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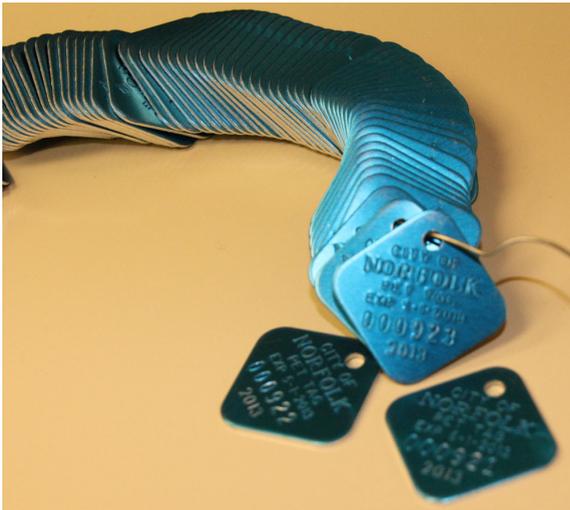
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“Dog and Cat Licensing Required”

If you own a dog or cat and live within the Norfolk city limits, you need to obtain a pet license for each animal. The licenses are issued at the City Clerk’s office in the City of Norfolk Administration Building at 309 North 5th Street in Norfolk.

To obtain a license, you can pick up a form at the clerk’s office or print one from the following link on the city’s website at www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/administration/city_services_and_fees.htm#Pet. The license is valid from May 1 to April 30 each year.



Norfolk city ordinance requires that dogs and cats over the age of three months be licensed to ensure that they are up-to-date on their vaccinations.

To obtain a pet license, the owner must present a valid rabies vaccination certificate along with the license application. The rabies vaccination certificate must be obtained from a veterinarian.

“The dog and cat license requirement is a safety issue. Sometimes pet owners neglect to properly immunize their dog or cat. The ordinance was put in place so that Norfolk residents know that the cats and dogs in their neighborhood and parks are not in danger of contracting or spreading rabies,” said Norfolk City Clerk Beth Deck.

There is no fee to obtain a dog or cat license. When a license is issued to a pet owner, they are also given a metal tag that must be attached to the pet’s collar. If a pet is running loose and is found not to have a valid tag, a citation may be issued to the pet owner and a fine assessed.

The information needed to obtain the pet license includes the pet owner’s name, address and phone number, the pet’s name, vaccination date, age, and whether it’s been spayed or neutered.

“Besides being able to prove that your pet is immunized, another benefit of obtaining a dog or cat license is that if the dog or cat is lost, it can be identified by the number on its city issued pet tag. The animal control officer would be able to identify the cat or dog by referring to the number on the tag along with the corresponding information provided on the license application,” Deck said.

For more information about pet licenses, call the city clerk’s office at 402-844-2000.