

Licensing your pet: Why should I do it?

- Not to be confused with microchips — which are permanent — a pet's license is essentially a tag that gets updated yearly or every three years, depending on where you live. It's meant to be worn on the collar so that the animal can be identified immediately should it go missing and end up at a shelter or elsewhere.
- Licensing your pet is essentially a way of registering it with your state. The license tag itself is issued with a specific set of digits (the license identifying number) that identify you as the pet owner, as well as a contact number for the registering organization.
- In most states, you have to license your pet — it *is* the law. Those who end up getting caught by a city official without a pet license usually end up paying a fine, which can be as high as \$250 — sometimes even more. In some municipalities, owning an unlicensed pet is considered a Class IV misdemeanor.

Where can I get a license?

Fargo-

- Fargo City Hall
- Fargo City Animal pound
- Select Fargo Veterinary Clinics (Prairie Winds has Fargo licenses available)
- Online at <https://my.fargond.gov/login?timeout=1> (account will need to be created with the city)

West Fargo

- West Fargo Police Department
- West Fargo Animal Hospital
- Healthy Paws Veterinary Clinic
- Two Rivers Veterinary Hospital

Moorhead-

- Online at [City of Moorhead Animal Licensing](#)
- Moorhead Police Department

