Dog License Requirements

Dear Pet Owner,

To issue a license each year the Rabies Vaccination has to expire After November 1 of the Licensing year. When Rabies Vaccinations are renewed or if you are Licensing for the first time, a copy of the Rabies and Spay/Neuter if applicable, must be sent in with your application and remain on file at Townhall for the Animal Control Officer. A letter of Vaccine exemption can be issued by your Vets office if your pet qualifies due to age or medical reasons.

There is a $5.00 late fee per month after January 31 until proper documents are submitted to issue a license.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the requirements please call Stillwater Township Municipal Building 973-383-9484

Or visit [The Official Web Site for The State of New Jersey | Dog Licensing (nj.gov)](https://www.nj.gov/nj/community/community/dog_licenses.html) at <https://www.nj.gov/nj/community/community/dog_licenses.html>

Which reads:

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The owners of all dogs seven months of age or older are required to annually apply to the licensing clerk of the municipality in which he or she resides for a dog license**. In order for the license to be issued, the owner must present proof that a licensed veterinarian has vaccinated the dog against rabies and that the duration of immunity from that vaccination extends through at least ten months of the twelve-month licensing period. An exemption to the rabies inoculation requirement shall be granted if the owner presents written certification from a licensed veterinarian that the dog cannot be vaccinated due to a medical condition or course of therapy.**

Dog licensing fees are set by municipal ordinance but the maximum that can be charged annually is $21.00. License fees are kept by the municipality and used for animal and rabies control activities. Municipal licensing clerks also collect the following additional fees when the dog is licensed: $1.00 for each dog licensed that is forwarded to the DHSS and placed in the Rabies Trust Fund to support State rabies and animal control programs, $3.00 for unneutered dogs that is forwarded to the DHSS, Animal Population Control Program to fund the New Jersey low cost spay and neuter program, and $0.20 for each dog licensed that is forwarded to the DHSS to defray the costs of operating [The People for Animals, Inc.](https://www.pfaonline.org/) low cost spay and neuter clinic located in Hillside, NJ. These fees were enacted into law in 1983.

Respectfully,

Stillwater Township c/o Dog License