

# Attention: Van Buren County Residents

## Dog Licensing Information

Michigan Compiled Law 287.266 requires that all dogs over 4 months old **MUST** have **BOTH** a current rabies vaccination **AND** a current dog license. Michigan Law 287.267 requires that the tag must be worn by your dog. 2019 Dog Licenses must be obtained by March 1, 2019, or by the time a puppy is 4 months old. Newly acquired dogs and dogs of new residents will be charged the regular rate if licensed within 30 days of acquiring or moving into the county.

**WARNING--There are criminal and financial penalties for failure to properly vaccinate and license your dogs. Non-compliance is costly.**

### Instructions for dog owners:

1. Make sure your dog is currently vaccinated for rabies. Your veterinarian will give you a "Certificate of Rabies Vaccination" showing the expiration date for the vaccination. You also may attend one of the special clinics held at various locations in the county, where your dogs can be vaccinated and your license applications processed. Watch your weekly shopping paper for details.

**Your dog's vaccination must have 30 days remaining on it in order to purchase a 1-year license. If your dog's vaccination expires AFTER April 1, 2021 you may purchase a 3-year license.**

2. Complete the "Application for Dog License" on the reverse side as completely as possible. Use a separate form for each dog you own. Additional application forms are available at the locations mentioned below, or by calling the County Treasurer at 269-657-8228 or at [www.vbco.org](http://www.vbco.org).

3. Mail **BOTH** the "Certificate of Rabies Vaccination" and the completed "Application for Dog License", along with the proper license fee amount, to the VAN BUREN COUNTY TREASURER. **Or, if you prefer, (and for fastest service)** you may apply for the license in person at the Van Buren County Treasurer's Office. You may also apply in person at any of the offices listed below. Credit cards are now accepted at the Treasurer's Office – a \$1.50 fee will be added to your license cost.

4. Upon receipt of required documents and fee, your license and tag will be mailed to you. Your "Certificate of Vaccination" will be returned to you. If you don't receive these items within 60 days, please contact the VAN BUREN COUNTY TREASURER at the address below.

5. Microchip implantation and registration is available at most licensed Veterinarian's offices. Please contact your Vet for details. (Published pursuant to PA 551 of 2006)

6. The State of Michigan maintains a statewide tattoo identification registry for dogs. Contact the Department of Agriculture at (517) 241-2748 for more information.

#### Mail Application to:

**Van Buren County Treasurer**  
219 E. Paw Paw St., Suite 101  
Paw Paw MI 49079  
269-657-8228

#### Animal Control Location:

58040 CR 681  
Hartford MI 49057  
269-621-4624

#### OR Purchase your license at any of the following Veterinarians and Governmental Offices:

Allegan Animal Clinic  
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Bangor Veterinary Clinic  
Decatur Family Pet Hospital PC  
Dowagiac Animal Hospital

Family Pet Health  
Gobles Veterinary Clinic  
Hartford Animal Hospital  
Mattawan Animal Hospital  
Oshtemo Veterinary Hospital

Paw Paw Veterinary Clinic  
Red Arrow Animal Clinic  
Antwerp, Covert, Geneva and  
Hamilton Townships

# Van Buren County, Michigan Application for 2019 Dog License

See reverse side for instructions. Please print clearly.

Dog owner's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Please give both Husband & Wife's name if married - Parent's name if owned by Child

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_

Actual street address where dog is kept,  
if different than mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian Clinic that gave rabies shot \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies tag number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Van Buren Co. license number \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of dog (if mixed, show predominate breeds) \_\_\_\_\_

Colors of dog \_\_\_\_\_

Sex of dog ( ) Female ( ) Spayed female\* ( ) Male ( ) Neutered male\*

Approximate year of dog's birth \_\_\_\_\_ License fee enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00  
For puppies please indicate month and year Circle on Schedule Below

**I declare that the information given is true and correct.**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Dog Owner or Agent

\*Written proof of spaying/neutering may be required. Penalty for falsifying.

Have you enclosed your "Certificate of Rabies Vaccination" & the proper fee?			
License Fee Schedule:			
Through March 1, 2019	1 year license	3 year license	
	Rabies must have 30 days left.	Rabies vaccination must expire after	
Spayed/Neutered Dog	\$10	\$30	4-1-2021
Regular Dog	\$20	\$60	4-1-2021
March 2, 2019 thru November 30, 2019 (Penalty)			
Spayed/Neutered Dog	\$20	\$40	
Regular Dog	\$40	\$80	
Puppies 4-6 months old	\$10	Not available	

For agent/county use only: ( ) Spaying/Neutering verified ( ) Rabies Certificate verified ( ) V/H ( ) TR  
 Agent # \_\_\_\_\_ Fee received: ( ) \$10 ( ) \$20 ( ) \$20 ( ) \$40 ( ) \$30 ( ) \$60 ( ) \$40 ( ) \$80 ( ) OK