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## CITY TO HELP REGISTER YOUR UNREGISTERED PET

*Registration available at Muscatine Humane Society Low-Cost Clinic on April 8*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – City of Muscatine staff will be at the Muscatine Humane Society Low-Cost Rabies and Microchip Clinic Friday (April 8), assisting pet owners in registering their pets. The Muscatine Humane Society event will be held from 3-6 p.m. in the Canine Activity Center located next to the Humane Society at 920 S. Houser Street.

The City of Muscatine suspended the first-year registration fee for neutered dogs and cats from March 19 through April 30 to promote pet registration within the city. The offer does not apply to non-neutered pets.

“The event is for dogs and cats,” Chris McGinnis, director of the Muscatine Humane Society, said. “Dogs must be on leash while cats must be secured in a pet carrier.”





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The Muscatine Humane Society will be offering rabies vaccination for \$10.00, and microchipping (including microchip registration) for \$15.00. The Society will also offer \$10-\$12 identification tags that will be engraved while you wait. Dr. Robert Hathaway, DVM, will be administering the vaccine.

"We have done this event with the city for many years now," McGinnis said. "Last year we had about 70 pets come through in two hours. This year we hope to have 100 pets during the three-hour event."

Proof of spay or neuter must accompany all pets attending the clinic and/or registering with the city.

All dogs and cats six (6) months of age or older are required to be registered with the City of Muscatine.

A pet license runs concurrently with the pet's rabies vaccination. The pet license is required to be renewed annually with each yearly rabies vaccination. If your pet has received a two or three year vaccination, you must renew your pet license annually or pay the multiple years of license fees at the time of registration.

It is the responsibility of the owner to present proof the pet being registered is altered. The pet licensing requirement applies to all pets over six months of age. It excludes owners of seeing-eye dogs or owners who are confined to a wheelchair. Both are exempt from paying the pet fee; however they are still required to register their animals with the Finance office at City Hall.

Owners must provide a certificate from a licensed veterinarian certifying that the dog or cat has received a rabies inoculation and the date that the inoculation occurred.

The annual cost of registration for a neutered pet is \$5.00 but the annual fee is reduced to \$3.00 for pet owners 65 and older. The fee for non-neutered pets is \$25.00 per year with the annual fee reduced to \$15.00 per year for pet owners 65 and older.



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The neutered pet first year fee will be waived if the pet is registered prior to April 30 with the Department of Finance and Records at Muscatine City Hall, 215 Sycamore Street, Muscatine.

The Department keeps a complete registry of all licensed dogs and cats, their breed, color and sex, along with the name and address of the owner, and the number of the license tag. The registry is used to verify compliance with City Code during investigations by the Muscatine Police Department Animal Control Officer.

Neutered pets who receive a two- or three-year rabies inoculation may be registered for two or three years (based on the rabies inoculation received) if the multiple year fee is paid at the time of registration (i.e., \$10.00 for two-years; \$15.00 for three-years). Multiple year registrations will receive the first-year discount through April 30 as part of the City's pet registration promotion.

The license will be in effect until the anniversary date of the rabies vaccination of the animal and shall be renewable as determined by the animals' vaccination schedule.

Revisions to Chapter 8 (Animal Regulations) of Title 6 (Police and Public Safety) of the City Code of Muscatine were recently approved by the Muscatine City Council. The revised ordinance went into effect Sunday, March 13, 2022. Informative articles on changes to the Animal Control Ordinance will be published in the future.

For more information on pet licensing, call the Finance Department at 563-264-1550 or visit the [Pet Licensing](#) page on the City of Muscatine website.

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