

The Law:

Pet Licensure and Owner Identification.

- 🐾 **License Requirement.** A person owning or having charge, custody, or care over a dog or cat judged to be three (3) months of age or older shall obtain for such animal a Pet License issued by the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV).
- 🐾 Application for the Pet License shall be made by the owner within thirty (30) days of acquiring ownership of a dog or cat judged to be three (3) months of age or older.
- 🐾 The owner of a dog or cat shall provide current proof of **rabies vaccination** to the ASCMV before the Pet License may be issued or renewed.
- 🐾 The owner of a dog or cat shall provide proof of an implanted working **identification microchip** for the animal to the ASCMV before the Pet License may be issued or renewed.
- 🐾 Proof of the microchip implantation shall be either documentation or a scan of the animal confirming the presence of a working identification microchip by a staff member of the ASCMV.
- 🐾 The implanted microchip shall store a unique identification number which shall correspond with current owner contact information for the microchipped animal. The identification number and current owner contact information shall be registered with the ASCMV before the Pet License may be issued.
- 🐾 A person owning or having charge, custody, or care over a licensed animal shall maintain a current registry of the animal with the ASCMV.

For the Complete Ordinance please visit:
<http://donaanacounty.org/animal/>



Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide efficient and quality service to the citizens of Doña Ana County by providing protection for them and their property from the dangers and nuisances caused by stray animals, to protect pets from the cruelty they may face from irresponsible citizens, and to educate the public in the responsibilities of pet ownership, animal control, care, and welfare.

Contact Us:

Central Dispatch:
1-800-260-0911

Our Offices:
575-525-8846
2024 E. Griggs
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Website:
<http://donaanacounty.org/animal/>

**Doña Ana County
Sheriff's Office**

**Animal Control
Division**



**Pet
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How Much?

The fees for Pet Licensing in Doña Ana County have been established by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and are as follows:

Standard Fee\$50.⁰⁰ Per Animal Per Year
(Intact Animals – Not Spayed or Neutered)

Sterilization Discount \$7.⁰⁰ Per Animal Per Year
(Altered Animals – Spayed or Neutered)

Age Discount\$10.⁰⁰ Onetime Fee Per Animal
(Owner is Over Age 65 - Altered Animals)

Qualified Service Animal\$0.⁰⁰

For all Pet Licenses and renewals, pet owners must first show proof of current vaccination against Rabies, AND must show proof of an implanted working identification microchip.

Pet Licenses must be obtained from the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV). Customers must come to the ASCMV in person to be issued an initial Pet License. Renewals may be purchased by mail. The required vaccines and microchips do NOT have to be purchased from the ASCMV.

Animal Service Center
of the Mesilla Valley
3551 Bataan Memorial West
Las Cruces, NM 88012
Phone: (575) 382-0018
Fax: 575.373.2819

Since When!?!?

At its Regular Meeting of December 10, 2013, the BOCC voted to adopt Ordinance No. 266-2013. This newly adopted Ordinance, which includes the new Pet License requirement, went into effect as of January 17, 2014.

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- Each Pet License issued shall include a Pet License tag and a Certificate of Licensure stating the name and address of the owner, the animal's rabies vaccination date and tag number, the animal's identification microchip number, and a complete and thorough physical description of the animal.
- The Pet License shall be valid for one (1) year and must be renewed each year.
- The Pet License shall be refused or revoked if the license applicant has withheld or falsified any application information.
- A duplicate Pet License shall be issued by the ASCMV upon payment of a replacement fee.
- **License Tag.** A person owning or having charge, custody, care, or control over a dog or cat judged to be three (3) months of age or older shall keep the animal's assigned Pet License tag affixed to a collar or harness worn by the animal whenever the animal is away from the owner's property.
- The tags may be removed while the animal is undergoing treatment by a veterinarian or being groomed.
- A person shall not remove or transfer any legitimate Pet License tag from one animal to another.

- **Fees.** Pet Licensing fees shall be established and adopted through resolution by the BOCC.
- **Qualified Service Animals.** No Pet License fee shall be charged for Qualified Service Animals or for any dog trained to assist the blind or deaf.
- **Sterilization Discount.** A person owning or having charge, custody, or care over a sterilized dog or cat judged to be three (3) months of age or older shall obtain for such animal a Pet License from the ASCMV at a fee established by resolution of the BOCC.
- The owner shall show proof to the ASCMV that the animal has been sterilized. Proof of sterilization shall consist of a written certificate by a veterinarian stating that the animal has been sterilized, or that sterilization would be an unnecessary surgical risk for the animal due to its age or physical condition.
- **Age Discount.** A person over the age of sixty-five (65) years owning or having custody of a sterilized dog or cat shall obtain a Pet License for such animal from the ASCMV at a fee established by resolution of the BOCC.

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