

All Dogs (7 months or older) and Cats (6 months or older) kept within the Borough must be currently licensed. All such licenses expire at the end of each year and must be renewed the following January.

To be eligible for a license the dog or cat must have had at least one rabies immunization. That immunization must be valid through at least 11 months of the licensing period. (Through November)

Example: the dog rabies immunization expires in June of a given year. The license will not be renewed in January of that year unless the rabies immunization is updated so that it extends past the end of that year. *Note: You may not wait to license the animal. The animal is still required to be licensed in January.*

To obtain a license you must show proof that the dog or cat has a current rabies immunization by showing a copy of that immunization record issued by a licensed veterinarian. Free rabies vaccination program is provided by the Health Department each January.

Download the form for a dog or cat license from [here](#) .

The Bergen County Animal Shelter has a free rabies vaccination program. More information can be obtained at www.co.bergen.nj.us/bcas/

FEES

Dogs (spayed or neutered) \$8 Guide dogs are fee exempt.

Dogs (unaltered) \$11

Cats (spayed or neutered) \$8 each additional altered cat \$5.

Cats (unaltered) \$11 each additional unaltered cat \$8.

Fees may be paid in cash (in person only) or by check made payable to the Borough of Bergenfield.

Licenses that are not renewed by January 31st are subject to a late fee of \$5 per month or portion thereof.

In 2008, 27 summonses were issued to residents for failing to license or renew the license for their pets. To avoid this possibility please renew license in January and license new animals within 10 days of acquiring the animals.