Licensing your pet is important

Benefits you

- Licensed pets are more easily identified and returned home
- Licenses are faster to trace than rabies tags and other forms of identification
- Licenses are your proof of legal ownership
- Animal Control may be able to bring your pet home at no cost instead of taking it to the shelter

Benefits the community

- Less taxpayer money is spent sheltering and caring for lost pets
- More lost pets are returned to their families
- Public health is protected through current rabies vaccinations
- Increased spaying and neutering keeps down the number of unwanted animals
- More support for Animal Care & Control shelter and programs

Did you know?

- Less than half of all dogs impounded at the Minneapolis shelter are reunited with their families
- Fewer than ten percent of all cats impounded at the Minneapolis shelter go home
- Approximately 15 million dogs and 9 million cats in the United States enter shelters each year as strays, but only 19 percent of the dogs and 3 percent of the cats return to their owners
- In 2007, Minneapolis Animal Care and Control impounded 1,622 dogs and 1,422 cats. 53% of dogs and 32% of cats were returned to their owners or adopted

Complete the application and mail to:

Minneapolis Animal Care & Control
212 17th Avenue North
Minneapolis MN 55411

If you have any questions or would like more information please call Minneapolis Animal Care & Control at 311.
It’s the law!

Partial list of Minneapolis ordinances regarding your pet

• **License** - Licenses are required for dogs, cats, ferrets and rabbits.
• **Vaccinate** - Rabies vaccinations are required for dogs, cats and ferrets.
• **Leash** - Dogs must be leashed and under your control at all time unless within a completely fenced yard.
• **Pick up** - Pet waste must be cleaned up in your yard and on walks.
• **Multiple pets** – If you have more than three pets, you need a multiple animal permit.
• **Be Responsible** - Dogs cannot unreasonably disturb the peace with barking and cannot be left unattended in a motor vehicle in a way that endangers their safety.

Fines for violations up to $2,000.

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**Pet Owner information**

First name       Last name

Address

 Apt #          Zip

Home phone #    Alternate phone #

**Pet information** (one pet per application)

Please check one

- [ ] Dog  - [ ] Cat  - [ ] Ferret  - [ ] Rabbit

Pet name

Breed           Color

Microchip # (microchip required for lifetime license)

Names of additional licensable animals in the home:

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**Veterinarian information**

(where pet had rabies vaccination)

Clinic name

Clinic address

Clinic phone #

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