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## **Animal Licenses & Dog Park Passes**

### **January 31<sup>st</sup> Deadline**

Each year, pet licenses are due to be renewed or registered by January 31. Livingston's Health Department employees mail out more than 1,100 computerized animal license applications to Livingston animal owners whose pets have previously been licensed. Owners of new pets also download, complete and submit forms to the Health Department every year.

### **Cats**

While most people only think of registering their dogs, animal licenses are also available for cats. Unlicensed cats that do not have proper identification may be subject to removal from another person's property. Licensing a cat provides proper identification and can eliminate concerns of feral cat habitats.

### **Animal Licensing Application**

**Owners of currently licensed animals** will receive their license application in the mail with the information preprinted on the licensing form. The owner should verify the information and return **ALL** copies of the license and any necessary documentation needed to process the application. Directions are pre-printed on the back of the application and can also be downloaded from the Township web site at [www.livingstonnj.org/AnimalLicenses](http://www.livingstonnj.org/AnimalLicenses).

**Owners of animals that have not previously been licensed** can obtain the form at the Livingston Health Department, located in the Senior/Community Center at 204 Hillside Avenue, or can easily download and complete the licensing form at [www.livingstonnj.org/AnimalLicenses](http://www.livingstonnj.org/AnimalLicenses).

### **Dog Park Passes**

In addition to securing the required dog license, the completed Licensing Application form can be used to obtain an optional Dog Park Pass, which is necessary for entrance into the Livingston Dog Park. Owners should simply follow the instructions on the back of the licensing form.

### **Requirements**

#### **Immunizations:**

The Township requires that every dog aged seven months or older be licensed and immunized against rabies. Proof of immunization is required, either at the initial licensing or when the dog's current rabies inoculation expires.

The rabies documentation certificate must show that the animal is inoculated for the entire licensing year, or through at least ten months of the year. This means that before a license will be issued to a dog owner, their pet must be vaccinated through at least October 31 of the year. If a rabies vaccine expires prior to ten months into the licensing year, the dog must be revaccinated before a license may be issued.

### **Spaying & Neutering:**

Proof that the dog has been spayed or neutered must accompany the application when the dog is first licensed or when a dog is relicensed after a spaying or neutering operation. Once this proof is on file at the Health Department, no further documentation needs to be submitted for the life of the dog.

The applications are self-explanatory and the individual should follow the directions carefully when completing the form. All copies of the form should be returned completed with a self-addressed stamped envelope with a check payable to the Township of Livingston for the correct amount.

### **Fees**

License for a Neutered or Spayed Dog or Cat:	\$15.00
License for a Non-Neutered or Non-Spayed Dog or Cat:	\$20.00
Late Fee for Licenses After March 1 of the Licensing Year:	\$5.00
Dog Park Pass Fee for Livingston Residents:	\$10.00
Dog Park Pass Fee for Non-Residents:	\$20.00

Note: requires proof of a current animal license from their own community

### **Reminders**

The Livingston Health Department is located in the Senior/Community Center, 204 Hillside Avenue.

All dog owners are required to have their pets immunized and licensed. Dog owners who do not obtain current licenses for their pets may be subject to receiving a summons, a possible court appearance, and fines.