

Licensing

Dog licenses are required for all dogs four months of age or older and are available year round. Licenses are considered non-delinquent in the following circumstances:

- Newly purchased or acquired dogs.
- Pups just attaining four months of age.
- Dogs just becoming a Michigan resident.
- Owners renewing their dog's license prior to the end of February of each year.
- New licenses must be purchased within thirty days in order to qualify.

Currently cats and ferrets do not have to be licensed. Ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies and we encourage owners to vaccinate their cats against rabies, due to roaming and being susceptible to rabies.

Reasons For Licensing

- *Affixed licenses are excellent identification. It's your pet's ticket back home. It allows us to notify you when your lost pet is found. Central Dispatch has 24 hour access to the database, ensuring that you (or a contact) can be reached.
- *It ensures that your dog is vaccinated against rabies.
- *Provides proof that the dog legally belongs to you.
- *It's the LAW.

Licensing Fees

Monroe County Only	Non-Delinquent	Delinquent
Non-Sterilized dogs	\$15.00	\$30.00
Spayed/Neuter dogs	\$7.50	\$15.00
Certified Leader and service dogs (Certificate or Affidavit required)	\$0.00	\$0.00

A current rabies vaccination certificate signed by a veterinarian is required to purchase a license. To obtain a \$7.50 license you must submit proof that your dog is surgically sterilized. You can do this by sending a Veterinarian's Certificate of Sterilization. Licenses can be purchased at the Animal Control Office.

Obtaining a License

Licenses are available through the mail. You must submit your check or money order, rabies vaccination certificate, proof of sterilization (if applicable) and prepared application to:

Monroe County Animal Control
911 S. Raisinville Rd.
Monroe, MI 48161

A lost license tag will be replaced at the Monroe County Animal Control at no charge if the tag is lost or damaged.

Pro-rated licenses.

A "pro-rated" license may be obtained after July 10th of the calendar year if the dog just turned 4 months old, you have owned it 30 days or less, or you just moved into Michigan. The price for the license is half the normal price. Unless these criteria are met, the license is delinquent after February 28th.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please provide additional contacts, along with phone numbers, so we can get in contact with you in the event your primary number does not work, or is not answered. Our goal is to get your pet back to you A.S.A.P.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING LICENSES AND FEES, PLEASE CALL THE SHELTER DURING BUSINESS HOURS.