

It's pet ID week April 18-24, what's the best pet ID system for travel?

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April 18-24, 2009 is Pet ID Week in the U.S. and when I began investigating the best ID system to use for my Irish Setter Beau, I quickly became overwhelmed with the choices...plain tag, tag with a big network behind it, microchip, which is the best option?

I turned my inquiring mind into the topic of an interview for Pet Life Radio and if you click [here](#) you can listen to the great information I was able to get from Liz Blackman, owner of [1-800-help-4-pets](#), Diana at [Tags4tails](#), and Tom at [idtag.com](#).

Each system has its own set of benefits, but my favorite quote from the interview was when Liz Blackman of 'The Pet Protector' said, "If you ask a 5 year old or a firefighter what is the first thing they would do for a pet in an emergency, both will answer, 'look for their tag'." She is right on the money so please, at a bare minimum, use national pet ID week to check your pet's ID information. Is the information still accurate? Are the rings holding it on to your pet's collar in good shape? Also take this opportunity to update your micro-chip tracking information if you've moved or changed any of your contact information.

On a 'travel' note, if you are traveling with your pet I highly recommend a visit to your local pet store prior to your departure. For a minimal investment you can purchase an engraved dog tag that has your upcoming trip's hotel specific information on it. If you become separated from your pet your pet's rescuer will know what hotel you are staying at and can easily return him.

