Door to Door Dog License Canvassing Throughout the County

Did you know dog licenses are required by law? Did you know that a rabies tag is not a dog license? Many dog owners do not realize that state and local laws require all dogs over 4 months to be licensed and wearing the animal license tag.

Santa Barbara County Animal Services is canvassing door-to-door throughout the County to increase the number of dogs currently rabies vaccinated and ensure that all dogs residing in the County are currently licensed as required by law. The County of Santa Barbara enforces a zero tolerance policy on all unlicensed dogs. The penalty for having an unlicensed dog is $250. Dog owners with unlicensed dogs are reminded to purchase dog licenses to avoid penalties and be in compliance with the license law.

Where can you purchase a County Animal License?
- In person at one of the three county animal shelters
- Online through www.sbcphd.org/as
- Download application form from website and mail to shelter
- Check with your veterinarian to see if licenses are sold at their hospital

Where can you get information on how to purchase a City Animal License if you are a resident of the City of Carpinteria or Santa Barbara?
- City of Santa Barbara residents – go to www.petdata.com/cs/sba/licenseinfo.htm
- City of Carpinteria – go to www.carpinteria.ca.us/communitydev/permits_animalinfo.shtml

A dog license is more than a quick trip home for a lost dog. County Animal Services can quickly reunite a lost dog with its family when the dog is wearing a license. A dog license also makes a difference to the less fortunate animals in our community. Revenue from the sale of dog licenses helps Santa Barbara County Animal Services operate three open door shelters. A dog license proves that you are a responsible pet owner and helps the animals at the shelters find loving homes.

Show you care. License your dog. It’s the law.

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