

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR DOG OWNERS

If you own a dog and do not buy a dog license, you could be placed on a delinquent dog license list and the delinquent dog license tax can be collected in the same manner as personal property taxes. The only exception for not buying a license is if the dog is kept for educational or scientific purposes.

Dogs specially trained to lead blind or deaf persons or to provide support for mobility-impaired persons can obtain a free dog license. By purchasing a dog license, you are not only protecting your pet in the event it should get lost, you are supporting your local animal shelter too. Only 11% of dogs in Douglas County are licensed.

This is a significantly low number in comparison to other counties. Counties across the state are also funding humane societies at large amount amounts of money. In 2002, Douglas County will be appropriating \$6,000.00 to the humane society. The more money that can be collected in the dog license fund, the less the county will have to appropriate through real estate taxes. For your information, all dog license fees are deposited into a dog license fund. After deducting expenses for forms and license tags, and retaining \$1000.00 for payment of potential dog damage claims, the balance of the fund is given to the Humane Society of Douglas County.

According to Section 174.05 of the Wisconsin Statues, the owner of a dog more than five months of age on January 1st or becoming five months of age within the license year shall annually on or before the dog becomes five months of age, pay the dog license fee and obtain a license. The collecting official shall assess and collect a late fee of \$5.00 from every owner of a dog five months of age or over if the owner failed to obtain a license prior to April 1st of every year. In addition, the same fine will apply if the owner has not acquired a licence within 30 days of acquiring ownership of dog that is five months of age or older.

Section 95.21(2)(a) of the Wisconsin statutes requires that the owner of a dog shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian within 30 days after the dog reaches 4 months of age, and be vaccinated again within 1 year of the initial vaccination date. The owner of the dog shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian before the immunization expires as stated on the certificate of vaccination, or if no date is specified, within 3 years after the previous vaccine.

DOG LICENSE STATEMENT

Owners Name _____ Fees: \$8.00 / Male or Female
Owners Address _____ \$3.00 / Neutered Male
_____ Spayed Female

Make payable to The Town of Hawthorne

Mail to: **Becky Hallberg, Treasurer**
7221 South Cty Road E
Solon Springs, WI 54873

Phone: **715.817.8000**

Name of Dog	Neutered		Spayed		Color	Breed
	Male / Male	Female / Female	Female / Female	Female / Female		

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A COPY OF THE RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR REQUEST FOR A LICENSE.