



Town of Rotterdam * Town Clerk's Office
APPLICATION TO LICENSE DOG

Please complete the form below and return it with your payment.

Checks made payable to: Rotterdam Town Clerk, Megan Griffin, mailed to 1100 Sunrise Blvd, Rotterdam, NY 12306

Owner Information (Please Print)

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| Name: | License #: |
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Street Address:

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| Phone Number: | Email Address: |
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If Senior Citizen, over 62 (provide date of birth)

All applicants require a copy of a current rabies vaccination certificate

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| Dogs Name: | Breed: | Microchip No. |
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| Color: | Birth Year: |
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| Sex: Male Female | Spayed/Neutered: No Yes (proof required) |
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License Fees: Please check appropriate fee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered Dog \$20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen – Unaltered Dog \$11.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altered Dog \$15.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen – Altered Dog \$ 5.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt (proof required) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tag Replacement Fee \$ 3.00 |

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| Owner's Signature: | Clerk's Signature: |
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| Date: | Date: |
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Licensing Benefits to Dog Owners

A dog license helps identify your dog and increases the chances of being reunited if they are lost. Licensed dogs are held at animal shelters longer than unlicensed dogs before being adopted or euthanized. Many owners of unlicensed dogs return from vacation to discover their dog ran away from a caretaker and was either adopted or euthanized before they could be located.

If a dog is wearing a license tag, Animal Control will make every effort to contact the owner by telephone, mail, or home visit if necessary.

Licensing also ensures your dog is vaccinated against rabies, a fatal disease. Licensed dog owners receive reminders before their dog's rabies vaccination expires, helping to keep vaccinations current. Licensing your dog on time may also help you avoid court costs and late fees.

If a currently vaccinated dog is exposed to a rabies-positive animal, the dog may be quarantined. However, if a dog's rabies vaccination is expired or invalid, the dog may be subject to euthanasia.

Licensing Benefits to Public Health

Rabies remains a serious threat to both human and animal health. Dog licensing helps reduce this risk by ensuring dogs are properly vaccinated. A single rabies incident involving a dog with an expired vaccination can cost taxpayers thousands of dollars. Keeping vaccinations current helps prevent these costs and allows public funds to be used elsewhere.