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Rabies Vaccines in Virginia

In Maryland, state law mandates that all dogs, cats, and ferrets four months or older be vaccinated against rabies. This vaccination is required by Maryland law, specifically Article 12, Title 4, Subtitle 6-601. The first rabies vaccination is valid for one year, and subsequent vaccinations may last for three years, depending on the type of vaccine used.

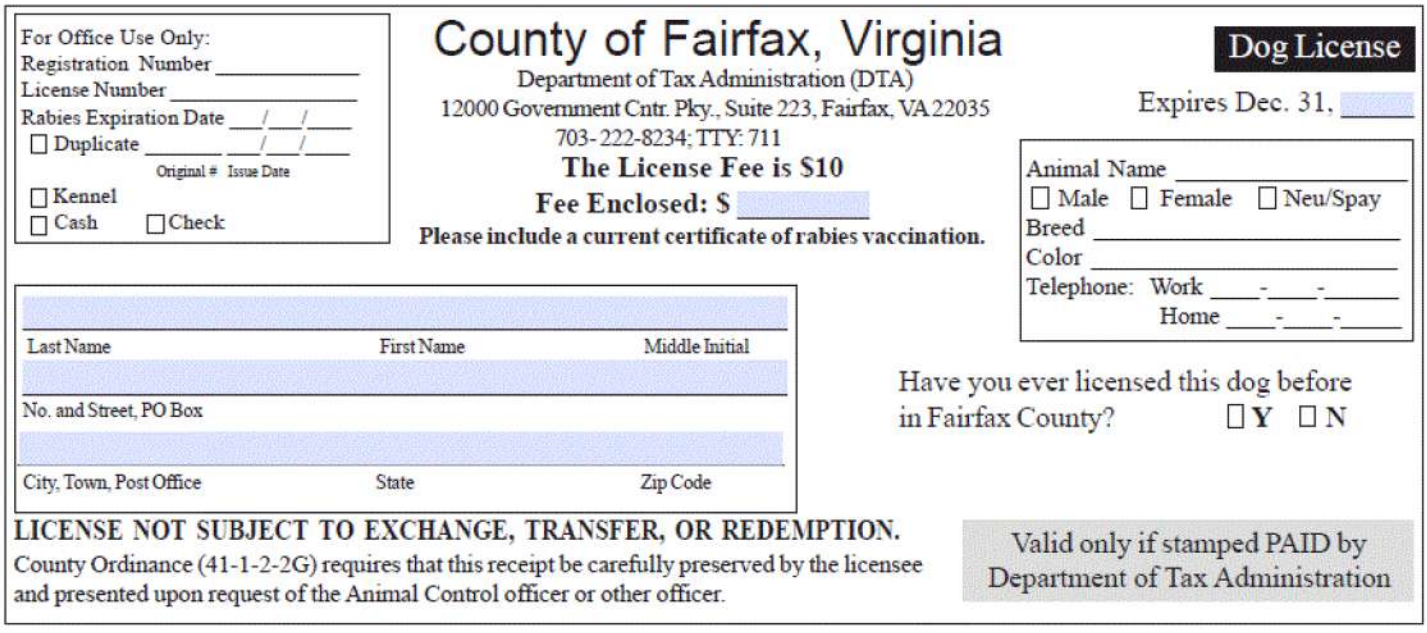
Caring Hands Animal Hospital is located within Fairfax County so we will be providing rabies certificate information for all canine rabies vaccinations given on or after July 1, 2007 to the Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration. If you reside outside of Fairfax County, the rabies information will be forwarded by Fairfax County to your county of residence.

If you do not license your dog within 90 days of vaccination, you may receive a bill from the Treasurer's Office of the county in which you reside. Current Fairfax County licensing fees are $10 for all dogs.

The information on the rabies certificate will be accessible only to the Fairfax County Treasurer's office and to public health officials. **Your dog's information (including breed) will not be accessible to insurance companies or the general public.**

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this law.

An example of the Fairfax County registration form is below.



For Office Use Only:
Registration Number _____
License Number _____
Rabies Expiration Date ___/___/____
☐ Duplicate _____ ___/___/____
Original # Issue Date
☐ Kennel
☐ Cash ☐ Check

County of Fairfax, Virginia
Department of Tax Administration (DTA)
12000 Government Cntr. Pky., Suite 223, Fairfax, VA 22035
703-222-8234; TTY: 711
The License Fee is $10
Fee Enclosed: $ _____
Please include a current certificate of rabies vaccination.

Dog License
Expires Dec. 31, _____

Animal Name _____
☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Neu/Spay
Breed _____
Color _____
Telephone: Work ____-____-_____
Home ____-____-_____

Last Name | First Name | Middle Initial
No. and Street, PO Box
City, Town, Post Office | State | Zip Code

Have you ever licensed this dog before in Fairfax County? ☐ Y ☐ N

LICENSE NOT SUBJECT TO EXCHANGE, TRANSFER, OR REDEMPTION.
County Ordinance (41-1-2-2G) requires that this receipt be carefully preserved by the licensee and presented upon request of the Animal Control officer or other officer.

Valid only if stamped PAID by Department of Tax Administration