

Microchip Report 2004 (2003 figures in brackets)

A total of 45 (29) reports have been received during 2004. These can be broken down as follows:

- Migration 32 (12)¹
- Lost 5 (6)
- Failed 4 (6)²
- Swelling 1 (3)
- Tumour0 (1)
- Infection 2 (1)
- Hair loss 1 (0)

Migration reports by supplier:

- Bayer 16
- Avid 1
- Animalcare 2
- Pet ID 1
- Virbac 3
- Pet Detect 2
- Unknown 7

Reaction analysed by supplier are divided as:

- Bayer 20 (10)
- Avid 1 (5)
- Animalcare 7 (2)
- Pet ID 1 (2)
- Virbac 4 (1)
- Pet detect 2 (-)
- Unknown 10 (9)

Time to reaction

- 0-1 mth 3 (6)
- 1 mth- 1yr 13 (7)
- 1-3 yrs 14 (7)
- 3 yrs + 8 (8)
- Not Specified 6 (1)

Particular issues

- 1) Conflict between advise from manufacturer and DEFRA where a microchip has “failed”
- 2) No tumour reports so far this year
- 3) One young kitten implanted intracerebrally
- 4) Reporting bias – one individual has sent in 4 reports in 2004 and another 3 reports

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¹ Once again the reports include an account of a second microchip migrating to the same location as the first.

² Some reports of microchip “failure” may be misleading as the reader may be of a type which can not identify the type of microchip concerned