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## Wake County Helps Pet Owners Keep their Contact Information Up to Date

Check the Chip Day is Tuesday, Aug. 15

*\*\*Editor's Note: Staff will be available on Tuesday to do on-camera interviews and demonstrate checking a pet for a microchip*

In 2016, only 3 percent of stray cats and 23 percent of stray dogs that came to the [Wake County Animal Center](#) were reunited with their owners. To help increase the number of lost pets reunited with owners, Wake County is encouraging pet owners to make sure their contact information on identification tags and microchips is up to date.

In celebration of [Check the Chip Day](#), the center will hold a free event on Tuesday, Aug. 15, to help pet owners find out if the contact information on their pet's microchip is up to date.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., pet owners can come to the animal center to have their cats and dogs scanned for a microchip. Staff will give them the contact information of the company that issued the microchip so they can check their information on file and update it if necessary. If a pet doesn't have a microchip, owners can have them microchipped that day for \$10, cash or check only.

The Wake County Animal Center is located at 820 Beacon Lake Drive in Raleigh.

### **About the Wake County Animal Center**

The Wake County Animal Center is an open-admission shelter operated by Wake County. The center receives all stray, abandoned and surrendered pets in the county and works in partnership with fosters, volunteers and local rescues to treat and rehome thousands of homeless animals every year.

Visit [www.wakegov.com/pets/adoptions](http://www.wakegov.com/pets/adoptions) for more information on adopting from the Wake County Animal Center.

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