
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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Don't Forget to License Your Dog!

They are man's best friend, furry and loyal, so they deserve your best attention. Don't let your four-legged friend go without a license! Michigan law requires all dogs four months of age or older be licensed on an annual basis. Getting a license is faster and easier than ever, now that you can renew online at <https://www.accesskent.com/DogLicense/>.

Fee Schedule

Regular Fees through March 1, 2012:	Spayed/ Neutered \$12.00 Not Sterilized \$26.00
Senior Citizens' Discounted Fees through March 1, 2012:	Spayed/Neutered \$6.00 Not Sterilized \$13.00

After March 1, the fees double:

Regular Fees:	Spayed/ Neutered \$24.00 Not Sterilized \$52.00
Senior Citizens' Fees:	Spayed/Neutered \$12.00 Not Sterilized \$26.00

You must present a valid certificate of rabies vaccination and proof of spay/neuter for your dog(s) in order to receive a license. If you purchase a new dog, you have 30 days to get a license without paying a penalty, but you must show a dated proof-of-purchase. A license tag on your dog will help get it home safely if lost, reduce the chance of theft, show that your dog is vaccinated against rabies, **AND spare you from a \$50 violation.**

The Kent County Animal Shelter is located at 740 Fuller NE, in Grand Rapids. Licenses can be obtained M-F from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. – 12 noon. Pet adoptions are available until one hour before the shelter closes. Call the Kent County Animal Shelter more information: 616.632.7300. Licenses may also be purchased at the Kent County Treasurer's Office, the Kent County Humane Society, or numerous city and township offices.

KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 260 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and specialized staff at the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates one main clinic and four satellite clinics located in Wyoming, Kentwood, Rockford, and Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD services, visit www.accesskent.com/health.