

Are you harboring a fugitive?



WHY IS LICENSING MY PET NECESSARY?

Being a dog/cat owner requires all sorts of responsibility, but one that is often overlooked is getting him/her licensed. The Village often gets asked, "Why do I need to license my pet?" There are several reasons:

It's the law. Section 174.052 of Wisconsin Statutes mandates owners to have their dogs vaccinated for rabies and licensed in their county.

The Village also has an ordinance for licensing cats. The same rules apply.

Licensing lets the people in our community know that you pet is up to date on its rabies vaccinations. A pet cannot be licensed unless it is properly vaccinated. A Good Samaritan will be more likely to handle and care for a lost pet if they can clearly see their tag reassuring it's been vaccinated. There are over 100 pets licensed in the Village, knowing that those pets are healthy, rabies vaccinated and cared for by veterinarians protects you and the community.

If your pet gets lost, having it licensed significantly improves your chances of it being returned home quickly. If the Village Office receives a phone call indicating that a roaming pet has been found that license number can quickly identify your pet and get him back to you safely.

The license process is simple. There is no application, but you must provide proof of rabies vaccination along with a nominal fee (\$5.00 for spayed/neutered dogs/cats or \$10.00 for intact dogs/cats). You can provide the paperwork and a separate check for the pet fee along with your tax payment; place paperwork and fee in the drop box at 110 Colonial Drive; or mail to the Village at PO Box 302 St Nazianz WI 54232. Please include a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope if you want the license and paperwork mailed back to you.

The licenses are renewed annually on January 1st of each year. There is a grace period of four months, until April 1st in which you are allowed to license your pet.

After April 1st, the Village will reach out to you either by phone, mail, or police officer to remind you that your pet is not licensed. There is a \$20.00 late fee per pet if licensed after April 1st. If you no longer have your pet, please let the Village know so we can remove them from the computerized registry. Per statute, the Village may send a list of unlicensed pets to the District Attorney for prosecution.

We do get many complaints about dogs running loose and/or not leashed. Another complaint is dogs running toward walkers with or without dogs as they walk past properties with dogs outside. Our village ordinance states that dogs must be leashed or secured by some sort of electric fence.

Please be considerate of others who encounter you and your dog – not everyone is a dog lover. Clean up after your dog!