

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT LICENSING DOGS & CATS*

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

Licenses must be obtained from the municipality in which the animal resides. However, a current license from another New Jersey municipality is accepted as compliance. When that license expires the animal must be licensed in Summit. All animals must be registered with the Summit Health Department within ten days of moving to Summit or reaching licensing age.

The City of Summit licensing year is June 1st through May 31st. Licenses must be renewed annually.

Dog and cat license applications can be obtained on our website at www.cityofsummit.org or at the Summit Health Department.

If the animal is spayed or neutered, a certificate from the veterinarian must accompany the initial application.

Proof of rabies vaccination must also accompany the application. According to State regulation, the vaccination certificate must show that the vaccination is valid for ten full months of the licensing year; therefore the vaccination must be good through March 31 of the following year.

For medical reasons, some dogs and cats are given a one-year vaccination that may not cover the registration period. Call the Summit Health Department for guidance in these cases.

As a courtesy, the City of Summit may send out license renewal notices. It is the responsibility of the resident to renew their pet(s) license by May 31 of each year. If May 31 falls on a weekend, the license must be renewed no later than the next business day. If received after the renewal deadline, a late fee will be assessed. There is no late fee for first time licensing.

Summit residents with questions about licensing or rabies vaccinations should call the Summit Health Department at (908) 277-6464.

* This general information document is for reference purposes only. The applicable State law(s) and local ordinance(s) are subject to change and it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure compliance with all current requirements.

DOG & CAT LICENSING
SUMMIT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
CITY HALL, 1ST FLOOR, 512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY 07901
(908) 277-6464

Remember:

- ★ Licensing period is from June 1st through May 31st of each year. The Health Department must receive renewals by May 31st. Renewals received after May 31st will incur a late fee of \$10.00 per pet
- ★ Proof of rabies vaccination is required in order to purchase a license and must be valid through March 31st of the following year
- ★ When purchasing a license for the first time, proof is required if pet has been neutered/spayed
- ★ All dogs and cats over the age of seven (7) months must be licensed
- ★ License fee is \$15.00 for altered cats and dogs, and \$21.00 for non-altered cats and dogs.
- ★ If a licensed animal is deceased please notify the Health Department, in writing, so we can update our records
- ★ Licenses are not transferable between animals
- ★ If a license/tag is lost, there will be a \$10.00 duplicate license fee.

Rabies vaccinations are given free of charge by visiting a **participating veterinarian**. An appointment must be made with the veterinarian at which time you must advise the office that you will be coming in for the free rabies vaccination. **PLEASE PRESENT THIS NOTICE TO THE VETERINARIAN UPON APPOINTMENT ARRIVAL.** The vet will issue a rabies certificate and tag at the time of your visit. After you receive the rabies vaccination you can then apply for the license. You will receive a municipal license tag from the Health Department.

PARTICIPATING VETERINARIAN

CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT

Dr. James Dorney, D.V.M.
Summit Dog & Cat Hospital
16 Morris Turnpike
Summit, New Jersey 07901
(908) 273-2200

DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

LICENSE NO.		DOG LICENSE CITY OF SUMMIT, HEALTH DEPT. 512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE SUMMIT, NJ 07901, (908) 277-6464		DATE:	
DOG'S NAME:			VET'S NAME:		RABIES EXPIRES:
AGE:	SEX:		SPAYED/NEUTERED DATE:	HAIR LENGTH: S/M/L	BREED:
COLOR/MARKINGS:			OWNER'S NAME & ADDRESS:		
HOME PHONE:			FEE SCHEDULE: ALTERED: \$15.00 UNALTERED: \$21.00 REPLACEMENT: \$10.00		
BUSINESS PHONE:					
OTHER PHONE:					
IF THIS IS A RENEWAL OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S LICENSE, IT IS SUBJECT TO A \$10.00 LATE FEE IF SUBMITTED AFTER MAY 31 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.				PLEASE BE SURE TO SUBMIT PROOF OF THE RABIES VACCINATION (PHOTOCOPY ACCEPTABLE). RABIES SHOT MUST BE GOOD AT LEAST THROUGH MARCH 31 OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR.	

CAT LICENSE APPLICATION

LICENSE NO.	CAT LICENSE CITY OF SUMMIT, HEALTH DEPT. 512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE SUMMIT, NJ 07901, (908) 277-6464	DATE:	
CAT'S NAME:		VET'S NAME:	
		RABIES EXPIRES:	AGE:
SEX:	SPAYED/NEUTERED DATE:	HAIR LENGTH: S/M/L	BREED:
COLOR/MARKINGS:		OWNER'S NAME & ADDRESS:	
HOME PHONE:		ALTERED: \$15.00 UNALTERED: \$21.00 REPLACEMENT: \$10.00	
BUSINESS PHONE:			
OTHER PHONE:			
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