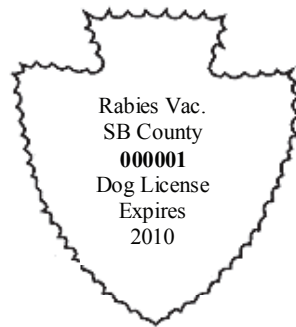


The BENEFITS of DOG LICENSING

Licensing Benefits to Dog Owners:

- 1) A license identifies your dog and allows you to be quickly reunited with them in case they ever get lost.
- 2) Licensed dogs are held much longer at animal shelters (10 days) than unlicensed dogs, which are held for only four days before being made available for adoption or destroyed. Unfortunately, many owners of unlicensed dogs return from a vacation to find that their dogs ran away from a caretaker and were either adopted or destroyed at a local animal shelter. If a dog is wearing a license tag, Animal Care & Control staff will attempt to reach the owner of a licensed dog by mail, telephone, and home visits if necessary.
- 3) A license ensures that dogs are vaccinated against rabies, a fatal disease.
- 4) Owners of licensed dogs receive a helpful reminder to re-vaccinate their pet prior to the rabies vaccine expiration date.
- 5) Owners who license their dog on time will save Court costs and late fees.
- 6) The State of California mandates that revenue from dog licensing pay for any hospitalization or emergency care of licensed animals. This revenue source assures owners that their licensed animal will be transported to a veterinarian if they are found injured.
- 7) If a currently vaccinated dog is exposed to a rabies positive animal, it may be quarantined. However, if an animal's vaccination has expired or is not valid, it is generally destroyed.



Licensing Benefits to Public Health

- 1) Rabies is a current threat to human and animal health. Dog licensing lowers the overall cost and health risk by making certain that dogs are vaccinated and by providing revenue for prevention programs.
- 2) A single rabies incident resulting from a dog whose vaccination has expired costs you, the taxpayer, thousands of dollars. This money could be saved and used elsewhere if the dog's vaccination had been current.

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