



Why Should I License My Pet?

Licensing Benefits Cat and Dog Owners

- A license identifies your cat or dog and allows you to be quickly reunited with them in case they ever get lost. Even indoor cats and dogs can get loose.
- License tags provide quick information that will unite you and your pet, without the special equipment required to detect microchip identification.
- Dogs and cats without identification are only held at Cedar Bend Humane Society for three days before being made available for adoption or destroyed. Lost pets with identification such as a pet license will be held for seven days and all efforts will be made by staff to reunite you with your lost pet.
- Owners who license their cat or dog on time will save fines, fees, and court costs.

Licensing Benefits Public Health

- A license ensures cats and dogs are vaccinated against rabies. Without appropriate medical care after a potential exposure, the virus can cause disease in the brain, ultimately resulting in death.
- Rabies is a threat to human and animal health. Cat and dog vaccination and licensing lowers the overall cost and health risk by making certain that household pets are vaccinated.
- Even pets that occasionally go outside can be exposed to rabies. Bats, skunks, stray animals, and other critters that visit your home or property can transmit rabies to your pet.

How to License Your Pet

- Annual pet licenses are required by city code 5-1A-2. City of Waterloo 2023 dog and cat licenses and dog park passes are available at the City Clerk's Office, 715 Mulberry St., Waterloo, IA 50703 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Pet owners may also purchase dog or cat licenses from Waterloo Animal Control Officers or by mail. Please purchase licenses by March 31 to avoid late fees.
- To purchase by mail, send your valid rabies and spaying/neutering certificates with the amount owed plus an additional \$1.00 postage and handling fee to the address above. Rabies and proof of spaying/neutering certificates will be returned with the appropriate license(s) by mail.
- All licenses require a rabies vaccination certificate and proof of spaying/neutering from your veterinarian.
- Pet license and dog park pass fees: Regular pet license fee if paid January 1-March 31: Altered-\$5.00, Unaltered-\$10.00; Late pet license fee if paid April 1-December 31: Altered-\$10.00, Unaltered-\$20.00; Dog park pass: \$15.00