

Questions About Dog Tags

Does my dog need a license?

Yes. All dogs over the age of 3 months must be licensed. If your dog is ever missing a dog license tag provides a quick and accurate way of notifying you if someone else finds your pet. And it's the law!

How much does a dog license cost?

\$20.00 annually.

How can I avoid late fees?

After Jan. 31 the fees double for all dogs owned more than 30 days. After Jan. 31, if you wait more than 30 days to license a dog over three months of age, the Auditor is required to assess a penalty equal to the fee. There are no provisions in the law to waive the fee. The laws governing dog licensing in the State of Ohio can be found in the Ohio Revised Code, sections 955.01 through 955.99.

How do I replace a lost license?

If your pet loses a license, you can obtain a duplicate tag at the Auditors office for \$5.00.

How do I transfer a license to a new owner?

The ownership of a current dog license can be transferred to another owner for \$5.00.

Can I purchase a dog license by mail?

Yes, you can print off the application and mail it to the Auditors office along with a check or money order for the appropriate licenses fees and a self addressed, stamped envelope. The application will be processed and the tags mailed to you.

What if I move?

If you move, call 419 424-7821 with your new address and phone number. This will keep our records up to date so that if your dog is lost we will be able to give correct information so that the dog can be returned to you. It also makes sure that you will get your renewal notice at the end of the year.

Are service dogs required to get a license?

Service dogs (guide, leader and support animals) must also be licensed, but their fee is waived. Once they are registered with the county, they are permanently licensed by receiving a special tag.

Can I get a Kennel tag?

Definition of "Kennel Owner", according to the Ohio Revised Code, Section 955.02, a kennel owner is a "person, partnership, firm, company, or corporation professionally engaged in the business of breeding dogs for hunting or for sale." A person or business engaging in the activity described above should be registered as a kennel. A kennel license is available only through the office of the Hancock County Auditor. Kennel tags are \$100 renewable each year.