

THANK YOU for taking the time to License your dog...Please note the following:

- ✓ Dog Licenses need to be renewed annually. Annual dog licenses are effective April 1st and expire on March 31st of the following year.
- ✓ Starting in mid-February dog licenses are available for the upcoming year. Dog renewal applications will be on the bottom of the Annual Street Listing form mailed to every household in January or February. You may use this form to renew the license by mail or in person.
- ✓ You will have March & April in which to renew your dog's License.
- ✓ Failure to renew the License before May 1 will result in a Late Fee of \$20.00 per dog, in addition to the License Fee.

Questions or concerns regarding your dog's license? Contact the City Clerk at

587-1224. The ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER can be reached at 587-1100.

RABIES INFORMATION

Rabies is a disease caused by a germ in the saliva of a "mad" dog. The germs enter the body through the wound made when a rabid animal bites another animal or person.

Rabies may appear in either the "dumb" or "furious" form. The symptoms are not constant, but as a rule dogs with DUMB rabies are very RESTLESS. The eyes take on a peculiarly bright appearance, with dilated pupils. The dogs may be more AFFECTIONATE than usual. The throat and jaws gradually become paralyzed so that he MOUTH HANGS OPEN, the dog DROOLS saliva out and the tongue seems to be in the way. There is difficulty in swallowing. Frequently these symptoms lead to the mistake of thinking the animal has a BONE CAUGHT in the throat. The dog may snap at imaginary objects.

Dogs affected with the FURIOUS form of rabies become IRRITABLE and RESTLESS, snapping at people and other animals. They will chew up foreign material, such as rugs, pieces of clothing or wood. They try to get out of the house to run. If confined, they will tear at objects and, if they break loose, will RUN AIMLESSLY for miles, snapping and biting at any moving object crossing their path.

In both forms, there is a peculiar high pitched and HOUND-LIKE HOWL. The end comes when the dog is exhausted, the legs become paralyzed and the dog dies in a stupor.

RABIES NEVER APPEAR AS SUDDEN CONVULSIONS OR FITS

When a dog has bitten a person, CONFINE THE DOG and call a veterinarian. DO NOT KILL THE ANIMAL. The dog should be kept under observation. If it remains well, there is no danger of rabies to animals or persons bitten; if it has rabies, definite symptoms and death will occur within the two weeks period of restraint that is required. If the dog is killed at once, you may never know if it was rabid.

ALL PERSONS BITTEN BY OR INTIMATELY EXPOSED TO RABID ANIMALS SHOULD BE GIVEN ANTI-RABIC TREATMENT. For more information contact:

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