

# Coshocton County Dog License FAQ

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## **1. How do I purchase a dog license?**

The regular license period is from December 1 to January 31. You can purchase the one-year tag at Auditor's Office, Animal Shelter, Buehler's, TMK in New Bedford, and Woodbury Outfitters during their regular business hours. Three-year tag & permanent tag will **only** be sold in the Auditor's Office. One-year Licenses can also be purchased online at: <http://www.doglicenses.us/OH/Coshocton/>

## **2. How much are dog license?**

One-year tags cost \$12, three-year tags cost \$36 and permanent tags are \$120. Kennel license (5 tags) cost \$60 and can purchase extra tags for \$1 each. There are no refunds.

## **3. Why all the different tag choices?**

House Bill 59 establishing Ohio's biennial budget also created two new types of tags: the three-year tag and the permanent tag. These tags will only be sold in the Auditor's Office from December 1 to January 31 each year. These tags are intended for dog owners who plan on staying in the area and who have younger dogs that the owner expects to have for a while.

## **4. If I forget to get my dog's license, how much is it and what do I need to do?**

You will still need to purchase a license. If purchased after the January 31 deadline there will be penalties added. One-year tag cost \$12 plus penalty of an additional \$12 and Kennel licenses cost \$60 plus penalty of an additional \$60.

## **5. Can you extend the deadline without penalty?**

Ohio Revised Code 955.01(B), the only way this can be done is by a resolution by the Board of County Commissioners to extend the date to a date later than the thirty-first day of January.

## **6. Why would I buy a license for my dog?**

Dogs must be licensed by Ohio Revised Code Section 955, even if they never leave your property. Owners of unlicensed dogs can be cited to court and fined. Unlicensed dogs can be impounded by the dog warden. A dog license tag attached to your pet's collar is proof of ownership.

## **7. How does a license protect my dog?**

Dogs wearing a license tag have a better chance of returning home. You can call the Auditor's Office at 740-622-1243, or the Dog Warden at 740-295-0026 or use our dog and kennel lookup at: <http://www.coshoctoncounty.net/dogreg/> to find a lost dog's owner.

### **8. Can licensed dogs run loose?**

NO! The license does not allow your dog any privileges, but it helps him get back home if he gets lost. Ohio law also requires that dogs remain under reasonable control at all times. Leashes and fences keep dogs safe. Loose dogs can be hit by a car, injured in a dog fight, cause neighborhood damage or injure a person or other animals. Loose dogs can also be impounded by the dog warden or turned into the animal shelter by a concerned citizen. The cost of redeeming an impounded dog may include a fine and court costs. If the dog is not licensed, the court fees may be doubled and the license fee increases from \$12 to \$24.

### **9. If my dog dies, can I get a refund?**

No. There is no statutory authority to refund any of the license fees. However, if your dog dies, you should notify the Auditor's Office at 740-622-1243 or online at <http://www.coshoctoncounty.net/auditor/deceased-dog-form/> so your dog can be removed from our records for future reminder notices.

### **10. Can I transfer the license if I sell or give my dog to a new owner?**

Yes, stop in at the Auditor's Office at 349 Main Street, Coshocton to do this. License transfers and replacement tags cost \$5.00 and the current owner must sign the transfer.

### **11. What should I do if I move?**

If you move within Coshocton County, report your new address to the Auditor's Office at 740-622-1243 or online at <http://www.coshoctoncounty.net/auditor/dog-tag-address-change-form/>. If you move outside the county, call that county's auditor for license information.

### **12. What is a kennel license and how do I get one?**

Kennel tags are available for businesses that keep, house, and maintain adult dogs for the purpose of breeding the dogs for a fee or a sale. These can be purchased for \$60.00 **only** at the Auditor's Office. If buying a kennel license, you **must** sign an affidavit and return with application.

If your kennel has more than nine litters of puppies per year AND sell sixty or more dogs or puppies per year, a license must be obtained through the Ohio Department of Agriculture. High-Volume Breeder Applications are available in the Auditor's Office or online at <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/ai/docs/High%20Volume%20Breeder%20Permit.pdf>

### **13. Do I need to show proof of rabies vaccination when I get my dog's license?**

Coshocton County no longer has any area under rabies quarantine by a Health Board. Therefore, there is no need to show proof of rabies when getting a dog tag. Nevertheless, it is highly recommended for the safety of your pet and for liability purposes that every dog be vaccinated for rabies.

### **14. How does the money for the licenses get used?**

A portion of the fees collected goes to pay for claims made on animals destroyed or injured by dogs. Another portion is designated for the use of the County Dog Warden, who is responsible

for the enforcement of the licensing and registering of dogs and kennels and for the Auditor's Office for the sale of the tags. The Animal Shelter also receives some funding. The additional \$.75 fee that is charged by the other sites that are selling licenses and the additional \$2.50 that is charged by the online sales service stay with those agents as compensation for selling the tags.

**15. Can I send my money to the Auditor's office to get my dog license mailed to me?**

Yes. Send the fee, a self-addressed stamped envelope, and the dog's information (Name, gender, age, color, breed) to: Coshocton County Auditor's Office, 349 Main Street, Coshocton, OH 43812. Mailed requests for dog tags must be postmarked by January 31st to avoid the penalty.

**16. I just purchased a new dog, how or when do I get its license?**

Immediately upon becoming the owner, keeper, or harbinger of any dog more than three months of age or brought from outside the state during any year, shall file like applications, with fees, as required by section 955.01 of the Revised Code, for registration for the current year. If the application is not filed and the fee paid, within thirty days after the dog is acquired, becomes three months of age, or is brought from outside the state, the auditor shall assess a penalty in an amount equal to the registration fee upon the owner, keeper, or harbinger, which shall be paid with the registration fee.

**17. I just got a new puppy, how much are the license?**

A puppy license is \$12. The registration fee for any dog becoming three months of age after the first day of July of any year and the registration fee of any dog purchased from outside the state after the first day of July of any year shall be one half of the original fee. (ORC 955.06)

**18. What should I do if my dog gets lost or if I find a lost dog?**

Call the Coshocton County Dog Warden at 740-295-0026 and/or the Animal Shelter at 740-622-9741. If you can read the lost dog's current Coshocton County License, call the Auditor's office at 740-622-1243, the Dog Warden at 295-0026, or use our search at: <http://www.coshoctoncounty.net/dogreg/> to find a lost dog's owner.