



## **Snohomish County Animal Control Services**

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## **Save the Date: Free Pet Microchipping and Canine Good Citizen Testing at Everett Mutt Strut on August 8**

Everett, WA – Is your dog a good canine citizen? Have you been planning to microchip your dog or cat in case your furry friend becomes lost? Then don't miss the free Microchip Clinic and American Kennel Club (AKC) Canine Good Citizen Testing at the City of Everett's annual Mutt Strut!

**Date:** Saturday, August 8, 2015

**Location:** Langus Riverfront Park at 400 Smith Island Road in Everett

**Times:**

- Microchip Clinic: 10:00am - noon (for up to 200 pets)
- AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing: 10:00am - 2:00pm (tests last approximately 20 minutes)

Sponsored by the Snohomish County Auditor's Office and Snohomish County Animal Advisory Board, these free activities promote:

- Responsible pet ownership
- Reduction of shelter costs for lost pets
- Good canine manners at home and in the community

Microchips and license tags are important forms of pet identification that allow owners and lost pets to reunite quickly, reducing the number of lost pets taken to shelters and the associated costs. Thanks to the support of volunteer veterinarians and licensed veterinary technicians, approximately 3,000 pets have benefited from the free Microchip Clinic program since 2003. Dogs and cats of Snohomish County residents are eligible to participate in the free Microchip Clinic. Cats must be in a carrier and dogs must be on a leash.

A popular activity with 80 participants at last year's Mutt Strut, the AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing is back for a second time. The AKC Canine Good Citizen program began in 1989 and is recognized as the gold standard for dog behavior. Dogs that pass the 10-step test receive a certificate of completion and ribbon, signifying their important accomplishment. Dogs of Snohomish County residents are eligible to participate in testing and must be on a leash. Food, treats, toys, and special training collars (e.g., pinch

collars, head halters, and electronic collars) are not permitted during testing. To learn about the test items, visit <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/cgc-test-items-and-pledge/>.

The free Microchip Clinic and Canine Good Citizen Testing are funded by the Snohomish County Animal Benefit Bequest Fund, which supports programs and activities that benefit animals in Snohomish County. Tax-deductible donations to the fund may be sent to the Snohomish County Auditor's Office, Licensing Division, M/S 306, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201.

For more information, contact Snohomish County Licensing and Animal Control Services at (425) 388-3388 or [contact.licensing@snoco.org](mailto:contact.licensing@snoco.org). To learn more about the City of Everett's Mutt Strut, visit <https://www.everettwa.gov/656/Mutt-Strut>.

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