

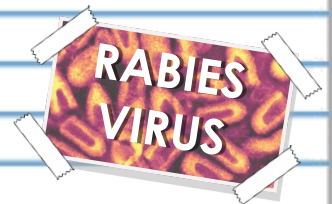
Owning A Dog Within the City of Clifton

Benefits of Licensing Your Dog

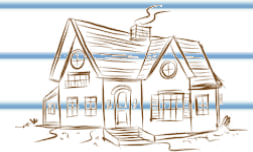
The Clifton Health Department requires ALL dog owners to license their dogs within the city. This is the law, and compliance bring benefits to you, your dog, and the community.

* Licensing will ensure that dogs are vaccinated against rabies, which is a terrible disease that can be fatal.

NOTE: Free Rabies Clinics are held annually for all New Jersey Dog Owners in the Spring & Fall.

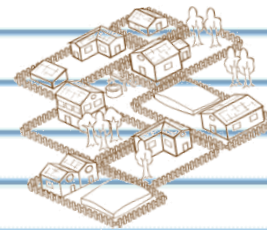


* A dog's license is a way to ensure your dog gets home safely if they get lost. The license tag is an easy way for authorities to identify and contact their owner.



* License fees are significantly less than fines for not having a license.

* Dog license money stays in your community to help rabies clinic funding and Animal Control services.



* **And it's the law!**

The State of NJ requires ALL dogs six (6) months and older to be licensed. Clifton offers one (1) & three (3) year licenses based on a valid rabies vaccination as required by law. Fee is based on if your dog is spayed/neutered. Licenses are based on a "calendar" year; and expire in January (it does not matter what time of the year the license was purchased).

Renewals are mailed out annually reminding dog owners to renew their dogs license.

Licenses must be purchased before March 2nd to avoid a \$10 late fee.

Newly acquired dogs and dogs attaining licensing age are required to be licensed within 10 days (City Ordinance 203-3).

Licenses are available in person at Clifton City Hall, by mail, or online at <https://www.cliftonnj.org/202/Animal-Control> ; we accept cash, check/money order, and credit/debit cards.

Consequences for NOT licensing your dog and/or having a license metal tag fastened to the collar will result in the issuance of a summons.

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The Clifton Health Department is a contractual health agency
serving the Township of Little Falls.



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City of Clifton's Municipal Ordinances: Chapter 203 Dogs and Other Animals

To view entire ordinance, visit: www.cliftonnj.org and click on Clifton Code 

- **Dog Licensing 203-2:** All dogs of licensing age in the City shall apply & procure from the Health Department a license and official metal registration tag for each dog. Said application shall be accompanied by proof that the dog has been inoculated with rabies vaccine as required by applicable state laws, and regulations.

- **Dog Running at Large 203-10:** Dogs are prohibited to run at large upon any of the streets or public places of the City or upon the property on any other person. All dogs are required to be on a leash.

(Leash: Any kind of chain, rope or strapping, the length of which is not to exceed six feet from collar to handle, that is sufficiently capable of controlling the dog)

- **Excessive Noise 203-11A:** No person shall permit or cause any dog or other animal in his custody, control or ownership to engage in periods of sustained barking, howling, crying or other loud noises for any period of 30 consecutive minutes or two or more intervals of 15 consecutive minutes or more within a one-hour period, between the hours of 10:00pm and 7:00am, which cause an objectively unreasonable disturbance to the quiet of any person or persons residing in the vicinity of the dog or other animal. To make a complaint, a form is required to be filled out.

- **Other Nuisances 203-11B and Pet Waste Disposal 203-63 to 67:** All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

New Jersey Materials on Animal Cruelty

This notice is distributed to each person obtaining an annual dog license and will be posted on the Municipal Website. Pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 2017, Chapter 189b, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) has provided the following information:

 **4:22-17 Cruelty: certain act, crime: degrees**

 **4:22-26 Penalties for various acts constituting cruelty.**

 **Guide to Prevention of Animal Cruelty Laws 2018**

The full text of the statutes and the plain language description of the provisions and requirements are posted as follows:

 www.cliftonnj.org (Please navigate to Government > Animal Control)

 www.state.nj.us/health/vph

Note: The NJDOH does not have the authority to investigate animal cruelty situations.

Upon request, the documents will be made available by contacting the Health Dept. at 973-470-5760.

If you suspect animal cruelty or abuse, contact your Local Police Department for assistance at 973-470-5911.

Any Questions:

Contact the Clifton Health Department: **973-470-5760**

 Visit our website: www.cliftonnj.org
Please navigate to [Animal Control](#)

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