



City of Palo Alto Police Department - Animal Control Division
3281 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303
Licensing: (650) 496-5960 Dispatch: (650) 329-2413

DOG LICENSING APPLICATION

SUBMITTING

Online: If paying by credit card, you may use the online system: www.paloalto.gov/doglicensing

Mail: Send a check or cash payment along with this form and required attachments to: **Animal Control, 3281 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303.**

Email: doglicensing@paloalto.gov

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	SENIOR/VETERAN
☐ 1 Year	\$76	\$27	\$20
☐ 2 Year	N/A	\$46	\$29
☐ 3 Year	N/A	\$60	\$46

OTHER FEES

☐ Replacement Tag	\$10
☐ Late Fee	\$33
☐ Senior 62+/Veteran (ID Required)	

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 does not 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 Municipal Code 6.16.010, Los Altos Municipal Code 5.12.010, and Los Altos Hills Municipal 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, please contact the Santa Clara County Health Dept by emailing community@phd.sccgov.org or by calling (408) 885-4214 for information about obtaining a rabies vaccine waiver. Waiver's are approved by the Health Department and **are no longer at the purview of the City of Palo Alto.**

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.