

AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY MICROCHIP REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Microchips offer a safe and convenient form of domestic cat identification that has been shown to increase the likelihood of a lost cat being reunited with its owner.^{i,ii} Despite this benefit, however, only 25% of pet cats in Maine are currently microchipped.ⁱⁱⁱ

To help facilitate recovery of lost cats, thereby keeping cats safe and reducing potential conflicts with birds and other wildlife, American Bird Conservancy's [Cats Indoors program](#) is proud to help defray the cost of microchipping pet cats in Maine. Through August 2021 (or until funds run out), **American Bird Conservancy will reimburse 50% of the cost to microchip a pet cat (up to \$20.00/cat) for Maine residents.**

To be considered for reimbursement, please complete the following application and send it via email to American Bird Conservancy at info@abcbirds.org no later than August 31, 2021.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

CAT NAME/AGE/SEX: _____

MICROCHIP PROVIDER (e.g., veterinarian, humane society; please be specific):

DATE CAT MICROCHIPPED: _____

Please also submit a COPY OF YOUR RECEIPT provided at the time of microchipping.

Applicants will be contacted via email, and a check will be mailed to successful applicants at the address provided above within 7-10 business days from the date of the email notification.

ⁱ American Veterinary Medical Association. 2020. Microchip identification of companion animals and equids. AVMA Policy, <https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/avma-policies/microchip-identification-companion-animals-and-equids>, accessed 5/7/2021.

ⁱⁱ Lord L.K., W. Ingwersen, J.L. Gray, and D.J. Wintz. 2009. Characterization of animals with microchips entering animal shelters. *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* 235(2): 160-167.

ⁱⁱⁱ Sizemore G.C. 2020. Public perceptions of pet cat management among residents in Maine. American Bird Conservancy, Washington, D.C., 14 pp.