

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A LIFETIME DOG LICENSE

- (1) DOG OWNER
 - (a) This form is for a Lifetime application. Application must be completed and signed by the dog owner. (If you are applying for a spayed female or a neutered male license, you must send a copy of the Veterinarian Certificate).
 - (b) The application may be submitted by mail or in person. When you submit your application to the County Treasurer, you must pay for your license before we can issue a lifetime number.
- (2) TREASURER
 - (a) We assign your dog a lifetime number; we also fill out your Tattoo Certificate. We then mail your Tattoo Certificate back with your new lifetime number. You then have 30 days to have your dog tattooed. **YOUR DOG IS NOT LEGALLY LICENSED UNTIL THE ENTIRE PROCEDURE IS COMPLETED.**
- (3) DOG OWNER
 - (a) You then take the Tattoo Certificate to a Tattooist or a Veterinarian. They in turn tattoo the lifetime number on the RIGHT HIND LEG, ON THE INNER PART OF THE UPPER THIGH. They must also complete the tattoo certificate; this will verify that the procedure is completed.
 - (b) You mail the tattoo certificate into the County Treasurer's Office and await your metal lifetime tag. If this tag is misplaced you must send \$6.00 to Harrisburg for a replacement tag.
 - (c) When you receive your receipt and tag, your dog is legally licensed in the State of Pennsylvania. This license is not transferable from dog to dog. If you change your address or phone number in the future, please contact us by phone or by mail.

IMPORTANT MICROCHIPPING INFORMATION

Pennsylvania enacts legislation permitting the option of microchipping your dog as a means of permanent identification for

Lifetime Dog Licensing

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW...

➡ Effective June 2, 2003 Pennsylvania dog owners that choose to purchase a lifetime dog license now have the option of microchipping their dog as a means of permanent identification. A microchip is implanted under the loose skin in the back of the dog's neck. This microchip has information that identifies the dog owner. If the dog is lost, most animal shelters are equipped with scanning equipment to read the information off the microchip. This option is in addition to tattooing the dog, which has been in effect for years. The microchip *must be* implanted by a licensed veterinarian or licensed kennel owner.

➡ The fee for a *Pennsylvania Lifetime Dog License* is **\$51.00** for a non-neutered male or non-spayed female; **\$31.00** for a neutered male or spayed female. Senior citizens can purchase the lifetime licenses for **\$31.00** for a non-neutered male or non-spayed female; **\$21.00** for a neutered male or spayed female, respectively. This lifetime license can only be purchased from the Allegheny County Treasurer, who will maintain a file of the permanent identification verification form you will be required to complete. If you move, you must notify the County Treasurer of your change of address. If you move out of the county, the record must be transferred to your new county of residence. You will also receive a metal dog tag with your dog's lifetime license number that must be affixed to your dog's collar. If lost, the state currently charges a \$6.00 fee to replace it.

➡ There will be other fees you may incur in addition to the license fee noted above. The microchip insertion may cost you from **\$30.00 to \$50.00**. In addition to that fee, most clinics and veterinarians will charge a normal office visit fee, and if necessary, a fee to sedate your dog to perform the medical procedure. There's also an optional fee to register your permanent identification with the microchip manufacturer.

➡ Finally, please be aware that microchip identification is a relatively new technology, and many shelters and dog wardens are not equipped with the scanners required to read the microchips. Also, over time the chip may move under your dog's skin and could become difficult to locate and unreadable.

This information is provided as a public service to help you make an informed decision concerning the dog licensing options available in Allegheny County. If you wish to use this option, please call 412-350-4111 for an application.

LIFETIME DOG LICENSE APPLICATION –Year of Licensure_____

A certificate attesting to the tattoo-licensed number issued by the COUNTY TREASURER must be completed by the dog owner and tattooist before the license will be issued.

DATE	DOG'S NAME	DOG'S AGE	BREED
COLOR OF DOG	SPOTTED <input type="checkbox"/>	WHITE <input type="checkbox"/>	BLACK <input type="checkbox"/>
	BROWN <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER--INDICATE <input type="checkbox"/>	
REGULAR LIFETIME LICENSE		PERSON WITH DISABILITY OR SENIOR CITIZEN	
MALE \$51.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	NEUTERED MALE \$31.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	FEMALE \$51.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	SPAYED FEMALE \$31.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
ABOVE PRICE INCLUDES ONE DOLLAR SERVICE FEE ALLOWED BY LAW		ABOVE PRICE INCLUDES ONE DOLLAR SERVICE FEE ALLOWED BY LAW	
PLEASE NOTE: If you are applying for a lifetime license that requires the dog owner be a senior citizen (age 65 or older) or a person with disability, you must provide proof of age or disability to the County Treasurer.			
OWNER'S NAME		PHONE NUMBER ()	OWNER'S BIRTH DATE
			MO. DAY YR.
STREET OR R.D. NO.		TOWNSHIP/BOROUGH	
CITY		STATE PA	ZIP CODE

I hereby verify that I am the owner of the dog that is the subject of this dog license application, that all representations made on this application-including representations as to the spayed or neutered status of my dog-are true and accurate, and that I make this statement subject to the criminal penalties of 18 Pa C.S. § Section 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

If senior citizen or person with a disability, application must be signed by the dog owner.

**MAIL DIRECTLY TO:
JOHN K. WEINSTEIN-ALLEGHENY
COUNTY TREASURER
Room 109-Courthouse
436 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219**

DOG OWNER/APPLICANT