

# Licensing Your Dog

Follow these simple steps to license your dog:

1. Complete a Benton County Dog License Application form. *Forms are available at the Benton County Records and Elections Department office and Online at: <https://re.bentoncountyor.gov/>*
2. Mail or bring the completed application\*, rabies certificate, and payment to:

**Benton County  
Records & Licenses Office**  
Benton County Kalapuya Building  
4500 SW Research Way  
Second Floor  
Corvallis, OR 97330  
**Mailing Address:**  
P.O. Box 888  
Corvallis, OR 97339



*\*For discounted pricing, also include documentation from your veterinarian that your dog has been spayed or neutered.*

**Thank you for being a responsible pet owner!**

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Our Animal Control program is committed to promoting and protecting the welfare, health, and well-being of both animals and people living in our community.

We do this through education—such as this pamphlet—as well as through mediation and, when required, enforcement.

Would you like to help support this program? If so, please send your tax deductible donations to:

Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO)  
Animal Control Program  
180 NW 5th Street  
Corvallis, OR 97330

Make your check or money order out to:  
"BCSO Animal Control"

*Thank you for your support!*

Benton County Sheriff's Office  
Reception: 541-766-6858  
Animal Control: 541-766-6789  
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Benton County Sheriff's Office

**RESPONSIBLE  
PET OWNERSHIP**



**Animal Control  
541-766-6789**

# Guidelines for Responsible Pet Owners

## License Your Dog

A license is required by law. **Failure to license your dog can result in a citation and fine.**

A license tag shows that your dog has been vaccinated against rabies. Rabies laws are designed to protect the health and welfare of your pet and our community.



The license tag can also help reunite a lost pet with its owner. If you keep your information up-to-date and your dog is impounded, authorities will attempt to notify you. Your dog's license is one of the best ways to be reunited with your pet. Make sure your dog wears its tag!

## When to License Your Dog

- ◆ When the dog has its adult canine teeth or is six months old, whichever comes first, or
- ◆ Within 30 days of becoming an owner/keeper, or
- ◆ Within 30 days of moving to Benton County, Oregon.

Licenses may be purchased in 1-year, 2-year, or 3-year periods, with discounted pricing for multi-year licensing.

## Renewal License

Your dog's license will expire during the month of purchase and you are given until the last day of that month to renew without a late penalty.

## Vaccinate Your Dog

**Rabies vaccinations for dogs are required by law.**

The first rabies vaccine is usually given when your dog is 3-6 months of age. The second vaccination should be given one year later and is usually valid for 3 years.

Check with your veterinarian for the appropriate vaccination schedule for your animal. Dogs should follow a strict schedule of vaccinations to prevent diseases such as distemper, leptospirosis, parainfluenza, hepatitis, and parvovirus.

## Spay or Neuter Your Pet

Every year in the United States millions of cats and dogs are euthanized because lasting, loving homes cannot be found for them. You can help end this tragedy by making sure your pet doesn't add to the surplus of dogs and cats.

Have your pet spayed or neutered. Your pet will live a longer, healthier, and happier life and you'll save money on dog licensing fees!



## Pick Up After Your Animal

Pet waste carries diseases that can sicken people. It's important to pick up after your pet and keep waste away from water sources such as ditches, storm drains, wells, and streams.

## Control Your Pet

Responsible pet owners train their animals to be good citizens. Excessive barking, running at large, or menacing behavior can result in a citation and fine.

Be sure to follow leash laws and make sure your dog is safely and humanely secured when you are not around.



## If Your Dog Goes Missing...

- Thoroughly search the entire area where the dog went missing.
- Notify Heartland Humane Society through their website or by calling 541-757-9000.
- If your dog is lost in Benton County, call the Benton County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center at 541-766-6911.
- Post notices on social media and place an ad in local newspapers.

## Questions?

Contact the Benton County Sheriff's Office Animal Control at 541-766-6789 or check out our website at [sheriff.bentoncountyor.gov](http://sheriff.bentoncountyor.gov)