

Who needs to buy a dog license?

Ohio law requires that every person who owns, keeps, or harbors a dog must license that dog on or before January 31 each year.

Do all dogs need a license?

No. Dogs three months and younger do not need a license.

How much does a dog license cost?

Dog licenses cost \$14 each if purchased during the annual renewal period that runs from December 1 to January 31.

What if I get the license after the annual renewal period?

After January 31, there is a \$14 penalty on each tag sold, unless one of the following situations apply:

- *The owner has had the dog less than 30 days.*
- *The dog turned 3 months of age within the last 30 days; it is not more than 4 months of age.*
- *The dog was brought in from another state within the last 30 days.*

After July 1, the owner of a puppy can purchase a dog license for the prorated fee of \$7; if the license is purchased before the puppy is four months old, there is no penalty. If the dog is not licensed before it is four months old, a \$7 penalty is also due.

Don't let your best friend end up behind bars!



A dog license keeps your pet safe, and helps to ensure there is a happy reunion if you are ever separated.

The Clermont County Auditor's Office maintains a database of dog license tags. If you find a lost dog, you can contact the Auditor's Office at (513) 732-7150 or the Animal Shelter at (513) 732-8854 or visit the website www.ClermontAuditor.org to find information that can help the animal reunite with his family.

Without a valid dog license, or if the dog is not wearing a license tag when he is picked-up running loose, he could be taken to the animal shelter. There, if he is not claimed within three days, the dog could be put up for adoption, or euthanized.

\$14 is a small price to pay each year to help keep your pet safe.

Who needs a kennel license?

Ohio law defines a kennel owner as a "person, partnership, firm, company, or corporation professionally engaged in the business of breeding dogs for hunting or for sale." A kennel license costs \$50; they are available at the Clermont County Auditor's Office, located at 101 E. Main Street in Batavia.

Where does money collected for dog tags go?

All proceeds collected for dog and kennel licenses go to fund the county's animal control operations. This includes the general operation of the county animal shelter, containment of stray dogs (as stipulated by the Ohio Revised Code), enforcement of animal cruelty laws, and an after-hours emergency program for sick/injured stray dogs.

Can you transfer ownership of a dog license?

If the ownership of a dog changes, the current year dog license is transferable. The new owner may live in any Ohio county, as the dog tag is good for the whole state. To record the change of ownership, the seller must complete a "Certificate of Transfer of Ownership" with the Auditor's Office in the county where the tag was issued; there is a \$.25 filing fee.

Do service dogs need a dog tag?

Yes. Service dogs, such as guide dogs, must be licensed; their fee is waived. Once the dogs are registered with the county, they are permanently licensed; they will receive a special tag.