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Dog Licenses Go on Sale in Lake County

Lake County dog licenses for 2020 go on sale December 1, 2019, according to Christopher A. Galloway, County Auditor.

Three-year or permanent licenses are available for your dog(s) in addition to the traditional one-year license.

The registration fee for the one-year license is \$20.00; the three-year license is \$60.00; and the permanent license is \$200.00.

New this year, a limited quantity of orange bone shaped one-year license will be available to show your support of our Cleveland football team at no additional charge. These orange bone licenses will be available at the Auditor's office, online and by sending in your renewal application.

All dogs who have reached 3 months of age must be licensed.

The three-year license and the permanent license can only be purchased in Lake County Auditor's Office and at the Lake County Dog Shelter between December 1, 2019 and January 31, 2020. Owners should be aware that these longer-term licenses are not refundable in the event of the death of the animal or if the dog is passed to a new owner.

If a license is purchased after January 31, 2020, the cost will increase to \$40.00 per one-year license, \$80.00 per three-year license and \$220 per permanent license.

The fee for a kennel license is \$100.00 and includes five (5) tags. Additional kennel licenses may be purchased for \$1.00 each. If purchased late (after January 31, 2020), the fee will increase to \$200.00. The kennel licenses can only be purchased from the Lake County Auditor's Office and at the Lake County Dog Shelter.

As a convenience to the public, one year, three year and permanent dog licenses may be purchased online at <http://www.doglicenses.us/OH/Lake>. Online purchases require an additional fee of \$2.50, \$4.50 and \$11.75 per license, respectively.

Renewal Applications have been mailed. If you received a renewal application and would like to use this option, the dog owner should mail the appropriate fee and a **self-addressed stamped** envelope to the Lake County Auditor, 105 Main St. PO Box 490, Painesville, OH 44077-0490. Please make the checks payable to Lorraine Fende, Lake County Treasurer. The owner's name, address, phone number, and a description of the dog (age, color, breed) must be provided.

For in-person purchases, licenses are always available without a handling fee during regular operating hours at the Auditor's Office and the Dog Shelter.

As in the past, one-year licenses can be purchased at a cost of \$20.75 each at any of the agent sites (see attached document) throughout Lake County.

The agent sites, with the exception of the Auditor's Office and the Dog Warden, charge an additional \$0.75 administrative fee and only sell one year licenses.

If you have any questions regarding dog licenses you may contact the Lake County Auditor's Office at 350-2534 or the Lake County Dog Warden at 350-2640.