



Animal Welfare Commission

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In June 2025, The European Parliament has adopted the first-ever EU-wide standards for the welfare and traceability of dogs and cats

The next step involves negotiations with the European Council and Commission to finalize the legalisation

Microchipping and registration in national databases is expected to become mandatory in near future, including kittens before they leave the breeder's home.

Recommendation to WCF breeders : make sure that kittens are microchipped before rehoming and that microchip number is included in pedigree

Why is microchipping important?

- 1. Ensures permanent identification and traceability**
- 2. Promotes responsible ownership**
- 3. Fights against illegal trade and pet theft**
- 4. Helps reduce shelter overcrowding**
- 5. Supports accurate data collection for feline health and research**

Microchipping should be done by a licensed veterinarian.

If possible, after microchipping a kitten, breeders must ensure that the chip is registered with a database connected to Europetnet

WCF clubs are encouraged to share this important update with their members and help ensure that all breeders are informed and prepared

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