



Responsibilities of the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) and Municipal Governments to distribute animal cruelty materials to each person licensing a dog

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Public Health Message Type: Alert Advisory Update Information

Intended Audience: All public health partners Healthcare providers Infection preventionists
 Local health departments Schools/child care centers ACOs
 Animal health professionals Other: Municipal Dog Licensing Clerks

Key Points or Updates:

Pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 2017, CHAPTER 189 b. The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) shall post the following information on its website:

- The full text of R.S. 4:22-17 and 4:22-26 and a plain language description of the provisions and requirements of R.S. 4:22-17 and 4:22-26

These materials shall be distributed by the municipality to each person obtaining an annual dog license and be posted on New Jersey municipality websites.

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

- [4:22-17 Cruelty; certain acts, crime; degrees](#)
- [4:22-26 Penalties for various acts constituting cruelty](#)
- [Guide to Prevention of Animal Cruelty Laws 2018](#)

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

Action Items:

- Municipal Dog Licensing Clerks shall provide each person licensing their dog a copy of each of the three documents and have these 3 documents posted on the municipal website.

Contact Information:

- Colin T. Campbell, DVM, State Public Health Veterinarian, at colin.campbell@doh.nj.gov or
- The Communicable Disease Service, Office of Veterinary Public Health at (609) 826-5964

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Dear Paramus Resident:

REMINDER: Pet licenses expire on June 30, 2018 for all dogs and cats. Please complete the enclosed pet license application and return it to us with a check or money order payable to the Paramus Board of Health by June 30, 2018. Please mark envelope "Attention Dog/Cat License".

Also, if you have a dog and a cat, you cannot put both animals on the same application; instead, pick up an additional application at the Board of Health or you may download the application by logging on to the Borough of Paramus Website, www.paramusborough.org.

Certificate of rabies vaccination must be provided in accordance with State Law and will be returned to you with your license. Please disregard this notice if you no longer have a pet or never had one.

Owners who do not have their 2018 licenses by **June 30th** are liable for a late fee of \$10.00 and a possible summons for violation of the State Law as well as Borough Ordinance.

For a 1 year license, the vaccination must not expire before April 30, 2019. For a 3 year license, the vaccination must not expire before April 30, 2021. If it does expire before these dates, you will need to have your pet re-vaccinated before a license can be issued.

The NJ Department of Health recommends re-vaccination of dogs and cats prior to expiration of the previous vaccination to ensure a beneficial overlap of immunity. Administering a rabies vaccine before the duration of immunity of a previous vaccination has expired is not associated with an increased occurrence of adverse reaction in dogs.

It is important to be aware that rabies is now present in wild animals in Bergen County. The State of New Jersey recommends euthanasia for unvaccinated dogs and cats with wounds of unknown origin. It is, therefore, vital that all dogs and cats be vaccinated and licensed.

BE SURE TO ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING:

1. The proper fee of \$12.00 for pets that have been spayed or neutered and \$15.00 for a non-neutered or non-spayed pet for a **1 year license.**
2. The fee for a **3 year license** is \$30.00 for pets that have been spayed or neutered and \$40.00 for a non-neutered or non-spayed pet.
3. Proof of rabies vaccination.
4. Make your check payable to the **PARAMUS BOARD OF HEALTH.**

Your cooperation is anticipated and will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the Health Department at the above number.

Sincerely,

Judith Migliaccio, Health Officer/Director

PET LICENSE APPLICATION

You may use this application for 2 pets.
Use for either 2 dogs or 2 cats
DO NOT MIX

BOROUGH OF PARAMUS
Pet License Application for 2018

PLEASE PRINT Date: _____

Name of Owner _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Pet #1 Breed _____

Name _____

Color _____ Sex _____ Male _____ Female _____

THIS APPLICATION IS FOR: NEW _____

____ DOG ____ CAT RENEWAL _____

1 Year License Neutered/Spayed - FEE \$12.00

Non-neutered/Non-spayed - FEE \$15.00

3 Year License Neutered/Spayed - FEE- \$30.00

Non-neutered/Non-spayed - FEE - \$40.00

Pet #2 Breed _____

Name _____

Color _____ Sex _____ Male _____ Female _____

FOR 1 YEAR LICENSE, RABIES VACCINATION MUST BE VALID THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019

FOR 3 YEAR LICENSE, RABIES VACCINATION MUST BE VALID THROUGH APRIL 30, 2021

License Number Issued: _____

RABIES EXPIRATION DATE AND LOCATION

License Number issued: _____

RABIES EXPIRATION DATE AND LOCATION

FREE RABIES CLINIC
PRESENTED BY THE
PARAMUS BOARD OF HEALTH
SHADE TREE GARAGE ON CARLOUGH DRIVE

THURSDAY, MAY 3rd DOGS and CATS

5 PM TO 8 PM