# San Mateo County Health System Animal License Application

San Mateo County Animal Licensing c/o PetData PO Box 141929 Irving, TX 75014



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Owner Hair					
Owner Stree (Street, City,	et Address - <b>Required</b> State, Zip)				
Owner Maili (if different t	ng Address han street address)				
Home Phone		Alternate Phone	Dat	Date of Birth	
Pet Inform	ation				
Species Dog Cat	Pet Name	Primary Breed	Secondary Breed	Hybrid?* ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Color(s)		Pet's Date of Birth	Age Sex / Altered	I Status	
			☐ Male ☐ Female	<ul><li>☐ Spayed / Neutere</li><li>☐ Unaltered</li></ul>	
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If your anima		se a Spay/Neuter Certificate or other under penalty of perjury, that your an		ian or clinic that	
Sign:		Date:			
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You must be 60 years of age or older. Enclose a copy of identification card or driver's license.

License Fee Schedule	DOGS		CATS	
	Unaltered	Altered	Unaltered Cat	Altered Cat
One-Year Regular	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$7.00
Three-Year* Regular	\$145.00	\$55.00	\$45.00	\$17.50
One-Year Senior	\$18.00	\$9.00	\$7.00	\$5.00
Three-Year* Senior	\$54.00	\$23.00	\$21.00	\$11.25
Replacement Tag \$8.00		\$5.00		
Late Fee \$20.00		\$7.00		

<sup>\*</sup>A 3-year license may be purchased only if a 3-year rabies shot was given within the last 5 months.

#### **Payment Information**

Online: Go to www.petdata.com/sma and select License Online. (When using debit/credit cards, you will be charged a Cost Recovery Processing Fee.)

By Mail: Please remit payment with any required paperwork to the address at the top of this form (Make checks payable to San Mateo County Animal Licensing.)

## **Licensing Information**

### The Licensing Law

One year or three year licenses can be purchased for your pet based on the rabies vaccination date. Unless you purchase a three-year license, your pet's license must be renewed every year. A three-year license may be purchased only if a three-year rabies vaccination was given within the last five months.

Dog Owners who reside in San Mateo County must obtain a license for their dog.

**Cat Owners** who reside in the following locations must obtain a license for their cat:

Town of Brisbane
City of Belmont
Town of Hillsborough
City of Millbrae
City of San Mateo
City of Redwood City
Unincorporated areas of San Mateo County

## **Additional Requirements**

- New dogs and cats must be licensed by the age of 4 months or within 60 days of acquiring the animal;
- New residents of the County must license their dog or cat within 60 days;
- The law requires the animal to wear their license tag at all times (if microchipped, a cat or dog residing in the Belmont, Brisbane, East Palo Alto, Pacifica, Redwood City and the unincorporated areas of the county are not required to wear their tag.)
- And, a penalty fee will be required for late license renewals or failure to comply with the animal ordinance for the area in which the pet resides.

## **Rabies Vaccination Requirements**

In San Mateo County, all dogs must be vaccinated against rabies at the age of 4 months by a licensed veterinarian. All cats residing in the Town of Brisbane, City of Belmont, Town of Hillsborough, City of Millbrae, City of San Mateo, City of Redwood City and the unincorporated areas of San Mateo County must be vaccinated against rabies at the age of 4 months by a licensed veterinarian. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required to obtain a license. If a dog or cat bites a person, the animal must be quarantined for a minimum of ten days to ensure the animal has not been exposed to the rabies virus and a minimum fee of \$35 will be charged to the owner of the animal.

#### **Reasons to License Your Pet**

- 1. <u>To identify your pet</u>. A license tag helps Humane Officers, shelter personnel and anyone who finds a lost or stray animal to identify him and return him to you.
- 2. <u>To protect public health</u>. Pets can contract rabies from infected wildlife (such as skunks, raccoons, foxes, and bats) and spread the virus to other animals and people. By requiring that dogs and cats be vaccinated against rabies, the risk of acquiring and spreading this fatal disease is drastically reduced.
- 3. <u>To avoid penalties for failure to license</u>. If your pet bothers the neighbors, bites anyone, is lost, brought to the animal shelter, or is stolen, the license will be verified. If the animal is not licensed or vaccinated, the owner may receive a citation, will be required to vaccinate the animal and purchase a license, and pay a penalty that will be greater than the cost of purchasing the license initially.

#### Locations to License in Person

If you would rather license your pet in person rather than mailing it or going online, you can go to one of the following locations:

- Health System 1600 W Hillsdale Blvd, Suite 203 in San Mateo
- Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA 12 Airport Blvd in San Mateo
- Tom and Annette Lantos Center for Compassion 1450 Rollins Road in Burlingame