

# IRVINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Top Reasons Why I Should License My Dog

- **If Your Dog Becomes Lost**
  - A license on your dog's collar is the fastest way to contact you when your dog is lost. Licensing your dog allows the city to contact you at anytime if your dog is found.
  - A license is immediately visible to anyone who finds your dog so they can attempt to get your dog back home. Citizens are more likely to approach a licensed dog.
  - Licensed dogs have a higher chance of getting home compared to unlicensed dogs.
- **Responsible Pet Ownership**
  - Licensing your dog shows that you are a responsible dog owner.
  - When you walk your dog or let your dog play in designated areas (such as Central Bark), people will notice the license on your dog's collar and know that you really care about your dog's welfare.
  - Dogs without licenses carry a stigma of owner neglect.
  - Licensing encourages the spaying and neutering of dogs through staggered fees. This differential is designed to encourage people to sterilize their dogs. Pet overpopulation is a major problem and leads to overcrowding at shelters and the euthanization of far too many pets.
- **Help For Your Pet**
  - If your dog is injured or hit by a car and is wearing a current license you can be notified immediately to ensure the best care possible for your pet.
- **It's The Law**
  - Both the Irvine Municipal Code and State Law require the licensing of your dog due to rabies control regulations.
- **Proof of Rabies Vaccination**
  - To purchase a license, you must provide proof of your pet's current rabies vaccination.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Does my dog need a license?**

Yes. All dogs over four (4) months of age must be licensed.

### **Does my dog need to be vaccinated for rabies?**

Yes. All dogs over four (4) months of age must have a rabies vaccination before a license can be issued.

### **Where do I go to get my license in Irvine?**

You may obtain your Irvine Dog License at the Irvine Animal Care Center, 6443 Oak Canyon, Irvine. (949)724-7741.

### **How much does it cost to license my dog?**

Go To: The Irvine Animal Care Center or this link:

[http://www.cityofirvine.org/cityhall/cs/animalcare/pet\\_licensing.asp](http://www.cityofirvine.org/cityhall/cs/animalcare/pet_licensing.asp) to confirm current cost.

For any other licensing questions, please call the Irvine Animal Services Field Office at (949) 724-7092 or The Irvine Animal Care Center at (949)724-7741.