



Village of Riverside Being a Responsible Pet Owner

Riverside Pet Licensing

The Village of Riverside requires all dogs and cats to have a Village-issued license tag and dogs must wear a collar at all times. Pet tags must be purchased once a dog or cat reaches six months of age and annually thereafter prior to June 30. The current rate for a pet tag is \$10 if purchased on or prior to June 30, or \$15 if purchased after June 30. *Pet owners must present copies of the dog or cat's current rabies inoculation papers in order to purchase a tag.* The inoculation papers must include the serial number of the inoculation as well as the date it was given.



For more information, please contact the Village Office at 708.447.2700 or visit www.riverside.il.us.

***Congratulations!** You have made the decision to incorporate a companion animal into your family. As a pet owner, you are likely well aware of the many responsibilities of caring for a dog or cat. As a reminder, the Village also has very clear expectations for dog and cat owners as outlined in the Municipal Code. A summary of the Village requirements follows. For more detailed information about Village requirements for dogs and cats, please see Sections 6.2.10 and 6.3 of the Riverside Municipal Code.*

- **When walking your dog, remember that your dog must be on a leash. This is a state law.** Letting your dog walk unleashed does not allow any control over your animal should something frighten or startle the animal. Other people do not know your dog and should feel safe when out enjoying our village sites and parks. Similarly, dogs must be on a leash while on private property but accessible to the public (on a front porch, in the front yard, etc.) Dogs and cats are not permitted to roam at large.
- **Even when on a leash, dogs are not permitted on Village tennis courts, baseball fields, or tot lots.** This is a matter of public health and safety.
- **Please pick up after your pet.** Dog and cat owners are required to immediately remove excrement left by their pet from any public way or property they do not own. The fine for neglecting to do so can range from \$25 to \$500, with a minimum fine of \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, and \$100 for the third and subsequent offenses.
- **Owners of dogs that bark excessively may be fined.** All dogs bark. However, dogs are not permitted to violate the “quiet of another person or neighborhood.” The Police Department investigates all complaints of excessive dog barking. Owners of dogs who are found to be disturbing the quiet of others or the neighborhood may be fined from \$25 to \$100 per day.

Please note that the number of pets allowed per household is a combined total of five (5) dogs and/or cats. If you need assistance with a pet issue outside of regular office hours, please call WC3 at 708-853-1384.

