pet isn't already microchipped (then make sure that your pet's chip is immediately registered).

**2) Check your already-microchipped pet's registration information** in the microchip manufacturer's database, and make sure it's up-to-date.



### Updating your pet's microchip registration

To update your pet's registration, you'll need your pet's microchip number. If you haven't already created an account with the manufacturer, you'll need to do that as well so you can access the registration in the future to update the information. Make sure that all of the information, particularly your phone number(s) and address, are correct.

There are many databases that allow you to register your pet's microchip, but the one that really counts – the one that animal shelters and veterinarians will search – is the database maintained by the manufacturer of your pet's microchip. AAHA's [Universal Pet Microchip Lookup Tool](#) is linked to the registries of the majority of microchip manufacturers and allows a quick database search of any microchip made by these manufacturers.

### Pet Health Chip Resources

<https://www.avma.org/Events/pethealth/Pages/Check-Chip-Day-toolkit.aspx>

<https://www.avma.org/Events/pethealth/Pages/Check-the-Chip-Day.aspx>

<https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/vaccinations-your-pet>

<https://pets.webmd.com/pet-vaccines-schedules-cats-dogs>

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<https://pets.webmd.com/dogs/healthy-dog-tool/default.htm#main-content>

<https://pets.webmd.com/cats/features/outdoor-cat-risks#1>

<https://pets.webmd.com/pet-vaccines-schedules-cats-dogs#1>

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