

Why should I license my pet?

Incredibly, there are an estimated 216,000 dogs living in Pima County yet only about 47,000 of them are licensed. Licensing is the first step in assuring the health and safety of your dog and thousands of others because:

1. If your dog gets lost, a license tag on your pet's collar is the fastest way to reunite you with your dog. Unlike a microchip, a license tag is immediately visible and doesn't require a scanning device to read it.
2. A license tag indicates that your canine companion has received a rabies vaccination.
3. Licensing your dog shows that you are a responsible dog caregiver. When you walk your dog or let your dog run in designated areas, people will notice the license on your dog's collar and know that you're concerned about your dog's welfare.
4. Dog license and license renewal fees are primary sources of revenue for Pima County Animal Care (PACC) enabling it to provide its unique services to all the citizens of Pima County. A sample of services include finding new homes for unclaimed or surrendered pets; protecting animals from abuse and neglect; keeping neighborhoods safe from aggressive dogs; providing animal care and safety information to the community. Enforcement responded to 35,000 calls and the shelter housed over 21,000 misplaced animals in 2007.
5. It is the law. Living in Pima County brings many lifestyle advantages and rewards, but it also carries some obligations. Among these is the payment of fees for municipal services. Responsible citizens get their dogs licensed.

Purchase a license at time of rabies vaccination from these participating veterinarians: http://www.pimaanimalcare.org/services/doglicense_shots.asp

If your dog has been vaccinated for rabies please apply for a dog license. Your county and your pet are depending on you. Thank you.

A license is your pet's phone call home!