

## PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A LIFETIME DOG LICENSE

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- A) Your dog must be micro chipped or tattooed. (**The following instructions apply only to dogs that are micro chipped**).
- B) The forms required to obtain a lifetime license are:
- 1) Lifetime dog license application. The lifetime dog license application must be filled out in full by the dog owner.
  - 2) **Permanent Identification Verification Form (PIVF)**. The PIVF is to be completed and signed by the dog owner and the person scanning or implanting the dog's microchip. The dog owner fills out the top portion of the PIVF, and the vet or certified scanner fills out the bottom portion of the PIVF. (*The certified scanner can be a vet or an individual who is licensed by the state of Pennsylvania to scan the dog*).
  - 3) Proof that the dog is spayed/neutered, (*i.e. spay certificate or receipt of surgery*). **Please be aware**, a PIVF is **NOT** proof that a dog is spayed or neutered.
- C) The application may be submitted by mail or in person.
- D) **If you are planning to get your dog tattooed, please call the Allegheny County Treasurer's Office at 412-350-4111 for further assistance.**

# IMPORTANT MICROCHIPPING INFORMATION

**Pennsylvania enacts legislation permitting the option of microchipping your dog as a means of permanent identification for**

**Lifetime Dog Licensing**

## ***THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW...***

➡ Effective June 2, 2003 Pennsylvania dog owners that choose to purchase a lifetime dog license now have the option of microchipping their dog as a means of permanent identification. A microchip is implanted under the loose skin in the back of the dog's neck. This microchip has information that identifies the dog owner. If the dog is lost, most animal shelters are equipped with scanning equipment to read the information off the microchip. This option is in addition to tattooing the dog, which has been in effect for years. The microchip **must be** implanted by a licensed veterinarian.

➡ The fee for a **Pennsylvania Lifetime Dog License** is **\$51.50** for a non-neutered male or non-spayed female; **\$31.50** for a neutered male or spayed female. Senior citizens can purchase the lifetime licenses for **\$31.50** for a non-neutered male or non-spayed female; **\$21.50** for a neutered male or spayed female, respectively. This lifetime license can only be purchased from the Allegheny County Treasurer, who will maintain a file of the permanent identification verification form you will be required to complete. If you move, you must notify the County Treasurer of your change of address. If you move out of the county, the record must be transferred to your new county of residence. You will also receive a metal dog tag with your dog's lifetime license number that must be affixed to your dog's collar. If lost, the state currently charges a \$1.50 fee to replace it.

➡ There will be other fees you may incur in addition to the license fee noted above. The microchip insertion may cost you from **\$30.00 to \$50.00**. In addition to that fee, most clinics and veterinarians will charge a normal office visit fee, and if necessary, a fee to sedate your dog to perform the medical procedure. There's also an optional fee to register your permanent identification with the microchip manufacturer.

➡ Finally, please be aware that microchip identification is a relatively new technology, and many shelters and dog wardens are not equipped with the scanners required to read the microchips. Also, over time the chip may move under your dog's skin and could become difficult to locate and unreadable.

**This information is provided as a public service to help you make an informed decision concerning the dog licensing options available in Allegheny County. If you wish to use this option, please call 412-350-4111 for an application.**

**MAIL DIRECTLY TO:**  
**JOHN K. WEINSTEIN-ALLEGHENY**  
**COUNTY TREASURER**  
**Room 109-Courthouse**  
**436 Grant Street**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15219**

**LIFETIME**  
**DOG LICENSE APPLICATION**

Year of licensure \_\_\_\_\_

**A Permanent Identification Verification Form must be completed before the license will be issued.**

DOG OWNER'S NAME		PHONE NO. (    )		OWNER'S BIRTH DATE			
				MO.	DAY	YR.	
STREET OR R.D. NO.			TOWNSHIP/BOROUGH				
CITY			STATE <b>PA</b>		ZIP CODE		
DATE	BREED	DOG'S AGE		DOG'S NAME			
<b>REGULAR LIFETIME LICENSE</b>				<b>PERSON WITH DISABILITY OR SENIOR CITIZEN FEE</b>			
MALE \$51.50		NEUTERED MALE \$31.50		FEMALE \$51.50		SPAYED FEMALE \$31.50	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ABOVE PRICE INCLUDES SERVICE FEE ALLOWED BY LAW.				ABOVE PRICE INCLUDES SERVICE FEE ALLOWED BY LAW.			
COLOR /MARKINGS	SPOTTED	WHITE	BLACK	BROWN	OTHER--INDICATE		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A LICENSE THAT REQUIRES THE DOG OWNER TO BE A SENI OR CITIZEN, AGE 65 OR OLDER, OR A PERS ON WITH DISABILITY, YOU MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF AGE OR DISABILITY TO THE COUNTY TREASURER.							

I HEREBY VERIFY THAT I AM THE OWNER OF THE DOG THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS DOG LICENSE APPLICATION. I MAKE THIS STATEMENT SUBJECT TO THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES OF 18 Pa. C.S. § SECTION 4904 (RELATING TO UNSWORN FALSIFICATION TO AUTHORITIES).

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SIGNATURE OF DOG OWNER/APPLICANT REQUIRED  
MAIL TO COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

**PENNSYLVANIA BUREAU OF DOG LAW ENFORCEMENT  
PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION FORM**

 MICROCHIP

 TATTOO

MICROCHIP # \_\_\_\_\_ or TATTOO # \_\_\_\_\_  
MUST BE COMPLETED BY PERSON IMPLANTING OR SCANNING MICROCHIP      MUST BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY TREASURER PRIOR TO TATTOOING

DOG'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 DOG'S BREED \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ DOG'S SEX  MALE  NEUTERED MALE  FEMALE  SPAYED FEMALE

DOG'S COLOR/MARKINGS      SPOTTED       WHITE       BLACK       BROWN       OTHER - INDICATE  \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ STREET OR R.D. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE **PA** ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PERSON circle one MICROCHIP-IMPLANTING or SCANNING or TATTOOING VETERINARIAN PRACTICE# (TATTOO or MICROCHIP)  
**BV**

STREET OR R.D. NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PA KENNEL LICENSE # (MICROCHIP) \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

I MAKE THIS STATEMENT SUBJECT TO THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES OF  
 18 Pa. C.S. § SECTION 4904 (RELATING TO UNSWORN FALSIFICATION TO AUTHORITIES).

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 SIGNATURE OF PERSON IMPLANTING / SCANNING MICROCHIP/TATTOOING      DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE OF DOG OWNER      DATE

FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO COUNTY TREASURER WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT \_\_\_\_\_  
 Form is VOID if not returned to Treasurer on or before date listed