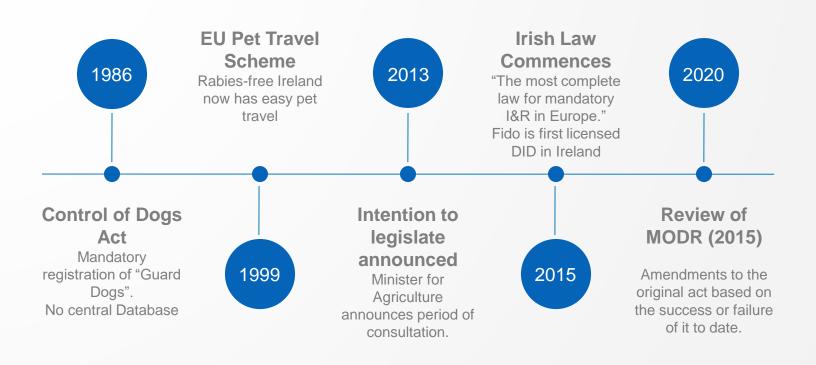


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Irish Identification and Registration

A brief timeline



Initial Ministerial Consultation Period



Members of the public in open consultation



Current Database providers



EPN, the critical central registry



Veterinary representative groups

Multiple drafts involving legislators



Staged introduction



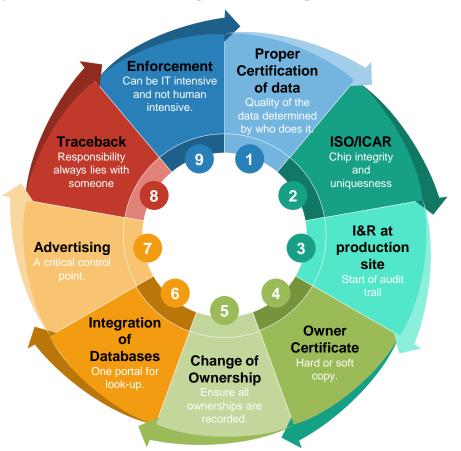
Importance of previously chipped animals



Education of the public



Nine key components of a good legislative framework





Component 1 – WHO?



Proper certification of data



Comparison between Ireland and England and within EPN



Veterinary Certification (nurses and vets) is more dependable due to their overlying certification experience and responsibilities



Self-certification and certification by the public is the biggest threat to data quality and system probity



Legal systems are about prosecution of wrongdoing, not just reunification



Component 2 – WITH WHAT?



The Role of ISO and ICAR



Uniqueness and quality of the chip used is essential, especially in judicial systems.



Country codes are advantageous but not essential



Place the responsibility for non-ISO use on the implanter.



Need to accommodate non-ISO, non-ICAR that have already been used.



Component 3 – WHERE?



I&R at production site



Increases the number of files but is worth it. Allows the production of animals to be audited.



Producers are NOT against this. Confers some probity on their animals.



Smaller number than the general population to educate.



They need to pass on the details of the chip and how to register it to the new owner.



Component 4 - PROOF?



Owner Certificate



The most important element of I&R as it gives the animal owner some physical proof of correct data.



Again, producers are NOT against this. Ease of transfer of ownership is crucial.



All details of Change of Ownership process contained.



All terms and conditions, contact details, emergency procedures and GDPR issues are detailed on this document.

Ireland

Active engagement with existing clients is mandated under law to ensure the data is current



Statutory Requirement for Hard Copy Certificate

- Expensive but has advantages
 - It ensures that the contact details are correct
 - Allows corrections to be made by the owner
 - Is the basis of the change of ownership process.

U.K. and Northern Ireland – 4 legal jurisdictions

Obligation lies with clients under law to ensure the data is current



Statutory Requirement for Soft Copy Certificate

- Cheaper than hard copy
- email or SMS for 2 step authentication
- Then emailed Certificate
- Allows for mistakes to be corrected
- Is the basis for Transfer of Keepership



Component 5 – WHO IS UP NEXT?

Change of Ownership



Process must be very robust as this happens almost as often as primary registration.



Ireland. Both Vendor and Purchaser communicate with DB UK. Either one or other (often neither!!)



Does not have to be veterinary certified. Controls spurious claims e.g. thefts, lost animals, duplicates.



Once verified, new certificate is issued.





Component 6 – CENTRAL DATA?



Integration of Databases



Must be one central repository or clearing house for all data to reside in



Does not need to be GDPR-Sensitive data, just a pointer to where the data is stored



Europetnet is a perfect example of it and EPN is contained in the Irish Legislation



Can be used at deeper levels to prevent duplication and also multiple Database registration



Component 7 – HOW TO CONTROL?



Advertising



Online advertising integrated with an approved DB is an easy and cost-effective way of enforcing the system



Simple API-based integration such as EPN's PetSAFE SYSTEM can ensure huge levels of compliance.



Easy to get online platforms to implement this if it is a legal requirement rather than a voluntary code of practice.



Pan-European API required as sales of foreign pets increase



Component 8 – WHO TO BLAME?



Traceback



Chip supply and use is like a normal supply chain...with a difference...each chip is unique



Make every step on that supply chain responsible until they pass that responsibility over to the next step



Manufactuer -> Importer -> Wholesaler -> Implanter -> Breeder -> Owner -> New Owner



Encourages adherence to change of ownership process.



Component 9 – WHO IS IN CHARGE?



Enforcement



Can utilize IT rather than personnel to enforce a large percentage of this (e.g. at advertiser level)



Simple message to the owner -

YOU MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF A CERT WITH CORRECT, UP-TO-DATE, CONTACT INFORMATION.



Yearly campaigns to keep stored details up to date. Vets and other professionals encourage this.



Hard copy certification hugely increases the compliance with this.



How successful has it been?



Ireland



No known accurate measure of pet population



Legislation only applies to dogs.



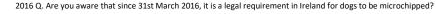
Traditionally, has not been a very compliant country in animal control (e.g. dog license numbers since 1986 are very low).



Microchiping of Dogs Regulations 2015 is seen as a success.

Awareness of legal requirement to have dogs micro-chipped

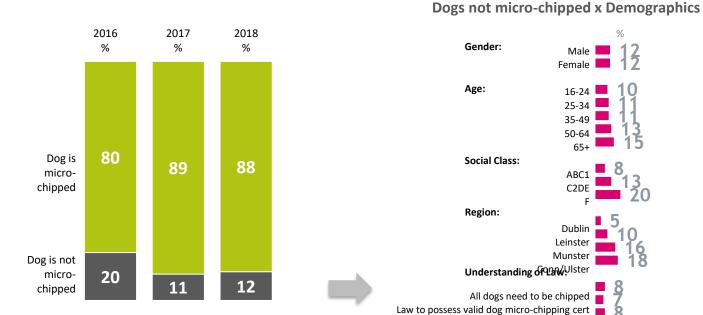
Base: All Adults Aged 16+ - 1,004/3,694,000 All dog owners in It is the law for all dog Ireland are required by owners to be in law to register their All dogs in this country possession of a valid contact details with an need to be microdog micro-chipping approved micro-2016 chipped certificate chipping database Aware of legal requirement ΑII Αll ΑII Dog Owners Dog Owners Dog Owners Adults Adults Adults ΑII Dog 17 '17 '18 '18 '17 '18 17 '18 '17 '18 **Adults Owners** % % Apply 76 **74** Yes 89 Does not apply 6 6 Don't know 19 26 No 11 An increase in awareness about micro-chipping requirements this year, both among the general population and dog owners.





Incidence of micro-chipping

Base: All dog owners – 1,009/1,460,000



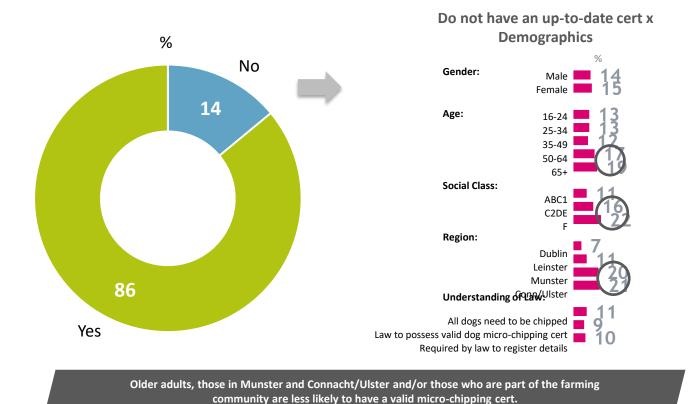
Micro-chipping of dogs marginally more likely among younger owners of dogs and is much less likely to have been undertaken among the farming community and those in Munster and Connacht/Ulster.

Required by law to register details



Incidence of having up-to-date micro-chipping cert

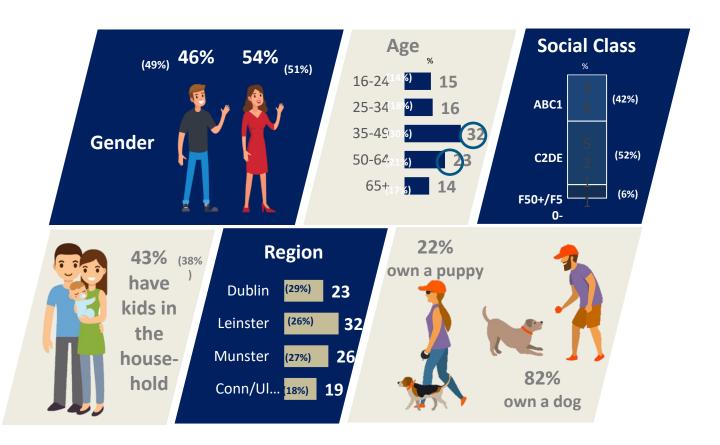
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Profile of dog owners

Base: All adults 16+ - 1,010/1,466,000





Thank you





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