

Easy Steps to Follow for Vaccinating & Licensing:

- ✓ Vaccinate your dog against rabies through a licensed veterinarian or at one of our monthly low-cost clinics.
- ✓ If you live in the City limits, promptly return a copy of your dog's rabies certificate, spay/neuter certificate (if your dog is altered), and the appropriate fees by mail or in person.

Why Should You License Your Dog?

It is the law! California requires all dogs over the age of 4 months are vaccinated and licensed as a rabies control measure. However, there are other reasons why you should license your pet.

- A license provides proof that your pet has been vaccinated for rabies. Rabies is a fatal viral disease that can be prevented by vaccination. The rabies vaccine protects your dog and your community.
- Anyone finding a lost dog can contact Animal Control Services and, through the license number, the owner can be identified and contacted. A license may be your dog's ticket home.
- A license may also be proof of ownership.

How to Comply with a Citation

If you **DO NOT** contest the violation:

If you have been issued a citation for your dog not being licensed, the violation is correctable and you will not have to appear for court. The violation will be dismissed by the court after **PROOF OF CORRECTION** (proof of rabies vaccination and purchase of a license) is provided to the traffic window at the Municipal Court building, at **3131 Arrow Street**, on or before the appearance date.

If you **DO** contest the violation:

Appear in court on or before the appearance date, to request a court trial or you may wish to pay the bail amount at the time of your appearance.

For more detailed instructions on how to comply with your citation, see the back of your citation. If you need a time extension, contact the phone number located at the bottom of your citation.

Dog Licensing



Information

City of
Bakersfield

THE LAW

Bakersfield Municipal Code 6.04.040

Dog license--Required-- Vaccination.

A. It is unlawful for any animal owner to keep or maintain a dog in any place in the city, unless such dog is licensed as provided in Section 6.04.050. This section shall have no application to dogs under the age of four months confined within the private property of their owners.

B. The license collector shall not license any dog until it has been vaccinated with canine rabies vaccine by injection or other method approved by the director of animal control during the calendar year for which it is licensed, and the animal owner shall produce a certificate of such vaccination, unless the animal owner submits a certificate from a licensed veterinarian issued within the preceding sixty days stating that in his opinion the rabies vaccination would be likely to seriously injure the dog. Any dog so exempted from rabies vaccination shall be restricted to the enclosed yard of the owner or person in possession of the dog.

Any violation thereof by the animal owner constitutes a violation of this chapter.

C. The vaccination shall be performed by any duly authorized person, licensed

veterinarian. The person vaccinating such dog shall issue to the animal owner a certificate of vaccination.

D. It is unlawful for any animal owner to keep or maintain any such dog in any place in the city unless such dog has been vaccinated as required by this section, excepting dogs under the age of four months, which should be confined within the private property of the owner. Other dogs that may be exempt from the requirement of vaccination is, the likelihood of serious injury that may occur to the dog, as provided in subsection B of this section. (Ord. 3940 § 1 (part), 1999: prior code § 9.08.040)

Bakersfield Municipal Code 6.04.050

Dog license-Fee-Tag

B. The license fee shall be due and payable as soon as any dog subject to this chapter is brought into the city or whenever any dog exempted under subsection A of this section reaches the age of four months.

A "City Dog Tag" shall be securely fastened to a collar or harness, which must be worn at all times by the dog for which the tag was issued.

Altered Dogs-Spayed or Neutered

(Rabies Certificate Required)

One year-\$15.00
Two year-\$25.00
Three year-\$30.00

Natural Dogs-Not Spayed or Neutered

One year-\$60.00
Two year-\$120.00
Three year-\$150.00

Senior Citizen Discount—62 years or older-Altered Dogs only

One year- \$5.00
Two year-\$10.00
Three year-\$15.00

Where to purchase a license

City of Bakersfield-City Hall North
1600 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, Ca. 93301
661-326-3719

Mailing: P.O.Box 2057
Bakersfield, Ca. 93303

DOG LICENSE FEES