



# Shrink Art Pet ID Tags

Having identification is one of the best ways to help your pet be reunited with you if they ever get lost! The BC Pet Registry, run by the BC SPCA, registers microchips to help pets get home. A second form of ID is a great idea, such as a tag with your pet's name and a phone number as well! Just remember that collars and tags can easily break or get lost, so don't forget a permanent form of ID like a microchip or tattoo!

**Materials:** Number 6 plastic or ShrinkyDink plastic, scissors, permanent markers or various colours, oven/toaster oven, oven mitt, baking sheet or foil, stencils, hole punch, key ring

## Directions:

- 1** Preheat your oven/toaster oven to between 300 to 350 degrees F. Some ovens may require a higher or lower temperature.
- 2** Use a stencil, or draw the shape you wish your tag to be on number 6 clear or coloured plastic. Note, if you are using black plastic, you will need a gold/silver permanent marker or other colour that will show up. You want the shape to be much larger than an actual tag, as it will shrink in size!
- 3** Cut out your shape with scissors, and use the hole punch to punch out 3-4 holes that overlap. This will be for the key ring to attach the tag to the collar.
- 4** Use permanent markers to decorate the tag however you would like. Remember to write your pet's name, a phone number or home address onto the tag. Write as large as possible while fitting everything in, so that it is still legible once shrunk!
- 5** Place foil onto a baking sheet and your tag onto the foil. Then place it into your preheated oven for 2-5 minutes. The tag will curl and bend as it shrinks, but should lay flat when it is finished.



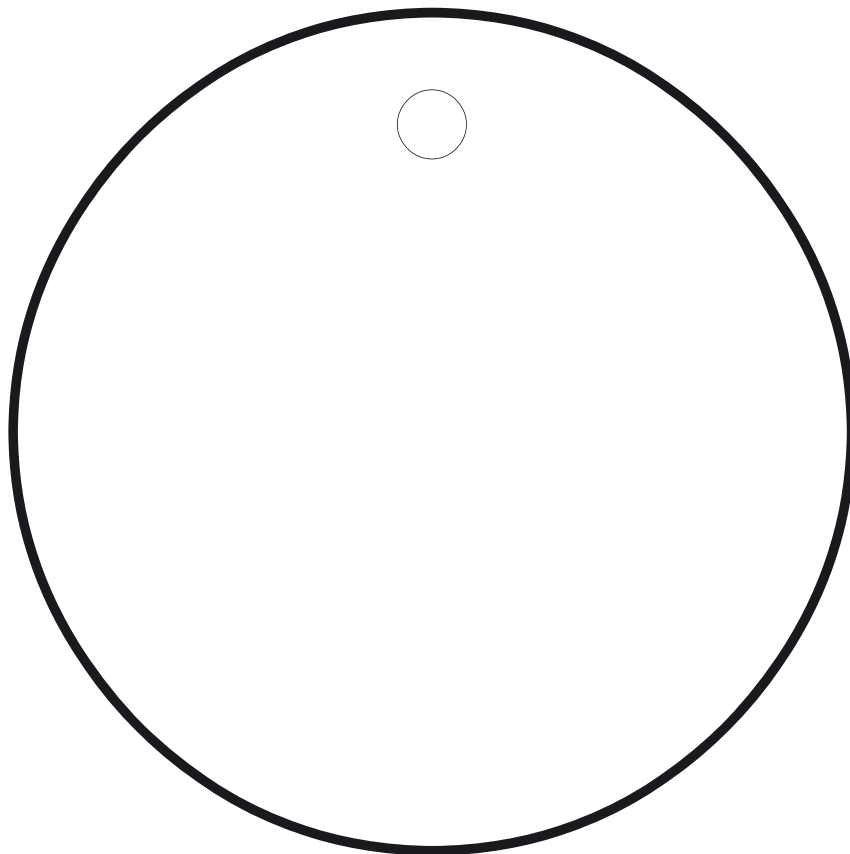
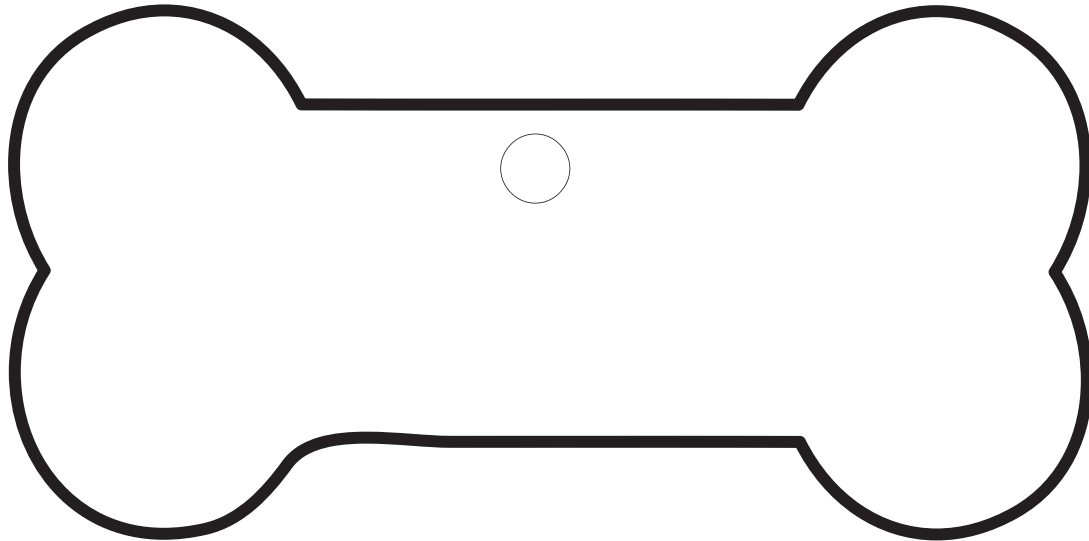
## Tips:

- Get creative and decorate your tag!
- If you do not have a key ring, ask your parent to help you attach the ID to the collar with some wire.
- If you don't have wire, string will do in a pinch!



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