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Riverside Hosts Dog Licensing Amnesty Program

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Riverside dog owners are encouraged to license their dogs during the months of July and August. All late fees and past due license amounts will be waived during July and August. Additionally dog owners will be able to license their dogs at 2008-09 rates during the two month amnesty program.

Rabies vaccinations and dog licenses are required for all dogs four months and older in the City of Riverside. Dog licensing makes it easier to reunite lost pets with owners and provides necessary information to support investigations of cruelty, neglect, abandonment, and dog bites. Dog licensing is also the key to rabies control. Current rabies vaccinations for dogs are crucial to protect your dog and the public from rabies. Dog licenses are insurance that dogs are current on their rabies vaccination.

“The City of Riverside wants to encourage responsible dog ownership so we are waiving late fees and past due amounts,” said Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge. “We hope to have all dogs registered not only for public health and identification purposes in case they are lost but also because it is the law.”

Proof of a current rabies vaccination, proof of sterilization (if applicable), and payment of the licensing fee are all that are required to purchase a license. Licensing is available at:

Riverside City Hall
Public Works Department
3900 Main Street
Riverside CA 92522
Weekdays, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

City/County Animal Shelter
5950 Wilderness Avenue
Riverside CA 92504
Monday/Tuesday: 10:00 am-6:00 pm
Wednesday: 10:00 am-7:00 pm
Thursday/Friday: 10:00 am-6:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

For additional information on how to license a pet, residents can contact the City of Riverside Call Center at (951) 826-5311 or access the City’s website at www.riversideca.gov.