



Hello everybody,

This is just to present myself.

I am one of the volunteers of Stichting CHIP, the first Dutch database for pet animals.

My name is Wil Hoppenbrouwer. I am 77 years old, have three grown up children and five grandchildren. I like to do administrative work and usually spend a few hours per day at my computer.

I have always been very fond of animals. When I was a child, my parents used to have cats and rabbits. And at one time there was even a goat in our back garden. After my marriage we had a boxer called Sheila and an indoorflight with birds. After Sheila came Amber, then Kelly and then Jerv. My present life partner is called Kruimeltje, meaning “crumb” or “very little bit”. As you can see in the picture, the name is well chosen, but he himself thinks he is a very large dog.

I have been a volunteer for CHIP for almost ten years. Sometimes my duty is to answer the telephone, with people ringing for all kind of questions. At other times I help sorting the mail, but my main job with CHIP is the administration of animals with tattoos. Even though microchipping in the Netherlands started in 1989, some tattooing still went on till 2001. Tattooed animals are in a separate registrationsystem and it has to be kept up to date, so I put the changed data into the computer. That is when people move, when a pet has died or when it has a new owner.

The cooperation of databases in Europetnet is very good. It helps many animals to get home.

With friendly greetings,  
Wil