

REMINDER TO PET OWNERS

- ◇ Current pet licenses **expire February 28, 2024**. Return this application with payment, **BEFORE March 1st**. Checks are payable to "Borough of Old Tappan"
- ◇ State Law requires a copy of your pet's rabies vaccination certificate accompany the application. **Rabies Vaccination must be valid through Oct. 31st of the licensing year.**
- ◇ Pets six months or older, **MUST** be vaccinated for Rabies.
- ◇ For pets younger than six months, you may get a "Rabies Exemption Form" from a licensed veterinarian.
- ◇ Owners who do not obtain the license by the end of February will incur a late fee. See reverse side for late fee schedule.
- ◇ Unlicensed animals are subject to a fine of \$75 per pet

PET LICENSE DEADLINE FEBRUARY 28th

FREE RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

Sponsored by the Old Tappan Board of Health at the **DPW Garage, 35 Russell Avenue**

Thursday - February 15, 2024

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY (starts at 6pm)

- ◇ Email mdisanti@oldtappan.net or call 201-664-1849 ext.10,, Mon– Fri 8:30am-1:30pm, to schedule an appointment
- ◇ Do NOT enter the building until your time slot is posted on the door outside the building
- ◇ One (1) person per household is allowed in the building
- ◇ Dogs **MUST** be leashed and cats **MUST** be in a pet carrier

TO RENEW YOUR PET LICENSE AT THE CLINIC, you MUST BRING the following completed...

- ◇ **COMPLETED** License Application (reverse side or download at www.oldtappan.net)
- ◇ Copy of Spay/Neuter certificate (if licensing for 1st time)
- ◇ **PAYMENT \$16 (\$20 non Spayed/Neutered)** Checks payable to "Borough of Old Tappan"



There are quite a few misconceptions out there about picking up dog poop, and they need to be addressed. Picking up after your dog is an important task for all responsible pet owners. The following are just 4 reasons why it is important to clean up after your pet.

Common Courtesy: Many things can ruin your day, but stepping in a steaming pile is definitely high on the list. When you take your pet off of your property, you are entering public shared space. Your dog's waste is your mess and it is your duty as responsible pet owner to ensure that you pick up after your pets.

It's Just Poop, It's Natural Like Cows, It's Fertilizer: This is not true – not all piles of poop are created equal. Cow manure has a very different make up because their digestive systems, and diets are very different. Cows are herbivores, where as dogs are omnivores, and their diets are very high in protein. Dog waste is actually so high in nitrogen and phosphorus that it can have the opposite effect of fertilizer. It can actually burn your lawn if you don't pick it up. It also causes all sorts of issues for local watersheds.

Disease Causing Bacteria and Parasites – Harmful For Humans and Dogs Dog waste is even more full of disease causing bacteria and parasites than other types of waste. These bacteria and parasites are harmful to humans and spread disease to other dogs. Dog waste is full of E.coli, salmonella and is a common carrier of the following: Worms (several types), Parvovirus, Coronavirus, Giardiasis, Salmonellosis, Cryptosporidiosis, and Campylobacteriosis. These bacteria and parasites can actually linger in the soil for years. If you don't pick up after your dog, you are putting other people and other dogs at risk of getting sick.

It Will Just Wash Away and Be Gone Soon! Another common misconception is that if you don't pick it up, it will quickly break down or wash away—however this is not the case with dog poop. In fact, dog waste can take as long as a year to naturally break down. Especially since we live in a climate with a colder winter season. So even if you leave the poop on the ground and it does eventually break down, all of those bacteria and parasites will be left to linger there for several more years.



BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
2024 PET LICENSE APPLICATION
(ONE FORM PER PET)



Licenses are issued in January and valid for one year. All dogs and cats must be licensed by February 28th. In the event an expired license is not renewed prior to March 1st of each year, an additional charge will be imposed.

RENEWAL NEW PET MOVED/DECEASED

Owner's Name: _____ Email: _____

Street Address _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Name of Pet: _____ Male Female Birth Date: _____

Spayed/Neutered: No Yes Date _____ Dog Cat Breed: _____

Color/Markings: _____ Coat: Long Medium Short Size: Small Medium Large

Rabies Expiration Date: _____ - must be valid through November 1st of licensing year.

Vet's Name & Phone #: _____

Payment:	\$16.00 _____	\$20.00 _____	Late Fee: \$ _____		Amount Due: \$ _____							
	Spayed/Neutered	All others			Cash: _____	Check #: _____						
Additional late fee must be included with payment after February 28th.			Mar \$5	Apr \$7	May \$9	Jun \$11	Jul \$13	Aug \$15	Sept \$17	Oct \$19	Nov \$21	Dec \$23

Application **MUST** include the following:

- ◇ Proof of spaying or neutering (copy of certificate) **not necessary for renewals**
- ◇ Proof of Rabies vaccine (copy of certificate) Must be **valid through October 31st of licensing year**
- ◇ Checks are payable to the **Borough of Old Tappan**
- ◇ **Separate application and check for dog & cat**

Mail this application & payment to :

Borough of Old Tappan, **Attn: Pet License**, 227 Old Tappan Rd, Old Tappan, NJ 07675

Or drop it off at the Borough Hall on or before February 28th

Late fee must be included with payment after February 28th

If you have any questions, contact the Board of Health Secretary at (201) 664-1849 ext 10

PET WASTE POLLUTES OUR WATERS

What You Can Do to Help Protect Our Water from Contamination by Pet Waste

Clean and plentiful water is important to our families, our environment, our economy and our quality of life but did you know that animal waste from pets can pollute our waters? When left on the ground, pet waste is washed by rain and melting snow and ice into storm drains that carry it to our rivers, lakes, the ocean and drinking water. Animal waste contains a high concentration of nutrients, as well as bacteria and disease-causing microorganisms that can cause problems.

Pet owners or anyone who walks pets must properly dispose of any waste by picking it up, wrapping it and either placing it in the trash or flushing it unwrapped down the toilet All pet owners are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or occupied by that person. Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt.

Please obey the law and help keep Old Tappan and our waters clean.