

Reasons to License your pet.

- Provides identification of animal to bylaw officer so they can return it to you.
- If house/vehicle gets broken into, the animal can be returned to you when it is found.
- Licensing is preparation for events that animal owners cannot control (kids let it out of the house when I was at work, my dog just seems to escape anytime it wants to, I have no idea my pet was even out of the yard??)
- Your dog/cat cannot speak on its own behalf to the reason it escaped your yard
- If your animal is found injured, the bylaw officer can find you to notify you of the situation ASAP.
- Free ride home the first time your pet is lost. Reunites the pet and pet owner.

But, I have an animal license that I made myself? It even has my phone number and address on it so someone can return my pet to me!

When I hear this statement I tell people:

- How much information do you really want a stranger to know about you?
- Would you write your phone number/address on your car in case if it was missing?

Why should I re-license every year?

- People move
- People change phone numbers
- Animals are given away to other owners in town (dog license needs to be renewed when a new owner acquires the pet)
- Town can update animal license information
- Micro-chipping is a great tool; however pet owners frequently forget to update the information if and when they move to another part of town or change phone numbers.

But my pet is licensed in another municipality, why do I have to register it here?

- That information wont help the officer find you to return your pet
- The previous municipality does not have your new phone number/address

Hey, my pet never gets out

- Things never happen until they happen
- You would want it to be returned to you when it does get out.