

ATTENTION DOG AND CAT OWNERS

Wisconsin Statutes and City of Beaver Dam Ordinances require that “Every owner of a dog or cat more than five months of age on January 1 of any year, or five months of age within the license year....shall annually....pay his dog or cat license tax and obtain a license therefore. Any person desiring to keep or maintain any combination of pets (dogs or cats) in excess of three must also obtain a pet fanciers' license. A kennel license must be obtained for any establishment wherein or whereon dogs are kept for the purpose of boarding, breeding, sale or sporting purposes.

Dog Rabies Vaccination Required

Chapter 95.21 (2) Wisconsin Statutes provides that “The owner of a dog shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian within 30 days after the dog reaches 4 months of age and revaccinated within one year after the initial vaccination. If the owner obtains the dog or brings the dog into this state after the dog has reached 4 months of age, the owner shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies within 30 days after the dog is obtained or brought into the state unless the dog has been vaccinated as evidenced by a current certificate of rabies vaccination from this state or another state. The owner of a dog shall have the dog revaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian before the date that the immunization expires as stated on the certificate of vaccination or, if no date is specified, within 3 years after the previous vaccination.

Cat Rabies Vaccination Required

Chapter 10-21(b) of the Beaver Dam Municipal Code provides: “After initial vaccination, every pet shall be revaccinated periodically as certified by a licensed veterinarian to maintain immunity.”

Late Fees and Penalties

The collecting official shall assess a late fee of \$10.00 from every owner of an unlicensed dog or cat 5 months of age or over if the owner has not obtained the license by April 1 of each year or within 30 days of acquiring ownership of a dog or cat that is 5 months of age or over. Chapter 25.04(c) provides that if animals are found to be in violation of the above vaccination and licensing conditions, a minimum penalty of \$50.00 shall be assessed against the owner.

YOU MUST HAVE A CURRENT RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE FROM A VETERINARIAN AT THE TIME YOU MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR THE LICENSE. THE CERTIFICATE MUST SHOW THE NEXT DATE THE RABIES IMMUNIZATION IS DUE. PROOF OF SPAY OR NEUTER IS ALSO NEEDED FOR THE \$7 FEE.

Dog and cat licenses are available in the City Finance office at the Municipal Building, 205 S. Lincoln Avenue. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Please DO NOT include the animal license fees with your tax payment check.** The check should be made out to the City of Beaver Dam. **Payment drop-boxes are located by the parking lot entrance and in front of City Hall.**

Mail-in or Drop-Box Requirements

We can mail your license to you if you provide the following information. Please be sure to include a **self-addressed, stamped envelope** AND the rabies certificate which will be returned to you.

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Animal Name(s) _____

Dog _____ Cat _____ Sex _____ Spayed Yes No Neutered Yes No

Breed _____ Color _____

FEES:

SPAYED/NEUTERED DOG OR CAT	\$ 7.00
NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED	\$19.00
PET FANCIER LICENSE (required for 4 or more animals)	\$20.00
KENNEL LICENSE	\$55.00