

7 Reasons to License Your Pet

Here are seven reasons why you should license your pet.

1. It's the law

In New Jersey, as a dog owner, you are required to license your pet or pets. You register in your municipality and you will receive a tag that serves as your pet's license. The tag should be on your dog's collar at all times, and if your cat is an indoor/outdoor cat, on their collar as well.



2. It proves your pet is properly vaccinated

You can't license your pet without getting its rabies vaccinations. The Rabies vaccination should be good through Nov 1st of that given year. Knowing your dog has its license makes it easier for the staff at a grooming salon or boarding facility to be assured your dog is healthy.

3. Your pet has a better chance of being returned home if lost

In our community, your pet's license could mean a trip home if they're found by local or surrounding authorities. Without a license, it might mean an overnight stay at the an animal shelter.

4. Your dog will be safer at the shelter

Licensed dogs are kept longer at shelters, and are less likely to be euthanized than unlicensed dogs are. If for some reason the shelter is having a hard time reaching you, the shelter is more likely to be patient and keep trying.

5. It's cheap

In Fair Haven, it is \$15 a year to license your spayed or neutered dog, \$20.00 if not spayed or neutered. It is \$10.00 a year to license your spayed or neutered cat, \$15.00 if the cat is not spayed or neutered. Licensing is issued by the Borough office in January. After January 31st, there is a late fee added to the cost of the license.

6. It's quick

You don't have to go in person to register your pet. For Fair Haven, you can do it by dropping off payment and the appropriate forms in the locked Drop Box, which is located in the vestibule in the front of our Borough building. It is open 24/7. You may also mail in your application form and supporting papers and the license tag will be mailed to you. We do our best to make this process as easy as possible. Of course, you may also come to the Borough offices and our staff will assist you as quickly as possible.



7. Local shelters are supported by the fees

Many of the local animal shelters are benefiting from it. A small portion of the money collected goes to support local animal facilities and feed lost pets. It also provides support for animal control officers.

