

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DOG LICENSE

Q: If I bought my dog's license in May, is it good until the following May?

A: No. All dog licenses in PA expire at the same time (December 31). Our office usually starts selling licenses for the new year around the middle of December.

Q: If my dog loses his license, do I have to purchase a new one?

A: You can purchase a replacement license for \$1.00. All we need is the owner's name and/or the license number

Q: Do I have to keep that little envelope the tag came in?

A: Yes. That "little envelope" is the actual license. The tag you get for the dog's collar is mainly for identification purposes.

Q: How many dogs am I permitted to have before I'm required to get a Kennel License?

A: If you house more than 25 dogs at any one time, the State requires you obtain a Kennel license. Many municipalities have adopted ordinances limiting the number of dogs allowed in a household to a number much less than that. Check with your local municipality to be sure you're in compliance.

Q: If I'm caught without a license for my dog, what is the fine?

A: The fine can be up to \$300 per dog. It's much cheaper to just purchase the license.

Q: What is a Lifetime License and how do I get one?

A: A Lifetime License requires the dog to be either tattooed or microchipped. Call the office for specific instructions.

Q: Is it possible for me to purchase my dog's license over the internet or by phone using a debit or a credit card?

A: Not yet. Right now there are only two ways to obtain a dog license. The fastest way is to come into the office, fill out a form and go home with your dog's license. Mail is not as fast, but it is more convenient for many people. Applications can be obtained at some vets offices and many local post offices. If you can't get a license application, on a piece of paper write the information listed below and send that to us with a check or money order.

Dog Information: name, approximate age, breed, color, sex (M, F, N, S);

Owner Information: name, address, phone number and birthdate only if the owner is over 65.