



**TOWN OF ROTTERDAM**

**Diane M. Marco**  
**Rotterdam Town Clerk**  
**518-355-7575 Ext 352**

**APPLICATION TO LICENSE DOG**

Please complete the form below and return it, along with your check made payable to: Rotterdam Town Clerk, Diane M. Marco and mail to: 1100 Sunrise Boulevard, Rotterdam, NY 12306.			
Owner Information (Please Print)		License #	
Name:		Date:	
Street Address:			
Phone Number:		Email Address:	
If Senior Citizen, over 62 (provide date of birth)			
Dog Information (Please Print)			
All applicants require a copy of a current rabies vaccination certificate			
Dogs Name:		Breed:	Microchip No.
Color:		Birth Year:	
Sex: Male	Female	Spayed/Neutered: No Yes (proof required)	
License Fees: Please circle appropriate fee			
Unaltered Dog \$18.00		Senior Citizen – Unaltered Dog \$10.50	
Altered Dog \$10.00		Senior Citizen – Altered Dog \$ 4.00	
Exempt (proof required)		Tag Replacement Fee \$ 3.00	
Owner's Signature		Date	Clerk's Signature
			Date

**Licensing Benefits to Dog Owners:**

A license identifies your dog and allows you to be reunited with them in case they ever get lost. Licensed dogs are held at animal shelters longer than unlicensed dogs before being made available for adoption or destroyed. Unfortunately, many owners of unlicensed dogs return from a vacation to find their dogs ran away from a caretaker and were either adopted or destroyed at a local animal shelter. If a dog is wearing a license tag, Animal Control staff will attempt to reach the owner of a licensed dog by telephone, mail or home visits if necessary.

A license ensures that dogs are vaccinated against rabies, a fatal disease.

Owners of licensed dogs receive a helpful reminder to re-vaccinate their pet prior to the rabies vaccine expiration date.

Owners who license their dog on time will save court costs and late fees.

If a currently vaccinated dog is exposed to a rabies positive animal, it may be quarantined.

However, if an animal's vaccination has expired or is not valid, it could possibly be destroyed.

**Licensing Benefits to Public Health:**

Rabies is a current threat to human and animal health. Dog licensing lowers the overall cost and health risk by making certain that dogs are vaccinated.

A single rabies incident resulting from a dog whose vaccination has expired costs you, the taxpayer, thousands of dollars. This money could be saved and used elsewhere if the vaccination had been up to date.