

# San Mateo County Health System Animal License Application

San Mateo County Animal Licensing  
c/o PetData  
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Website: [www.petdata.com/sma](http://www.petdata.com/sma)

**Owner Information** Please print all information

Owner Name		
Owner Street Address - <b>Required</b> (Street, City, State, Zip)		
Owner Mailing Address (if different than street address)		
Home Phone	Alternate Phone	Date of Birth

**Pet Information**

Species	Pet Name	Primary Breed	Secondary Breed
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat			
Color(s)	Pet's Date of Birth / Age		Sex / Altered Status
			<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Spayed / Neutered <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered

**Rabies Certificate Required** *Note: A license expiration year cannot be greater than the Rabies Certificate's expiration year.*  
Enclose a current copy of a valid Rabies Certificate for animals 3 months of age or older. The certificate must contain the following information: date inoculation was given, duration of inoculation, manufacturer/producer of inoculation, serial number, veterinarian's name, address and telephone, and veterinarian's signature.

**Spay/Neuter Discount**

If your animal has been altered, enclose a Spay/Neuter Certificate or other documentation from the veterinarian or clinic that performed the surgery or sign below, under penalty of perjury, that your animal has been altered.

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Senior Citizen Discount**

You must be 60 years of age or older. Enclose a copy of identification card or driver's license.

**License Fee Schedule**

	DOGS		CATS	
	Unaltered	Altered	Unaltered Cat	Altered Cat
One-Year Regular	\$55.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$8.00
Three-Year* Regular	\$160.00	\$70.00	\$55.00	\$19.00
One-Year Senior	\$23.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$5.00
Three-Year* Senior	\$64.00	\$25.00	\$31.00	\$12.00
Replacement Tag	\$10.00		\$5.00	
Late Fee	\$20.00		\$7.00	

\*A 3-year license may be purchased only if a 3-year rabies shot was given **within the last 5 months**.

**Payment Information**

**Online:** Go to [www.petdata.com/sma](http://www.petdata.com/sma) and select License Online. (When using debit/credit cards, you will be charged a Cost Recovery Processing Fee.)

**By Mail:** Please remit payment with any required paperwork to the address at the top of this form (Make checks payable to San Mateo County Animal Licensing.)

# ***Licensing Information***

## **The Licensing Law**

One year or three year licenses can be purchased for your pet based on the rabies vaccination date. Unless you purchase a three-year license, your pet's license must be renewed every year. A three-year license may be purchased only if a three-year rabies vaccination was given within the last five months.

**Dog and Cat Owners** who reside in San Mateo County must obtain a license for their pet.

### **Additional Requirements**

- New dogs and cats must be licensed by the age of 3 months or within 60 days of acquiring the animal;
- New residents of the County must license their dog or cat within 60 days;
- The law requires the animal to wear their license tag at all times;
- And, a penalty fee will be required for late license renewals or failure to comply with the animal ordinance for the area in which the pet resides.

### **Rabies Vaccination Requirements**

In San Mateo County, all dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies at the age of 3 months by a licensed veterinarian. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required to obtain a license. If a dog or cat bites a person, the animal must be quarantined for a minimum of ten days to ensure the animal has not been exposed to the rabies virus and a minimum fee of \$60 will be charged to the owner of the animal.

### **Reasons to License Your Pet**

1. To identify your pet. A license tag helps Humane Officers, shelter personnel and anyone who finds a lost or stray animal to identify him and return him to you.
2. To protect public health. Pets can contract rabies from infected wildlife (such as skunks, raccoons, foxes, and bats) and spread the virus to other animals and people. By requiring that dogs and cats be vaccinated against rabies, the risk of acquiring and spreading this fatal disease is drastically reduced.
3. To avoid penalties for failure to license. If your pet bothers the neighbors, bites anyone, is lost, brought to the animal shelter, or is stolen, the license will be verified. If the animal is not licensed or vaccinated, the owner may receive a citation, will be required to vaccinate the animal and purchase a license, and pay a penalty that will be greater than the cost of purchasing the license initially.

### **Locations to License in Person**

If you would rather license your pet in person rather than mailing it or going online, you can go to one of the following locations:

- Health System – 1600 W Hillsdale Blvd, Suite 203 in San Mateo
- Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA – 12 Airport Blvd in San Mateo
- Tom and Annette Lantos Center for Compassion – 1450 Rollins Road in Burlingame