



Dog Licensing

in the City of Hamilton

Licensing Your Dog Protect your Pet: Be a Responsible Pet Owner

All dog owners must obtain a licence for their dog in the City of Hamilton and affix the licence to their dog's collar. By law, dogs are required to be licensed by the age of three months and their licences must be renewed each year.

If you own, have custody of or otherwise harbour an unlicensed dog you may be charged a fine of no less than \$235 and up to \$5,000.

Benefits to getting your dog licensed:

- If your dog gets lost or goes missing it increases your chances of finding your dog. Dogs that are licensed will be returned quicker and have a better chance of being returned than those that are unlicensed.
- Should Animal Control staff find your dog straying from your property, your dog gets a free ride home once every 365 days. This saves you the cost of impound charges and boarding fees.
- Allows staff to contact you in case of emergency to make vital decisions regarding the care of your pet.
- Allows your dog to be returned to you without entering the animal shelter, should your dog be found by a member of the public.
- Your dog will spend less time in the shelter, experience less stress and minimize the risk of contracting disease.
- Studies show a direct correlation to zero tolerance enforcement of the Animal Licensing By-law to the reduction of euthanasia of unwanted or unclaimed animals that are untraceable, because they were unlicensed.
- All fees are used to support the City's Animal Control Program, providing for, among other things, the care and feeding of lost or stray pets and the placement of homeless animals.
- You avoid receiving a fine.



The Process

At three months old a dog needs to be licensed and then their licence must be renewed each year. A renewal notice is mailed to the dog owner approximately six weeks prior to your dog's licence expiry date.

Dog licences can be purchased in one of four ways:

Online at:

www.hamilton.ca/animalcontrol

Please Note: *Online services are for licence renewal only - no fee changes required.*

Mail, in Person or Fax, by sending the attached application to:

247 Dartnall Road
Hamilton, ON L8W 3V9
(rear of SPCA building)
Phone: 905.574.3433 Ext. 4
Fax: 905.546.4044

In Person, at the following locations

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

City of Hamilton

City Centre
Planning and Economic Development Department
Licensing Counter
77 James Street North, Suite 400
Hamilton, ON L8R 2K3

Any of the Municipal Service Centres:

300 Wilson Street, Ancaster
60 Main Street, Dundas
163 Dundas St. E, Flamborough
4280 Binbrook Rd., Glanbrook
777 Highway No. 8, Stoney Creek

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays

Flamborough Animal Services

1854 Trinity Road
Ancaster, ON L9G 3L1
Phone: 905.981.8188

Glanbrook District Animal Control

107 Binbrook Road
Binbrook, ON L0R 1C0
Phone: 905.692.0114

Refund and Credit Policy

Refunds or credits may be requested in the event that an owner pays for their animal licence, and the animal passes away or is euthanized on or before 30 days from the date of purchase. The owner must provide proof that the dog has been euthanized or has passed away, and return the dog licence tag.

All requests for refunds or credits must be in writing to the Supervisor of Municipal Law Enforcement and Animal Control Services.

Compliance

All owners are required to be in compliance with federal, provincial and municipal legislation. Issuance of a dog licence does not give permission or consent to be in non-compliance.

Prices

Valid for 1 Year	Altered (Spayed or Neutered)	Unaltered
Regular Rate	\$26.00	\$61.00
Senior/Disability/ Pension Rate	\$13.00	\$30.50
Late Penalty Fee	\$15.00 After expiry Date	
Replacement Tag Fee	\$10.00	

Puppies less than six months of age may be licensed at the altered rate for the first year. Upon renewal, proof that your dog has been spayed or neutered must be provided in order to continue to receive the discount.

CNIB certified Guide Dogs, Hearing Dogs and Police Work Dogs are licensed free of charge. A Certificate must be provided at the time the licence is purchased and a copy will be kept on file.

Senior payment rates apply to a dog owner who is 65 years and older. Proof of age must be provided at the time the licence is purchased.

Disability Pension payment rates apply to a dog owner who receives a Government Disability Pension. Proof must be provided at the time the dog licence is purchased and a copy will be kept on file.

If the dog is altered (spayed or neutered) proof must be provided and a copy will be kept on file.

All notifications of renewal are a courtesy only. Failure to receive a notice or any other notification does not exempt a dog owner from their legal requirement to maintain a valid licence for their dog.

NOTE: *Information in this pamphlet is a summary only, taken from City of Hamilton By-law 01-169 as amended.*

ANIMAL LICENCE APPLICATION

Please check one of the following: New Application Renewal Cancellation Replacement

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	NEW TAG#	AMOUNT PAID
		\$

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

CURRENT TAG# (IF APPLICABLE)	APPLICATION DATE
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INFORMATION/CHANGES TO PERSONAL INFORMATION

OWNER'S NAME (LAST NAME, FIRST NAME)		OWNER STATUS: DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY): <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR (65 yrs+) <input type="checkbox"/> DISABILITY PENSION	
HOUSE/RESIDENT NUMBER	STREET NAME	APT/UNIT NUMBER	
CITY	POSTAL CODE	P.O. BOX (IF APPLICABLE)	
HOME TELEPHONE	ALTERNATE TELEPHONE	FAX NUMBER	
DOG'S NAME	COLOUR(S)	BREED	DOG'S AGE

GENDER: MALE NEUTERED MALE FEMALE SPAYED FEMALE MICROCHIP #

RABIES VACCINATION CURRENT (IF UNSURE CHECK WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	DOG STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> POLICE WORKDOG <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED GUIDE DOG	I AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HAMILTON TO RELEASE MY TELEPHONE NUMBER IF MY DOG IS FOUND <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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Ontario Rabies Immunization Regulation 567 under the Health Protection and Promotion Act requires that every owner in the City of Hamilton having the care and custody of a cat or dog three (3) months of age or older shall ensure that the animal is immunized against rabies.

To keep our files current, please call our office at 905-574-3433 or fax us at 905-546-4044 to report changes and/or corrections regarding address, animal deceased or other status. Please check one of the following:

MOVED OUTSIDE CITY ANIMAL MOVED ANIMAL DECEASED OTHER (STATE REASON)

I declare the information given in this application and any supporting documents to be true, correct and completed in every respect. I understand that any incorrect information may result in additional charges.

SIGNATURE OF DOG OWNER _____ DATE _____

<input type="checkbox"/> CASH (IN PERSON ONLY) <input type="checkbox"/> CHEQUE (PAYABLE TO "CITY OF HAMILTON") <input type="checkbox"/> MONEY ORDER <input type="checkbox"/> DEBIT (IN PERSON ONLY) <input type="checkbox"/> ON-LINE AT: www.hamilton.ca/animalcontrol <small>** On-line transaction fee of \$1.50 will apply</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD EXPIRY DATE _____ CARD NUMBER _____ CARD HOLDER SIGNATURE _____ Staff Only: Credit Card Processed <input type="checkbox"/> YES Staff Initials: _____
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Personal information on this form is collected pursuant to Section 210, Chapter 1045 of the Municipal Act and the City of Hamilton By-law 01-169, being the By-law Respecting the Control and Licensing of Dogs and Kennels. The personal information collected will be used to administer the Licensing Program, and to contact you in the event of problems regarding your pet. If you have questions regarding this collection, please contact the Animal Control staff at 905-574-3433, 247 Dartnall Rd., Hamilton, ON L8W 3V9.

For more information contact:

City of Hamilton
Animal Control Services

247 Darnall Road
Hamilton, Ontario, L8W 3V9

Phone: 905.574.3433

Fax: 905.546.4044

Email: animalcontrol@hamilton.ca

Website: www.hamilton.ca/animalcontrol

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Closed on Holidays



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PARKING AND BY-LAW SERVICES DIVISION
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT