

The Betrayal of Dogs Trust

Approximately 8.5 million dogs in the United Kingdom were placed under mandate to have microchips implanted in 2015 and 2016. One of the main proponents that lobbied for the laws was a humane society, The Dogs Trust. They are reported to be the largest humane society in the UK. The Dogs Trust implemented their own program to microchip the dogs of the UK in 2009. In 2017 they announced the program a success. An estimated 95% of the dogs in the UK were implanted with a microchip and stray dogs and euthanasia was significantly reduced. The Dogs Trust is now promoting this internationally.

However, there are two issues that they choose to overlook to make their claim of microchip implant success. As they rolled out their microchip program in 2009, they also significantly increased dog spay/neuter services. The elevated levels continued on into the implementation of the microchip implant mandate laws. Spay/neuter is known to reduce the population.

The following shows a table of data extracted from reports issued by The Dogs Trust for the general population of stray dogs and euthanasia and the neutering and microchip implant services they provided.

UK Dog Data Reported by The Dogs Trust

Year	Strays	Euthanized	Neutered	Microchip
2009	96,892	6,710	45,814	
2010	107,228	9,310	48,520	10,677
2011		6,404	64,691	62,367
2012			67,244	144,600
2013			68,619	90,968
2014	110,675	7,058	73,549	264,240
2015	102,363	5,142	70,800	198,000
2016	81,000	3,463	33,457	107,826
2017	66,000		22,789	

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The other more tragic issue they chose to ignore were the deaths in their shelter. There was an increase in their own shelter deaths that showed up in 2010 and 2011 after their microchip implant initiative was first started. However, that was also when spay/neuter services were increased. There was another increase in 2016 and 2017 after the microchip implant mandates

were imposed while spay/neuter services were decreased. Their 2017 shelter death rates are the highest of their 10 year history.

The Dogs Trust Shelter Data

Year	Care	Rehome	Handovers	Strays	Born	Return	Death	YE Count	Death/Care
2008	16,238	14,169				190	260	1,619	0.0160
2009	15,886	13,909				178	226	1,573	0.0142
2010	16,813	14,590	7,678	7,344	301	237	276	1,710	0.0164
2011	15,986	13,830				178	309	1,669	0.0193
2012	16,879	14,826	5,272	11,607	274	202	199	1,653	0.0118
2013	16,892	14,865	7,400	9,153	339	220	238	1,569	0.0141
2014	14,630	12,419	6,593	8,184	331	203	214	1,794	0.0146
2015	15,196	12,987	6,793	8,111	292	204	188	1,817	0.0124
2016	15,343	13,526	6,913	6,282	329	226	270	1,780	0.0176
2017	15,446	13,141	6,894	6,452	320	242	312	1,751	0.0202

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The laws that mandate the microchip implant of these dogs, also mandate adverse event reporting associated with a microchip implant and would apply to the recent surge in shelter deaths. Yet there do not seem to be any reported. It is a betrayal of Dogs Trust.

Population reduction can be achieved with spay/neuter programs and returns to owner can be achieved by a variety of conventional non-invasive methods including collars, tags, noseprint and facial identifications. Why has this invasive, harmful method of ID been imposed?