

We are very sad to report that SB 64 Pet Microchipping was vetoed by Governor Newsom. Between the hundreds of thousands of dogs and cats being euthanized in California shelters, and families being separated from their pets, we are devastated that he vetoed SB 64.

We can't tell you how many times we have rescued animals that have come into the shelter system as strays with no identification or microchip. Shelters can get microchips for as little as \$5 each, and there are multiple free registries that people can utilize. Governor Newsom went off a false narrative and vetoed the bill, which is absolutely horrible for those animals with families that cannot be found. As a result, these animals are at risk of losing their lives in shelters.

SB 64 is one measure that California can't afford not to do, as it would have saved thousands of lives and millions of taxpayer dollars. It is the right policy to put into place financially and ethically.

Please get your pets microchipped and registered. If they are not already, and please spread the word. When your pet has an updated microchip this will increase the chances of reuniting with them if they are ever lost, and this small act will ultimately save their life if they end up in a kill shelter.