

TRACING LOST DOGS

All German Shepherds can be traced by microchip. If you find a German Shepherd puppy or adult dog, take it to a vet who can scan the dog to possibly locate the owners

Older German Shepherds who may also have an ear tattoo for identification.

If you find a German Shepherd puppy or adult dog, check in the right ear for a tattoo. German Shepherd puppies were tattooed by the breeders before leaving for their new homes, and records can be sourced.

- The 3 letters start at the tip of the ear, and are followed by the 3 numbers (which are deeper into the dogs ear). It is very important you read each individual character, as they are necessary to identify the unique identification of the dog.
- It may be necessary to clean the ear with a damp cloth, to ensure you are reading it correctly.
- On occasions it may be easier to read the tattoo if any excessive hair on the inside of the ear is clipped away, or even very carefully shaved.
- Note: as of the 1/1/2012 all dogs registered with Dogs Victoria will be microchipped, thus giving an additional aid to tracing owners.



Once you have identified the tattoo, call the GSDCA Identification Officer Frank Moody on (03) 5426 4286 or email database@gsdcouncilaustralia.org who has the records available to identify the Breeder, and hence the dog.