

# Technology ensures your lost dog gets back home to you

**A**t some time in your life you may have had the awful experience of a beloved puppy or dog going missing, possibly by getting lost in a thunderstorm or straying when someone left the garden gate open. The pain and anguish felt by some owners is so acute that even years after the event owners still wonder what happened to that beloved companion that never came back.

Obviously collars with proper identification tags are excellent – however collars often come off, and sometimes the telephone number on the tag becomes indistinct. There is also the possibility that the contact number is no longer valid.

Now there is an absolutely foolproof method of permanent, positive identification, the microchip.

Virbac, one of the world's leading companion animal veterinary companies has produced the **BackHome Bio Tec microchip**. Smaller than a grain of rice and made of high-grade surgical acrylic capsule (PMMA) this can be injected under the skin of your puppy or dog. This process can only be done by your vet. Your information is held in a central databank which can be accessed 24/7. You can update your residential details and phone/cell numbers yourself on the Back Home database [www.backhome.co.za](http://www.backhome.co.za) and most importantly, there are no annual fees. Once your ownership details are captured they are in the database for the life of your pet.

This means if your dog or puppy gets lost and is found, a simple scan will reveal the implant and its number. The details can be accessed from the databank and you can be united with your lost pet.

Make sure that your lost dog gets back home to you with a **BackHome** microchip.

