

# Dog Licensing Overview

Butler County licenses over 36,000 dogs per year. Not only is the license required by law, it ensures your dog a free ride home. When the dog wardens find a licensed dog running loose, they can look up the information and make sure your dog is returned to you safe and sound.

If you have not licensed your dog yet, an application is available on the Butler County Auditor's Web site at [www.ButlerCountyAuditor.org](http://www.ButlerCountyAuditor.org). Please print out the application and mail in with your payment to:

**Butler County Auditor**  
**130 High St., 4th floor**  
**Hamilton, OH 45011**

If your dog has lost its tag, you can purchase a duplicate tag for .25. You can only purchase a duplicate tag through the Auditor's Office. You can photocopy your original receipt, so that we have your tag number. Tape a quarter to that copy and send that along with a self addressed stamped envelope to the address above. Or you can come in and get one in person, it will only take a few minutes.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact us at (513) 887-3160 or visit us Online at [www.ButlerCountyAuditor.org](http://www.ButlerCountyAuditor.org).

## **Transferring a Dog License**

If you have given away or sold your dog that you have already licensed for the year, you can transfer the license to the new owner for .25. There is a form listed above that you can fill in and mail to our office.

## **Loss of a Beloved Pet**

If you have lost a dog due to death, please inform us soon after at (513) 887-3160 so that we will not send you a renewal notice in the mail on that particular dog. If you get a new dog you will need to purchase a new tag for the new dog.

## **Change of Address**

If you move, please call and give us your correct information at (513) 887-3160. Remember that the dog license is linked to your address. You want to be sure that the information is correct, should you be separated from your pet.

## **Kennel License Information**

Requirements to obtain a Kennel License in Butler County:

- Must be zoned A-1 Agricultural
- Must have at least 5 acres of land
- Kennel must be 200 feet from any property line

First time kennel license owners must present a letter from their local zoning board confirming the above information.

Cost of a kennel is \$70.00 per year as long as the license is renewed by January 31, this includes 5 dog licenses. After January 31 there is a \$70.00 penalty for all renewals. You can purchase up to 5 additional licenses for \$1.00 each.

## **SALES DATES AND FEES**

### **Dec.1 thru Jan. 31**

- Renewal or new dog license \$14.00

### **Feb 1 thru June 30**

- Late renewal registration (\$14.00 fee plus \$14.00 penalty) - 28.00
- Dog brought from out of state or new dog (no penalty) - 14.00

### **July 1 thru Nov. 30**

- Late renewal registration (\$14.00 fee plus \$14.00 penalty) - 28.00
- New purchase puppy, 3 months of age after July 1 (no penalty) - 7.00
- New purchase over 3 months of age on or before July 1 - 14.00 (no penalty if **within 30 days** of purchase)
- Dog brought from out of state (no penalty) - 7.00

### **Additional Information**

- Duplicate (lost) tags are issued by the Auditor's Office only. Fee is 25 cents. (To receive by mail owners must send self addressed, stamped envelope)
- Kennel Tags are issued by the Auditor's Office only. Fee 70.00
- Kennel Tags after January 31st (penalty added) - 140.00 (Kennels must comply with applicable zoning regulations.)