
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Microchipping of Cats and
Dogs (England) Regulations 2023**

Powers of an authorised person

13.—(1) An authorised person may, on producing the relevant written authorisation mentioned in regulation 12(1) or another official identity document, take possession of a cat or a dog without the consent of its keeper for the purpose of checking whether the cat or the dog is microchipped.

(2) Where a cat or dog has not been microchipped and regulation 4 does not apply, the authorised person may—

- (a) serve on the keeper of the cat or the dog which has not been microchipped a notice requiring the keeper to have the cat or dog microchipped within 21 days;
- (b) where the keeper of the cat or the dog has failed to comply with a notice served under this paragraph—
 - (i) take all necessary steps to arrange for the cat or the dog to be microchipped without the consent of the keeper; and
 - (ii) recover from the keeper any costs associated with doing so.