



Attention Residents,

The Town of Yankeetown is committed to the safety of our community and its four-legged residents. To ensure lost pets are quickly reunited with their families and to maintain public health standards, we are writing to inform you that **pet licensing and tags are being re-instituted and will now be strictly enforced.**

According to **Town Ordinance Chapter 4, Article I**, all residents keeping a dog or cat six months of age or older within town limits must secure a license and a physical tag.

Key Licensing Dates & Fees

- **Annual Term:** All licenses are issued for a one-year term beginning **October 1.**
- **Annual Fee:** \$5.00 per pet.
- **Renewal Deadline:** To avoid penalties, your license must be secured **prior to November 1.**
- **New Pets:** Any dog reaching six months of age after October 1 must be licensed within **30 days.**

Penalties for Late Registration

Please note that a penalty will be imposed if you fail to secure a license by November 1 (or within 30 days of a pet reaching the six-month age requirement).

Requirements for Application

To register your pet, please visit the Town Clerk's office (or designated agent) with the following:

1. **Written Application:** Including the owner's name/address and the pet's name, breed, color, age, and sex.
2. **Proof of Vaccination:** Per **Sec. 4-30**, you must provide a rabies vaccination certificate from a licensed veterinarian or written certification of immunization.
 - *Note: An exemption applies if a veterinarian certifies the animal's health would be endangered by vaccination due to age.*

Upon payment and verification, you will be issued a numbered receipt and a **numbered tag** for your pet's collar.

Why This Matters

Enforcing these ordinances helps the Town maintain an up-to-date registry, ensuring that found pets are identified and returned home immediately. Keeping rabies vaccinations current is also a vital step in protecting both our pets and our citizens.

We appreciate your prompt cooperation in keeping Yankeetown a safe and responsible pet-friendly community.

Sincerely,

The Town of Yankeetown