Lifetime Dog License Application

Start this year, City residents will be purchasing lifetime dog tags. The new tags will be available for sale in December, and will cost $10 per dog. They will be purchased the same way previous tags were purchased, and all currently registered dog owners will receive a license renewal in December.

The new tags will:
- Reduce the tax burden for dog owners over the course of their dog’s lifespan
- Present a convenience for dog owners by eliminating the renewal requirements of dog licenses

If you have received a renewal notice before, you will notice a few changes to the form:
- Next to your dog’s name you will see important notes regarding the rabies vaccination status.
- The multiple tag types and costs no longer appear
- Your dog’s spayed or neutered status is no longer a factor in the cost for the license

Lost or missing tags? They won’t be a problem. After purchasing your initial lifetime license, the replacement cost for a lost tag is just $1.

Why do I need a dog tag anyway?
According to state code section 3.2-65, all dogs older than 4 months of age are required to have a current rabies vaccination, and purchase a dog license from the locality in which they live. The General Assembly made this decision to help prevent the spread of rabies in Virginia. Whenever a vaccination occurs, the veterinarian is required to submit that documentation to your local Treasurer’s Office. If a dog license is not purchased within 60 days, our office will automatically send you a dog license application with instructions on how to purchase a license.

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Lifetime Dog Tags Are Here!

Other Information
Dog Tags are available for purchase in the Lobby of City Hall, by mail, or at the SPCA.
Application Forms can also be found online at our website.