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Township Dog Canvass (Census) Set to Start May 1st

New Jersey State Statute Requires All Township

Dogs to Have a Valid Dog License

“Pursuant to New Jersey Statute, (N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.15), Hillsborough Township must conduct a canvass, also known as a dog census, at least every two years. Hillsborough Township will begin the dog census on or about May 1st,” stated Committeewoman Gloria McCauley, Liaison to the Board of Health.

“This year the Township will be utilizing Animal Control Officers to conduct the canvass in conjunction with educating our residents about the importance of pet licensing,” added Committeewoman McCauley.

In the State of New Jersey, all dogs must be licensed annually, once they reach 7 months of age (N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.2). In order to license your dog, the dog must have a rabies vaccine that is current for at least 10 months of the licensing year through October 31, as per New Jersey statute. Aside from it being New Jersey law, licensing your dog helps keep your dog protected from the rabies virus and drastically improves the chances of a safe return in the event that your dog goes missing.

Rabies poses a real threat because the virus is present in New Jersey wildlife and can be transmitted to unvaccinated domestic animals. A Good Samaritan or Animal Control Officer who encounters your missing dog will be more likely to want to handle your pet if they see it is licensed.

“We are encouraging all of our residents to license their dogs,” added Committeewoman McCauley.

First time dog licenses must complete the Municipal Animal License New Dog Application, which can be found on the Township website at www.hillsborough-nj.org, under eGov, Form Center and then scroll to Health Department, where you will see “New Dog Application”. Send the completed form to Hillsborough Township Animal Licensing, 379 South Branch Rd., Hillsborough, NJ 08844, along with the payment and proof of rabies vaccination and neutering. At this time the cost of a license for a spayed or neutered dog is \$26 and if the dog is not spayed or neutered at this time it is \$29.

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