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PAWS HELPS GIVE YOUR PET A TICKET HOME:

Low-cost Microchipping and more on April 18

Proper identification is your pet's first ticket home should he become lost. Over 20 million pets are lost each year and never reunited with their families. Microchips are a safe and permanent way to identify your pet. A registered microchip gives your pet a permanent and unique ID number that is his alone. Proper identification can be the difference between a joyful reunion and the sadness of a lost pet. Microchipping is a simple procedure in which the microchip is implanted under the skin of your pet with a special syringe. Much like getting a shot, it's fast, it's quick....

And, now it is just \$25.00/pet at the **PAWS and VCA Animal Hospital Annual Rabies and Microchip Clinic**. The clinic will be held at the VCA facilities at 19 Main St., Wakefield, on April 18, 2009, from 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The microchip fee includes the chip, the implantation, registration with HomeAgain® (an all-inclusive pet recovery and protection service) and a 1-year access to the members-only HomeAgain® services, Nail trims as well as FREE wellness exams will also be available at the Rabies/Microchip Clinic.

Be concerned about the animals you love as family members. Keep them healthy and safe. Give them a ticket home to you.

About PAWS

PAWS is an all-volunteer animal welfare organization founded by Esther Nowell in 1982. We respond to animal-related needs primarily in Wakefield, Reading, Woburn, Stoneham, and surrounding towns

PAWS receives no local, state or federal funding. Our budget is completely funded by our membership dues, adoption services, annual fundraising efforts and kind donations from friends and members.

Our mission is to

- · promote and protect the rights and well-being of all domestic animals and wildlife, and
- · foster a greater understanding of animal welfare and animal rights through education

For more information, please contact PAWS at 781-246-6111 or by email atpawswakefield@yahoo.com. You can also read about us on our website at pawswakefield.rescuegroups.org

About VCA Wakefield Animal Hospital

VCA Wakefield Animal Hospital offers a full range of general medical and surgical services for companion animals, including cats, dogs, birds, ferrets, rabbits, reptiles, and rodents. The Hospital treats diseases and injuries, provides pharmaceutical products and pet foods, and offers a variety of pet wellness programs, including routine vaccinations, health examinations, diagnostic testing, neutering, and dental care.