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Dog Wardens to Conduct License, Rabies Compliance Checks in Berks County

Details – Dog wardens will canvass homes in Berks County several times during the spring to summer months to ensure all dog owners have current licenses and rabies vaccinations for their dogs.

It's the Law – A dog license is a legal responsibility of owning a dog in Pennsylvania and the best way to ensure that your pet doesn't end up in a shelter if it gets lost. Sales of dog licenses fund dog wardens' work to protect all Pennsylvania dogs and the communities they live in.

Dogs must now be licensed at the point of adoption or purchase, or at three months if no transfer of ownership has taken place. The earliest that dogs can be purchased or adopted in Pennsylvania is eight weeks old.

An annual license costs \$10.80. Lifetime licenses are available for \$52.80 for dogs with permanent identification like a microchip or tattoo. Senior adults and people with disabilities may be eligible for discounted fees of \$8.80 for an annual license or \$36.80 for a lifetime license.

The cost of a license is far less than the penalty for being caught without one. Owners who fail to license their dogs can face fines of up to \$500, plus court costs for each unlicensed dog.

Unlike a microchip, a license on a dog's collar is clearly visible and increases their chance of being returned home, rather than ending up in a shelter.

The work of dog wardens inspecting kennels, investigating illegal puppy mills, monitoring dangerous dogs, and picking up stray dogs is made possible by dog license sales.

By licensing your dog, you become a vital partner in this mission — helping to reunite lost pets with their families, support rescues, shut down bad actors and ensure humane treatment for dogs in every community across the Commonwealth.

A current dog license is more than a tag on a collar; it's a heartfelt commitment to responsible ownership and a stronger, safer future for Pennsylvania's dogs.

Additionally, all dogs and non-feral cats (three months of age and older) must be vaccinated against rabies. Booster vaccinations must be administered periodically to maintain lifelong immunity.

Purchase a License – Licenses may be purchased in person between 8:00am-4:00pm; by mail to, Berks County Treasurer at 633 Court St., Reading, PA 19601; online at <https://www.padoglicense.com> or at one of our issuing agents in Berks County (please see attached list). Questions may be directed to the Treasurer’s office at 610-478-6640.

More Information – Visit www.licenseyourdogpa.pa.gov or call 717-787-3062.

Animal Rescue League

Route 724 & Morgantown Bypass
Birdsboro, PA 19508
610-373-8830

Erb & Henry Equipment Inc.

22-26 Henry Avenue
New Berlinville, PA 19545
610-367-2169

Hamburg Borough

61 N. 3rd Street
Hamburg, PA 19526
610-562-7821

Hereford Township

3131 Seisholtzville Road
Hereford, PA 18056
610-845-2929

Klick Financial

4148 Kutztown Road
Temple, PA 19560
610-816-5199

Mtn View Supply Inc

5104 Old Rte 22
Hamburg, PA 19526
610-488-1025

Nissley Feed & Hardware

223 Mill Road
Morgantown, PA 19543
610-286-9029

Noble Street Notary

204 Noble Street
Kutztown, PA 19530
610-683-7920

Oley Valley Feed

143 Cleaver Road
Oley, PA 19547
610-987-3568

Reifsnyder's Agriculture Center

7180 Bernville Road
Bernville, PA 19506
610-488-0667

Werley Fuel

717 Lancaster Avenue
Reading, PA 19607
610-375-6166