



Animal License Application

Checks payable to: **Riverside County Dept. of Animal Services**
mail or submit to:

IF APPLYING FOR THE SPAY/NEUTER LICENSE, PROOF OF SURGERY CERTIFICATE MUST BE ATTACHED UNLESS PREVIOUSLY VERIFIED BY PAST SPAY/NEUTER LICENSE PURCHASE.

PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM.

A LICENSE MAY BE PURCHASED FOR ONE, TWO, OR THREE YEARS.

THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE LICENSE CANNOT EXCEED THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE RABIES VACCINATION.

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE
 69-825 Highway 111
 Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
 (760) 324-4511

OR

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
 COACHELLA VALLEY
 ANIMAL CAMPUS**
 72-050 Pet Land Place
 Thousand Palms, CA 92276
 (760) 343-3644

please print:

OWNER INFORMATION

OWNER'S NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

ZIP:

PHYSICAL ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

ANIMAL INFORMATION

NAME:

BREED:

SEX:

COLOR:

SPAYED/NEUTERED (Y or N)

BIRTH MONTH & YEAR OF DOG:

city license fees: FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Dog License Fees	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	Late Fees
Altered Dogs	\$8.00	\$15.00	\$19.00	\$20.00
Altered Dogs, Owned by Senior Citizen 60+	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$15.00
Unaltered Dogs	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$20.00
Transfer of Ownership	\$6.00			
Dangerous Animal Registration	\$50.00			
Duplicate Tag	\$6.00			

You may photo copy this form if you wish to purchase licenses for more than one animal.

the benefits of licensing your dog:

LICENSING IS REQUIRED BY LAW FOR RABIES PREVENTION. IT ALSO PROVIDES MANY ADDITIONAL BENEFITS.

BENEFITS TO OWNERS:

1. Owners are more likely to get their lost dog back if it is wearing a current dog license tag.
2. Licensed dogs are held much longer at animal shelters than unlicensed dogs. Some shelters place animals for adoption or destroy them after seventy-two (72) hours. Unfortunately, many owners of unlicensed dogs return from a vacation to find that their dogs ran away from a caretaker and were either adopted or destroyed at a local animal shelter. If a dog is wearing a license tag, Animal Shelter staff make every effort to see that the animal is reunited with its owner.
3. Dog owners receive a helpful reminder to revaccinate one month prior to the rabies vaccine expiration date.
4. Although annual visits are recommended, dogs must see a veterinarian every three years for a rabies vaccination.
5. Owners who license their dog on time will save Court costs and late fees.
6. Licensing revenue pays for emergency medical care for injured stray animals until the owner can be found. This revenue source assures owners that their animals will be transported to a veterinarian if they are found injured.
7. If a currently vaccinated dog is exposed to a rabies positive animal, it may be quarantined. Conversely, if an animal's vaccination has expired or is not valid, it is generally destroyed. Animal Control agencies are forced to destroy hundreds of animals each year because owners failed to vaccinate.
8. Licensing is a bargain. Where else could an owner get this many benefits for such a small fee.

BENEFITS TO PUBLIC HEALTH:

1. Rabies is a current threat to human and animal health. Dog licensing lowers the overall cost and health risk by making certain that dogs are vaccinated and by providing revenue for prevention programs.

A single rabies incident resulting from a dog whose vaccination has expired costs you, the taxpayer, thousands of dollars. This money could have been saved and used elsewhere if the dog's vaccination had been current.
2. Non-dog owners end up paying for dog-related health enforcement through general taxes. Dog owners should help to pay their fair share through licensing, thereby lowering escalating costs to non-dog owners.
3. Fewer people will be required to take the POST rabies series after being exposed to rabies by an unvaccinated dog. The average cost for the POST rabies series is \$900 to \$1,000 per person.

The Riverside County Public Health Officer is the appointed authority on rabies. The Health Officer is in charge of rabies prevention programs, such as dog licensing and rabies data reporting.

Exposures to rabies most frequently occur when people are bitten by an animal and the skin is broken. If you think you may have been exposed to rabies, contact Code Compliance immediately at (760) 770-3220.

The most common carriers of rabies in Riverside County are: Bats, Skunks, Foxes and Coyotes. It is estimated that 10% of bats are rabid. It is important that you do not feed your pets outside as it may attract wildlife to your house where your pets may come in contact with them. Skunks have been known to enter homes through kitty and doggy doors.