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Dog Licensing Easier than Ever in Kent County

GRAND RAPIDS – The Kent County Animal Shelter is making it easier than ever to get your dog license. Dog license expiration is now linked to the month of your dog’s rabies vaccination; there is no longer a “season,” and March 1st is not necessarily the expiration date. We are also making one-year and three-year licenses available, based on your dog’s vaccination status. Also new for 2014, many veterinary offices are offering one-stop dog vaccinations and licensing.

The three-year license option is new for Kent County residents. Throughout 2014, you can purchase the license if your dog’s rabies vaccination is valid for at least 35 months beyond the purchase date of the 3-year license. If the vaccination is not valid for at least 35 months, you would purchase a 1 year license in 2014.

“If your dog’s rabies shot was updated after you bought your 2013 license, you may need to update your registration with us, to show proof of vaccination and the expiration date,” said Carly Luttmann, Kent County Animal Shelter Supervisor. “Most veterinarians can provide us with proof of vaccination quickly. Because this is a change from the way we previously provided licenses, we will not be charging late fees in 2014.”

A dog license helps to get your dog home safe if they become lost. Dog licensing provides funding for animal control in Kent County. This allows us to investigate and prosecute animal cruelty and neglect, as well as responding to loose or aggressive dogs. It’s the responsible thing to do. Licensing protects our community by ensuring dogs are vaccinated against rabies. Michigan law requires that all dogs over the age of four (4) months are licensed and all new dogs are licensed within 30 days.

Numerous veterinarians are offering One-Stop Vaccinations and Licensing this year. You must contact the veterinarian’s office directly for pricing and to make an appointment. Many township and city offices provide licensing, as well as the Kent County Animal Shelter, Humane Society of West Michigan, C-Snip, or online. For more information on licensing locations, pricing, or to buy your dog’s license online, go to www.accessKent.com/KCAS.

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Type of License	1-Year License**	3-Year License**
Intact (unsterilized) Dog	\$26.00	\$72.00
Spayed/Neutered Dog	\$12.00	\$30.00
Senior Citizen (62 or older)*		
Intact (unsterilized) Dog	\$13.00	\$33.00
Spayed/Neutered Dog	\$6.00	\$15.00

***Senior Citizen Rate:** You must provide your birthdate on the application to qualify for this discount.

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