



**PALO ALTO ANIMAL SHELTER**  
DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

**Questions**

For questions, email Becky Kortvely at [licensing@petsinneed.org](mailto:licensing@petsinneed.org). Please **do not** submit license applications or renewals by email.

**SUBMITTING**

**Online:** If paying by credit card, you may use the online system instead: [www.petsinneed.org/licensing](http://www.petsinneed.org/licensing)

**Mail:** Send a check (no cash) with this form and attachments to **3281 E Bayshore Rd, Palo Alto CA 94303.**

**RENEW FROM NOTICE**

If you **DID** receive a license renewal notice in the mail, fill in the License Tag below. This number is found at the top left of the notice, above the Rabies Expiration Date. If you **DID NOT** receive a notice, please fill out the next section, **NEW LICENSE** instead.

License Tag: L \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW LICENSE**

If you **DID NOT** receive a notice in the mail, please fill out this section.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  Female  Male  Altered (include spay/neuter certificate)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Microchip # \_\_\_\_\_

**LENGTH OF LICENSE**

The rabies vaccine must be valid through the full license period. You may purchase a license for as long as the rabies vaccine is valid. Overpayments will not be returned or credited. No refunds are issued for new licenses, renewals, or late fees.

LICENSE PERIOD	UNALTERED	ALTERED	OTHER FEES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year	\$40	\$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Replacement Tag	\$5
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year	\$60	\$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Late Fee	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year	\$80	\$40		

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Rabies Certificate.** Must be submitted with this application. A valid certificate includes: date vaccine was given, expiration date, manufacturer, and vaccine serial number. Receipts without this information will not be accepted.

**Spay/Neuter Certificate.** If you are submitting a new application (not a renewal) and your dog is altered, you must submit a spay/neuter certificate to receive the altered dog discount.

## WHY LICENSE?

### **It's the law.**

California law and city ordinances require all dogs over the age of four months to be vaccinated and licensed. If you are cited for owning an unlicensed dog, you could face fines of \$50-150 per dog. Also if your pet becomes lost, a license tag on your pet's collar is the fastest way to reunite you and your pet. Even if a pet has a microchip, a license tag is immediately visible and doesn't require a scanner.

### **It ensures rabies control.**

In countries without rabies control, many people die each year from contracting this disease. Rabies is almost always fatal. Every state mandates their counties and cities to protect their citizens from contracting rabies by mandating that all owned dogs (and sometimes cats) be given a rabies vaccine. Cities require residents to license their pets so they may obtain a record of the proof of vaccination.

*(See State of California H&S Code 121690, CCR Title 17 Section 2606.4, Palo Alto Muni Code 616.010, Los Altos Muni Code 5.12.010, and Los Altos Hills Muni Code 6-1511)*

A rabies tag, which may be provided by your veterinarian, is separate from a license tag. The issuer of the rabies tag cannot license your pet.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### **Rabies Exemption**

If your veterinarian has determined that receiving the rabies vaccine is a health hazard for your dog, you may file for an [exemption form](#) the rabies vaccine under State of California H&S Code 121690 to still obtain a dog license, which is still required by law.

### **Change/Cancel License**

Please notify us if you are moving out of town, if your dog passes away or is re-homed so you do not continue to receive renewal notices and potential citations.

### **Cat Registration**

Cat licenses are not required in Palo Alto, Los Altos or Los Altos Hills.