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HERMOSA BEACH 2023 DOG LICENSES AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 19

Dogs Must Be Vaccinated Against Rabies; Licenses and Free Vaccines Will Be Made Available at Clark Field Basketball Courts on October 6

HERMOSA BEACH – The City of Hermosa Beach will begin offering 2023 dog licenses on Monday, September 19. City ordinances require dog licenses to be purchased or renewed each September for all dogs four months and older or within 30 days of receiving their first rabies vaccination. Dogs new to town must have a Hermosa Beach dog license within 30 days of moving to town or a penalty may apply.

Dog licenses help provide pet owners with proof of ownership and help to quickly and effectively reunite lost dogs with their owners. They also assist in increasing rabies vaccinations because proof of vaccination is required for a license.

Dog licenses are \$23 for neutered or spayed dogs, with proof of sterility, and \$97 for nonneutered or non-spayed dogs. Licenses must be purchased or renewed before October 31 or a 50% penalty will be added to the cost of the license. Service dogs may obtain a City dog license at no cost if a service dog proof of certification is provided. For senior residents 60 years of age or older, the fee is \$48 for non-neutered or non-spayed dogs and \$11 for neutered or spayed dogs.

Licenses are available for purchase <u>on the City website's online licensing system</u>, in person at the City Finance Cashier Office at City Hall from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday or by mailing the appropriate information and payment to the City of Hermosa Beach, Dog License Renewal, 1315 Valley Dr., Room 101, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254.

Purchasing or renewing a dog license through the website gives pet owners the opportunity to upload supporting documentation and update personal contact information online.

To purchase a license, please provide proof of rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian. The vaccination must be in effect for the entire licensing year.

The 2022 Rabies Vaccine Clinic is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the basketball courts adjacent to Clark Field. Personnel from VCA Coast Animal Hospital will be providing rabies vaccinations free of charge. Staff from the City's Finance Cashier will attend the event to sell dog licenses.

For more information, please visit the City's HYPERLINK "https://www.hermosabeach.gov/our-government/finance-department/financecashier/dog-licenses-responsibilities"<u>website</u> or call the City Finance Cashier Office at (310) 318-0251 or (310) 318-0217.

About Hermosa Beach

Founded in 1907, Hermosa Beach is a thriving community of some 20,000 residents. Located on the southern end of the Santa Monica Bay in Los Angeles County, with beaches ranked among the best in the world, Hermosa Beach has been recognized for its work to highlight Southern California beach