



FIVE REASONS TO LICENSE YOUR DOG OR CAT

Being a pet owner requires all sorts of responsibility. One that is often overlooked is registering/licensing your dog or cat with Borough Hall. Failing to license your dog or cat can hinder your chances of getting them back if picked-up by an animal control officer.

If the above isn't reason enough for you to properly license your dog or cat, here are a few more reasons why you should:

IT'S THE LAW

In New Jersey, it's mandatory that dog owners have their pets licensed. If you get caught without a license, you will be hit with a hefty fine. Dogs must have a renewed license each year, which must be displayed on them at all times.

FINDING A MISSING DOG OR CAT

A license tag helps police, animal control and shelters quickly identify your dog or cat and get them back to you safely. If your dog or cat is found wandering the streets, a rescue entity can easily look up your dog or cat via its license identifying number. Dogs and cats that are licensed tend to be kept at the shelter longer than unlicensed dogs and cats, which are the first to be euthanized if their owners do not quickly claim them.

LICENSE COST IS LESS THAN THE FINE

If a Borough official finds your dog or cat without a license, you can end up paying a substantial fine! In addition, some municipalities consider owning an unlicensed dog to be a class IV misdemeanor.

LICENSING PROVES YOUR DOG OR CAT IS SAFE

A dog or cat cannot be licensed unless it is properly vaccinated. An animal control officer or a good samaritan will be much more likely to want to handle and care for your missing pet if they know that it is healthy and sans rabies.

LICENSE FEES SUPPORT FREE RABIES CLINICS FOR YOUR BENEFIT

Typically, the annual fee that you pay to license your dog or cat helps to provide free rabies clinic vaccinations for your dog or cat, saving you hundreds of dollars in veterinarian fees. By paying to properly ID your dog or cat, you are helping to keep community members, as well as dogs and cats in your community, safe from disease.

*For more information contact the South Plainfield Board of Health Office at 908-226-7605 or 7607.