

Why do dogs end up in the pound?

Many people believe that they are responsible dog owners because they care lovingly for their dog, offer daily walks, grooming, good food and lots of love. But what would happen if their dog went missing and was not microchipped? The chances of that dog being returned are almost nil.

We see dogs on a daily basis arrive at the pound, and whilst many have been deliberately abandoned, others have been genuinely lost by distraught owners. A collar and tag help, but they are often too worn to read, or have been lost over time. Having your dog chipped can literally save its life in a pound where the council has a put to sleep policy.

But it doesn't stop there!

Once the chip is in place it is essential to remember to update those details if you move house or change your telephone number. The chip alone is of no use without up to date contact information. The cost of your vet popping a microchip in is nothing compared to the anguish and pain of a lost dog, and the potential hundreds of pounds spent on advertising and to try and get your dog back.

The Dog's Trust reports that 101,586 dogs 2006 were collected by Dog Wardens around the UK. Almost 8000 of those were put to sleep.



Organisations like Doglost.co.uk help owners who have lost their pet

24% of dogs taken in by council pounds were reunited with their owners as the result of microchips.

Don't let yours be a statistic.

Do the right thing for your dog!

Emergency Boarding Kennels

When time runs out for a dog in the pound and its 7 legal days are over, the council policy has always been to put the dog to sleep if no owner has come forward to claim it. Rochdale Dog Rescue steps in and works hard to find rescue spaces for these dogs with the council's agreement.

However, sometimes a space is not forthcoming and a dog literally runs out of time. This is when we have to use emergency boarding kennels.

We are very lucky to have been offered use of kennels at a reduced price, but even so these costs mount up quickly.

Costs for the last 3 months:

December 2006—£460

January 2007—£316

February 2007—£620

Without these kennels there would be no option but for these dogs to be put to sleep. If there is nowhere for them to go, there is no choice. Emergency boarding is the biggest expense we face, and we are always in need of support to keep the funds available. The staff at the boarding kennels are wonderful, and will often take in a dog for assessment if there are concerns about its temperament, helping it heal so that a rescue space can

eventually be sought.

Please consider making a regular donation to keep this wonderful facility available to us.

Paypal & Nochex donations can be made via our website. Check out the Help a Poundie page!



Duggie—fearful of people and would bite given the chance. Helped to trust by the kennel staff, moved to rescue and now homed!