

Licensing & Microchips



WHY SHOULD I LICENSE MY DOG?

Aside from the fact that it's the law, there are many benefits to licensing your dog:

- Montgomery County dog licenses can be traced 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, making it your dog's ticket home
- Licensed dogs are held 14 days before becoming property of the County, compared to three days for those without a license
- Reduced impoundment fees

Often, we're asked "why should I license my dog if they have a microchip?" Simply put - a dog license is the only **legal proof of ownership** in Ohio. So even if your dog is chipped, a license is required.

LICENSE VS. MICROCHIP

In Ohio, the law states all dogs three months of age and older must have (and wear!) a valid year license. Dog Licenses are sold every year from Dec. 1 through Jan. 31 and can be purchased at the County Administration Building, the Animal Resource Center (ARC), or at one of our many outposts listed on our website. You may also choose to purchase your license online by visiting www.mcoho.org/dogs.

Microchips are an optional and permanent additional form of identification. The procedure is simple and consists of injecting a radio-frequency identification implant under the loose skin between a dog's shoulder blades; no anesthetic is required and the process takes only seconds. Once properly implanted, you must register your pet's microchip in a database with your contact information.

REVENUE COLLECTED THROUGH THE SALE OF DOG LICENSES IS THE ARC'S MAJOR SOURCE OF FUNDING, ALLOWING US TO CARE FOR STRAY AND LOST DOGS.





WHY SHOULD I MICROCHIP MY DOG?

Things happen, and dogs get lost. Unfortunately, sometimes they slip out of their collars or dash out the door, leaving them lost without a license. A microchip provides additional, permanent ID that cannot fall off, be removed, or become difficult to read.

At ARC, we don't believe pets are "like" family - they ARE family. Taking the simple and inexpensive step to have your dog microchipped helps ensure your furry family member can be safely returned where they belong - home.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR PET'S MICROCHIP & KEEP CONTACT INFORMATION UP TO DATE IF YOU MOVE OR CHANGE PHONE NUMBERS

HOW OFTEN DO I HAVE TO RENEW MY DOG'S LICENSE?

Dog licenses are available for renewal on an annual basis from Dec. 1 through Jan. 31. After these dates, penalty fees may apply. If you would like to purchase a three-year or permanent dog license, they are exclusively sold by the Auditor's Office located in the Montgomery County Administration building at 451 West Third St. Dayton, OH 45422.

WHAT ABOUT OUR FELINE FRIENDS?

Ohio law does not require cats to be licensed like dogs. Of course, we encourage all owners to take every precaution to keep their pet safe. Cats can also be microchipped and owners can attach ID tags to their collars with their contact information.

DOES ARC MICROCHIP?

We do! Give us a call or stop by during our open hours and we'd be happy to microchip your pet.



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