

**COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK
DOG LICENSE DIVISION
COUNTY COURTHOUSE
230 STRAND STREET
ST. HELENS, OREGON 97051
(503)397-3796**

Oregon Revised Statute 609.100 requires that every person owning or keeping any dog which has a set of permanent canine teeth, or is six months of age, whichever comes first, shall within thirty days after becoming the owner or keeper of the dog, and **yearly thereafter**, will procure from the county a license for the dog.

** All licenses are due by January 1 of the current year. There will be a grace period for license **renewals** until March 1st, of each year, after which any person owning or keeping an un-licensed dog will be subject to a fine of up to \$500.00.

A license may be obtained by mailing this application to the address given above, or in person at the County Clerk's office, main floor, County Courthouse.

******THREE YEAR LICENSE NOW AVAILABLE******

LICENSE FEES	One year	Two Year	Three year
Spay / neutered	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
Unfixed dog	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$85.00
Senior(65) Fixed	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Senior (65) unfixed	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
LATE FEE	\$25.00 PER OWNER AFTER MARCH 1ST		

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

Current Rabies Vaccination Certificate VALID UNTIL OCTOBER 31ST

Correct fee including appropriate penalties)

Spay/Neuter Certificates must also be enclosed if applicable for reduced fees to apply.

LICENSE APPLICATION

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Dogs Name _____ Sex _____ Spayed/Neutered _____ Fees _____

Breed _____ Color _____ Do you live inside the city limits? _____

Rabies Expiration Date _____ Veterinary Name-Clinic - City _____

Owners Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Street Address _____ Mailing _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

AS A DOG OWNER, LAWS THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- **If your rabies certificate indicates ownership of the animal for more than 30 days, then a late fee of \$25.00 applies to your licensing applications.**
- **If you have received a dog license warning notice for your dog then the late fee of \$25.00 will apply. \$75.00 if you have received a citation.**
- It is unlawful for dogs to run at large in the county. Any peace officer or animal control officer may impound a dog that is found running at large. **ORS 609.060**
- A dog is a public nuisance per **ORS 609.095** if it:
 - A. Bites a person
 - B. Chases vehicles or persons
 - C. Damages or destroys property of others
 - D. Scatters garbage
 - E. Trespasses on private property
 - F. Disturbs any person by frequent or prolonged noise
 - G. Is a female in heat running at large
- The owner or keeper of a dog that has injured or killed livestock is responsible for any damages up to double the amount of damages. **ORS 609.140**
- ANY dog which, while off the premises owned or under control of its owner, kills, wounds, or injures livestock, not belonging to the master of such dog, is a public nuisance and may be killed immediately by any person. **ORS 609.150**
- ALL ANIMAL BITES should be reported to the Animal Control Officer or a Police Agency immediately. **ORS 433.345 (1)**
- **ORS 609.020** defines dogs as personal property; as such the **finder** of a dog must surrender the dog to the Animal Control Shelter to be processed for return to the owner or adoption if no owner is found, in some cases the animal may be held by the finder with a foster agreement. .
- **ORS 163.208 / 162.235** make it a **Criminal Offense** to assault or interfere with the duties of an Animal Control Officer.
- **ORS 167.340** defines the criminal charge of Animal Abandonment to include the dropping off of animals at the Animal shelter without first having made proper arraignments for the animal.
- The Columbia County Humane Society and the Columbia County Animal Control share the same building, but each provides a different service to the community. The Humane society takes in owner relinquished animals. The County portion of the shelter is responsible for all strays or unwanted animals. The County Animal Control Officer response in the field to animal abuse, neglect and public nuisances issues. The Animal Control Officer is also responsible for enforcing the county ordinances regarding animal licensing and other animal control related ordinances.