

# General information about pet care

The section contains general information about pet care, licensing and codes pertinent to pet owners.

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## Oakland Animal Services

### DOG LICENSING

State of California law requires that all dogs over the age of 4 months must have a current rabies vaccination and license. Rabies is a serious and deadly disease. All dogs must be vaccinated against rabies before a license may be issued. You may obtain a license only for the period the vaccination is current. Your vet will give you a copy of the rabies certificate when your dog is vaccinated.

### HOW TO LICENSE YOUR DOG IN OAKLAND

You can license your dog by mail, or in person at Oakland Animal Services at 1101 29th Ave., Oakland, CA 94601 or in person at the same location between the hours of:

- 12-4pm Friday, Saturday or Sunday
- 12-6pm Tuesday and Wednesday
- 12-7pm Thursday

**Please bring or mail the following to Oakland Animal Services to license your dog:**

- A current rabies certificate (required for all licenses)
- A spay/neuter certificate to qualify for lower license fees
- Proof of your age if you are over 60, to qualify for senior citizen fees-half the regular fees
- The appropriate license fee as a check or money order payable to the "City of Oakland". Please note that fees are subject to change, so contact oakland Animal Services directly for the current fees.



## OTHER OAKLAND ORDINANCES THAT ALL DOG OWNERS SHOULD KNOW

### Three Dog Limit 6.04.400

Three dogs are allowed per household. It is unlawful for any person to keep on any one premise more than three (3) dogs if the dogs are more than 4 months old.

### Exemptions:

Households that have more than three dogs that were licensed by January 1, 2006 are exempt. Anyone who has more than three dogs that were not licensed by January 1, 2006 can be cited. Licensed dog kennels, licensed boarding facilities, licensed breeders, veterinary hospitals, licensed pet shops, the Oakland Animal Control Services Shelter, the Oakland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and fosters affiliated with adoption groups approved by Oakland Animal Services are exempt from the provisions of this section.

### Application Process:

Individuals who would like to have more than three dogs after January 1, 2006 will need to apply for a conditional dog license for each dog over the three-dog limit. Successful applicants must pay for and pass a home inspection by an Animal Control Officer and show a record of no substantiated dog-related noise complaints or animal abuse/neglect citations/convictions for one year. Applicants must show that they have a large, secure yard, will not keep dogs tethered or chained, and must keep dogs inside between 8pm and 8am.

### Dogs Required to be Microchipped 6.04.050

All dogs over 4 months of age must be microchipped. All dogs 4 months of age and older must have a current rabies vaccination, an implanted microchip with the number registered with Oakland Animal Services, and a current license with Oakland Animal Services. Every stray dog that is brought to the Oakland Animal Shelter is scanned to look for a microchip. Dogs that have microchips can be easily reunited with their owners!

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## **Leash Law 6.04.070 OMC:**

Dogs are not permitted to run at large. They must be kept confined to an owner's yard or under leash control.

## **Dogs in Parks 6.04.080 OMC:**

Dogs are not permitted in City of Oakland parks, school yards, or playgrounds except as a working "Seeing eye" or "Signal" dog.

## **Sanitary Keeping of Animals 6.04.300 OMC:**

Animal quarters must be kept clean and sanitary.

## **Animal Nuisance 6.04.310 OMC:**

Animals must not unreasonably disturb the peace and comfort of neighbors, or create a significant risk of injury to life or property.

## **Keeping of Fowl 6.01.320 OMC:**

Roosters are prohibited in the City of Oakland.

## **CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE**

### **Animal Cruelty 597 CPC:**

Anyone who intentionally and maliciously abuses, injures, or neglects (including not providing adequate food, water, shelter, and/or medical care) to an animal can be punished as a misdemeanor or felony.

For additional information on spaying or neutering your pets, please call Oakland Animal Services at 510-535-5603.

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF SPAYING/NEUTERING**

The overpopulation of unwanted animals is a serious problem in Oakland. The Oakland Police Department's Animal Control Section asks that all pet owners have their pets spayed or neutered. In addition, the State of California requires that any animal that is adopted from a shelter is spayed and neutered before it is adopted. Also, Oakland Municipal Code requires that all unlicensed dogs that are impounded into the shelter must be spayed/neutered before they are released.

