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**2015 dog licenses: Don't let your dog leave home without it!**  
*All dogs three months and older are required to have a current license*

January is the time to make resolutions and for dog owners, getting a current license for your pet should be at the top of the to-do list. Four out of the five members of Delaware County Council are dog owners and they urge people to join them in protecting their pets with a current or lifetime license.

"A current dog license is the best way to ensure a dog's safe return if he gets lost, and it automatically lists the dog in the County's 'Return a Lost Dog' database. Plus it's the law in Pennsylvania," said Council Chairman Mario J. Civera Jr., who has two King Charles Cavalier spaniels named Ginger and Ava.

Council Vice Chair Colleen Morrone has a beagle name Nala, Councilman John McBlain has a golden retriever named Provo and Councilman Michael Culp has a silver Labrador named Bailey.

The 2015 dog licenses are now available at the Treasurer's office at the County Government Center in Media and at other locations throughout the county.

Dog owners have four options to obtain a current dog license: In person at the Delaware County Treasurer's Office, or visiting one of the 14 outside vendor locations; doing an online application and mailing a check or money order; printing the online application and mailing it in with a check or money order; or applying and paying online by credit card or PayPal with a small convenience fee.

When purchased online, individuals can print their license information instantly and the actual license will be mailed within seven business days.

State law requires that owners of dogs, three months and older, get a license every year, or have a lifetime license. Failure to license a dog is a summary offense that can result in a maximum fine of \$300 per unlicensed dog. State law also requires that dogs have a current rabies vaccination.

The state fee for an annual license for a spayed or neutered dog is \$6.50; for all other dogs, the fee is \$8.50; a lifetime license for spayed or neutered dogs is \$31.50, and \$51.50 for all others. Discounts are available to senior citizens 65 and older and people with disabilities.

Each year, animal control officers report that many stray canines are turned in to shelters because they lack the proper identification to be reunited with their owners.

Fees collected through dog licensing are used by the state Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement to protect the safety, health and welfare of dogs. Fees are used to inspect and license kennels, investigate dog bites, prevent and investigate cruelty to dogs, assist humane organizations and provide educational services.

## Dog License Information

Licenses can be purchased through the County Treasurer's office in the Government Center, or at locations throughout the county.

- Lifetime licenses can be obtained if the dog has a microchip from the County Treasurer. Lifetime license applications are available online at [www.co.delaware.pa.us](http://www.co.delaware.pa.us)
- Microchipping is a permanent alternative offered by most veterinarians, and are helpful if the dog's collar slips off. Microchipping requires the insertion of a numbered chip underneath a pet's shoulder blades. If lost, a veterinarian or humane worker can scan the chip and determine the pet's owner. Microchip fees vary by veterinarians.
- The Return a Lost Dog Program is a 24-hour online service that helps reunite missing dogs with their owners. This service is particularly helpful at nights and on weekends or holidays when humane shelters are not open. Residents who find a dog can visit the County website at [www.co.delaware.pa.us](http://www.co.delaware.pa.us), click on the Return a Lost Dog icon, and gain access to the dog owner's phone number. With this process, lost dogs don't have to be turned over to animal wardens or shelters because the dog finder can quickly contact the owner.

For information on obtaining a 2015 dog license or the Return a Lost Dog program, call (610) 891-4276. Licenses, forms and information on the Return a Lost Dog Program and microchipping are available at the County Treasurer's Office, on the ground floor of the Government Center in Media. The forms can also be downloaded from the County website at [www.co.delaware.pa.us](http://www.co.delaware.pa.us).

Microchip forms are not available online and must be acquired at the Treasurer's Office. If registering by mail, residents must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

For information about Pennsylvania dog laws, visit the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Web site at [www.agriculture.state.pa.us](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us) and go to the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement.

In addition to the Delaware County Government Center in Media, dog licenses can also be obtained at the following locations:

Delaware County Department of Parks and Recreation, Leedom House, Rose Tree Park, 1621 N. Providence Road, Upper Providence; Arts Animals, 212 MacDade Blvd., Holmes; Brookhaven Borough Hall, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven; Chester Pike Animal Hospital, 304 N. Chester Pike, Glenolden; Community Animal Hospital, 2625 West Chester Pike, Broomall; Delaware County SPCA, 555 Sandy Bank Road, Upper Providence; Fuzzy Butts, 1585 Conchester Road, Boothwyn; Glencroft Veterinary Hospital, 6 E. Glenolden Ave., Glenolden; Glenolden Veterinary Hospital, 405 MacDade Blvd., Glenolden; Middletown Township, 27 N. Pennell Road, Middletown; Old Marple Veterinary Clinic, 820 W. Springfield Road, Springfield; Prince's Pet Goodies, 511 State Road, Springfield; Upland Borough, Main Street and Castle Avenue, Upland; Upper Darby Township Building, 100 Garrett Road, Upper Darby