
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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It's Time to License your Dog!

Michigan law requires that all dogs four months of age or older must be licensed. Make sure your best friend is licensed! It's quick, easy, and a tag will help your dog get home safely if lost. Tags also reduce the chance of theft, show your dog is vaccinated against rabies, **AND spare you from an expensive citation.**

Fee Schedule through March 1:

Regular Fees:	Spayed/ Neutered	\$12.00
	Not Sterilized	\$26.00
Senior Citizens' Discounted Fees:	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 in order to receive a license. If you purchase a new dog after March 1, you have 30 days to get a license without paying a penalty, but you must show a dated proof-of-purchase.

The Kent County Animal Shelter is located at 740 Fuller NE, in Grand Rapids. Licenses can be obtained Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. – 12 noon. The shelter is closed on several upcoming holidays (Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Day). Online renewal is also available at <https://www.accesskent.com/DogLicense/>. Call the Kent County Animal Shelter for more information at 616.632.7300. The Kent County Treasurer's Office, the Humane Society of West Michigan, Vicky's Pet Connection, "Critter Cottage," C-SNIP, and numerous city and township offices also sell licenses.

Pet adoptions are also available at the Kent County Animal Shelter. Cats are only \$50.00 and dogs are only \$82.00! This includes spay/neuter, all vaccinations up-to-date and a microchip, thanks to a grant from the Bissell Pet Foundation. Adoptions end one hour before the shelter closes. This special runs through the end of the year or until grant funding runs out.

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.