

Attention: Van Buren County Residents

Dog Licensing Information

Michigan Compiled Law 287.266 requires that all dogs over 4 months old **MUST** have **BOTH** a **current rabies vaccination AND** a **current dog license**. Michigan Law 287.267 requires that the tag must be worn by your dog. **2009 Dog Licenses must be obtained by March 1, 2009, or by the time a puppy is 4 months old.** Newly acquired dogs and dogs of new residents will be charged the regular rate if licensed within 30 days of acquiring or moving into the county.

WARNING--There are criminal and financial penalties for failure to properly vaccinate and license your dogs. Non-compliance is costly.

Instructions for dog owners:

1. Make sure your dog is currently vaccinated for rabies. Your veterinarian will give you a "Certificate of Rabies Vaccination" showing the expiration date for the vaccination. You also may attend one of the special clinics held at various locations in the county, where your dogs can be vaccinated and your license applications processed. Watch your weekly shopping paper for details.

Your dog's vaccination must have 30 days remaining on it in order to purchase a 1-year license. If your dog's vaccination expires AFTER April 1, 2011 you may purchase a 3-year license.

2. Complete the "Application For Dog License" on the reverse side as completely as possible. Use a separate form for each dog you own. Additional application forms are available at the locations mentioned below, or by calling the County Treasurer at 269-657-8228.

3. Mail BOTH the "Certificate of Rabies Vaccination" and the completed "Application For Dog License", along with the proper license fee amount, to the VAN BUREN COUNTY TREASURER. **Or, if you prefer, (and for fastest service)** you may apply for the license in person at the Van Buren County Treasurer's Office or any office listed below.

4. Upon receipt of required documents and fee, your license and tag will be mailed to you. Your "Certificate of Vaccination" will be returned to you. If you don't receive these items within 60 days, please contact the VAN BUREN COUNTY TREASURER at the address below.

5. Microchip implantation and registration is available at most licensed Veterinarian's offices. Please contact your Vet for details. (Published pursuant to PA 551 of 2006)

6. The State of Michigan maintains a statewide tattoo identification registry for dogs. Contact the Department of Agriculture at (517) 241-2748 for more information.

Mail Application to:

Van Buren County Treasurer
219 E. Paw Paw St., Suite 101
Paw Paw MI 49079
269-657-8228

Animal Control Location:
58040 CR 681
Hartford MI 49057
269-621-4624

OR Purchase your license at any of the following Veterinarians and Governmental Offices:

Mattawan Animal Hospital
Hartford Animal Hospital
Lawton Animal Hospital
Red Arrow Animal Clinic
Paw Paw Veterinary Clinic
Gobles Veterinary Clinic

Dowagiac Animal Hospital
Bangor Veterinary Clinic
Allegan Veterinary Clinic
Allegan Animal Clinic
Oshtemo Veterinary Hospital
Decatur Family Pet Clinic

Some Township Offices
Animal Control, Hartford
Miller Animal Hospital, South Haven
Al-Van Humane Society, South Haven
Phoenix Rd Animal Hospital

Van Buren County, Michigan

Application for 2009 Dog License

See reverse side for instructions. Please print clearly.

Dog owner's name _____

Mailing address _____ PO Box _____

City/State/ZIP Code _____

Phone number _____ Township _____

Actual street address where dog is kept,
if different than mailing address _____

Veterinarian Clinic that gave rabies shot .. _____

Veterinarian's Address _____

Rabies tag number _____ Expiration date _____

Dog's name _____

Last Van Buren Co. license number _____

Breed of dog (if mixed, show predominate breeds) _____

Colors of dog _____

Sex of dog .() Female () Spayed female* () Male () Neutered male*

Approximate year of dog's birth _____ License fee enclosed \$ _____ .00
For puppies please indicate month and year Circle on Schedule Below

I declare that the information given is true and correct.

X _____
Signature of Dog Owner or Agent

*Written proof of spaying/neutering may be required. Penalty for falsifying.

Have you enclosed your "Certificate of Rabies Vaccination" & the proper fee?

<u>License Fee Schedule:</u>			
Through March 1, 2009	1 year license	3 year license	
	Rabies must have 30 days left.	Rabies vaccination must	
Spayed/Neutered Dog	\$5	\$15	expire after
Regular Dog	\$10	\$30	4-1-2011
March 2, 2009 thru December 2009 (Penalty)			
Spayed/Neutered Dog	\$15	\$25	
Regular Dog	\$30	\$50	
Puppies 4-6 months old	\$5	Not available	

For agent/county use only: () Spaying/Neutering verified () Rabies Certificate verified () V/H () TR
Agent # _____ Fee received: () \$5 () \$10 () \$15 () \$30 () \$15 () \$30 () \$25 () \$50 () OK