

## Dog Licensing

### **DOG LICENSING INFORMATION**

**WHY DO DOGS HAVE TO BE LICENSED?:** California law requires that all dogs over the age of four months be licensed as a rabies control measure. Making sure your dog has its current license attached to its collar also is your best insurance of having your dog returned to you in case he or she becomes lost or gets out of your yard. The dog license also lets us know if your pet is currently vaccinated against rabies. The money received from dog license fees helps the department continue to provide quality animal care and control services.

**MY DOG NEVER LEAVES MY PROPERTY; WHY DO I HAVE TO BUY A LICENSE?:** California law requires that every dog four months of age or older must have a current license fastened to its collar. Even dogs that "never leave the house" must be licensed. Dogs have a way of getting out through accidentally opened gates or by digging under fences. Also, a natural disaster like an earthquake or fire may cause your pet to flee the safety of your property. Having a dog license on its collar will help reunite your lost pet with you.

**WHERE DO I GO TO PURCHASE MY LICENSE?** The Town of Yucca Valley sells licenses during hours of operation at either the Town Hall or at Hi Dez Kennels (see "Animal Shelters for location and phone number). Or, if you wish, click onto "New License Application " form and you may download your application. Once you fill out the application, make sure you include a check for the amount due and a copy of the rabies vaccination and spay/neuter certificate, if applicable. Please note that you cannot license your dog for a period longer than the rabies vaccination is valid. If you are renewing a license, you can send in a check by mail, along with the notice you received. Make sure the rabies vaccination is current for the time period you are renewing the license for. Or, you may come into Town Hall or Hi Dez Kennels for the renewal.

**DOG LICENSE FEES:** Please refer to the Animal Services Fee schedule for all dog license fees.

**CAT LICENSE FEES:** Cat licenses are not required in the Town of Yucca Valley.

**PENALTY FEE:** A \$15.00 penalty will be imposed on all dog licenses that are 30 days or more delinquent.

**SENIOR or DISABLED CITIZEN DISCOUNT:** There are discounts for seniors 60 years of age and older and for disabled citizens. You may be required to provide proof of either to obtain the discount.

**MY DOG'S LICENSE GOT LOST. HOW CAN I GET ANOTHER ONE, AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?:** A duplicate tag can be obtained by mailing a check for \$5 to: Town of Yucca Valley Animal Control Services, 57090 29 Palms Hwy., Yucca

Valley, CA 92284. Be sure and include your dogs name and address and where he/she is licensed currently at. You may also come into Town Hall to purchase the tag.

**OTHER QUESTIONS???** If you have other questions about licensing, please contact the front desk receptionist at Town Hall (760-369-7207) and they would be more than happy to answer your questions.