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New Online Animal License Registration Portal

SUMMIT, NJ, April 3, 2024 – The Office of Health & Vital Statistics has launched a new online portal for animal license registrations. The deadline to renew dog and cat licenses is May 31, 2024.

Applications can be submitted online using the portals for [dog licenses](#) and [cat licenses](#). After approving the application, a member of the health department will send the applicant a payment request by email. Online payments must be made by credit card.

Citizens who do not wish to use the online portal may print out an [application](#) and mail it to the health department or submit it in person at 512 Springfield Avenue in Summit, NJ, 07901. In-person payments can be made by cash or check.

The deadline to renew dog and cat licenses is May 31, 2024. Registration notices have been sent to all owners of licensed dogs and cats. The license year begins on June 1, 2024. Renewals received after the May 31 deadline will incur a late fee of \$10. There is no late fee for first time registration.

State law requires every dog that has either reached the age of seven months or has a set of permanent teeth to be licensed. By local ordinance, cats are required to be licensed at seven months of age.

Proof of rabies vaccination must accompany an application. The State Health Department allows a two-month grace period for rabies immunity, so the vaccination must cover at least June 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. Please note, the Summit Dog & Cat Hospital is no longer providing free rabies vaccinations for Summit residents' dogs and cats.

For medical reasons, some pets are given a one-year inoculation that may not cover the registration period. Please call the Office of Health & Vital Statistics at 908-277-6464 for guidance in these cases.

All animals should be registered within 10 days of moving to Summit or reaching the licensing age. However, a current license from another New Jersey municipality is accepted as compliance. When that license expires, the animal must be licensed in Summit.

Please contact the [Office of Health & Vital Statistics](#) at 908-277-6464 with any questions about licensing or rabies vaccinations.

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