

**5** Reasons Why  
**YOU Should**

**Plan to Scan<sup>®</sup>**



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# **Animal shelter staff, animal control officers, and veterinary professionals, Plan to Scan for microchips to:**

## **1. Bring a cat home**

Microchipped cats are 20 times more likely to be reunited with their families than cats who are not. The best practice is to scan immediately. After all, the quicker you scan, the quicker a cat can return where she belongs.

## **2. Protect community cats**

By scanning a microchipped community cat, you can swiftly return her to her outdoor home. A community cat is not socialized to people, so the faster she returns outdoors, the better.

## **3. Save lives in shelters**

Microchip scanning reunites cats with their families and keeps them out of the shelter. It's lifesaving, and allows shelters to better use their resources.

## **4. Streamline veterinary care**

Scan a microchipped cat before every step of her care—especially for surgical procedures—so you always know you're treating the right patient.

## **5. Start a conversation**

Scanning is a jumping-off point to educate your community. If someone brings you a cat who is not microchipped, and encourage them to microchip all cats they care for.

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