License Requirements & Fees

- **Altered Cat**

Fee: $20
Required: Copy of current rabies vaccination & Proof of spay or neutering is needed if you are licensing a pet at the altered rate for the first time. This is often indicated on the animal's rabies vaccination certificate.

- **Intact Cat**

Fee: $25
Required: Copy of current rabies vaccination

- **Altered Dog**

Fee: $20
Required: Copy of current rabies vaccination & Proof of spay or neutering is needed if you are licensing a pet at the altered rate for the first time. This is often indicated on the animal's rabies vaccination certificate.

- **Intact Dog**

Fee: $25
Required: Copy of current rabies vaccination

- **Service Animal**

Fee: $0
Required: Copy of current rabies vaccination.

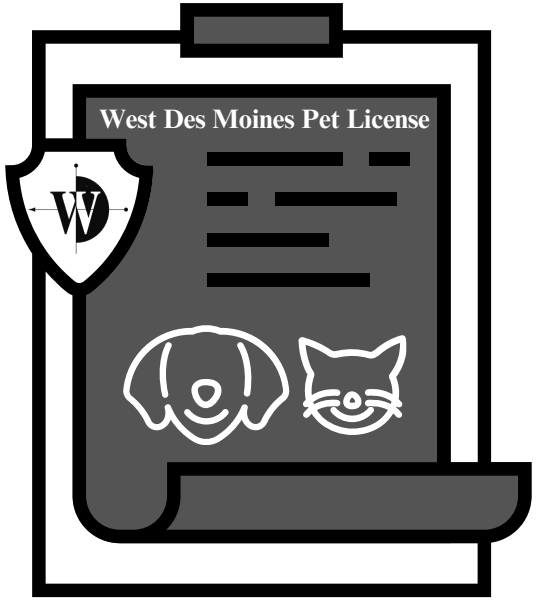
Permits are valid for one calendar year.
(*January 1 - December 31*)

WEST DES MOINES NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

THE CITY OF West Des Moines.

Request Service: (515) 222-3321
General Questions: (515) 222-3364
Pet Licenses: (515) 222-3600

PET LICENSE



LICENSING YOUR PET

Am I required to license my cat or dog?

YES! Having a license helps us reunite you with your pet if it is lost or stolen, and it helps us keep a safe, rabies-free community.

How can I license my pet?

Call the West Des Moines City's Finance Department at (515)-222-3600 or visit our website at www.wdm.iowa.gov and under the ***Resident's*** tab click ***Animal Control & Pet Licensing.***

You are required by law to annually license all pets 6 months or older.

How many cats and dogs can I have in West Des Moines?

Any combination of four (4) cats or dogs of any size and breed over the age of six (6) months may be present at a single place of residence. Apartments, homeowner's associations and similar properties may have a more restrictive policy.

Are there any dog breed restrictions?

The City of West Des Moines has no breed restrictions on any kind of dog, including pit bull mixes and bully breeds, Apartment complexes, homeowner's associations, and similar properties may have their own restrictions on breeds and sizes. *Check with your landlord to see if any restrictions apply.*

Are there City Codes or Ordinances relating to animals?

You can find the *Animal Control Chapter* of the City Code on our website at

www.wdm.iowa.gov

Click on City Code in the upper right-hand corner of the main page and search animal control.

In accordance with City Code, it is unlawful for an owner to harbor or house on their premises more than 4 animals over the age of 6 months.

What do I need to license my pet(s)?

- You will need a copy of current rabies vaccination for your pet(s) that is required at the time of purchasing a license.
- Proof of spay or neutering is needed if you are licensing a pet at the altered rate for the first time. This is often indicated on the animal's rabies vaccination certificate.

City Code: 5-3A-1: Annual License Required:

The owner of all dogs and cats six (6) months of age or older, shall annually obtain a license as hereinafter provided. It shall be unlawful for any owner to have a dog or cat within the city without obtaining a license as required herein.

City Code: 5-3A-13: Vaccination Of Dogs And Cats:

Every owner of a dog or cat which is six (6) months of age or over shall obtain a rabies vaccination for the animal. It is unlawful for any owner to have a dog or cat within the city which is six (6) months of age or over, which has not been vaccinated against rabies.

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