



**DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

Division of Public Health

Office of Animal Welfare

To Whom It May Concern,

On January 1, 2016, the Division of Public Health launched a statewide animal control service through a new unit within the Office of Animal Welfare called Delaware Animal Services (DAS). DAS now enforces dog control, animal cruelty, and rabies control laws in all three counties of Delaware. This letter is to inform you about this new function, the sheltering partner contracted to assist us, and explain jurisdiction shared with other law enforcement agencies.

**Animal Control Jurisdiction**

The cities of Wilmington, Newark, and Dover remain responsible for dog control within city limits. The City of Wilmington will transfer services to DAS in July, 2016. To report a complaint, residents can contact the following numbers:

**Delaware Animal Services - New Castle, Kent and Sussex Counties**

(302) 255-4646

**City of Wilmington**

(302) 654-5151

**City of Newark**

Newark Police (302) 366-7111

**City of Dover**

Dover Police (302) 736-7111

**Services**

DAS will receive calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from Delaware residents. DAS will respond to calls for assistance with stray or aggressive dogs, seriously injured/ill or endangered cats, and stray livestock. We also provide assistance to other law enforcement agencies when necessary, facilitate dog licensing, and investigate all reports of animal cruelty. DAS enforces rabies control laws and investigates all cases of human rabies exposures as directed by the Division of Public Health Epidemiology Team to ensure animals are properly quarantined. Finally, our officers conduct kennel and retail pet store inspections.

**Animal Cruelty**

If a resident suspects animal cruelty, they may call us at 302-255-4646. We have experienced law enforcement officers that will investigate complaints statewide. All complaints are kept confidential.

**Dog Licensing Services**

Dog licensing services were transferred from the counties to the State on January 1. The Office of Animal Welfare hired PetData to facilitate licensing. PetData offers online dog licensing at [www.Petdata.com/Delaware](http://www.Petdata.com/Delaware). Those who wish to obtain an offline application can call 877-730-6347. Please see the attached flyer.

**DAS Team**

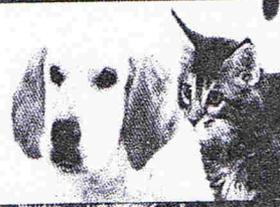
All officers are assigned to a district – North, Central, or South district – to encourage engagement with the local community and provide fast response times. All animal welfare officers have completed Animal Control and Cruelty Certification by the State of Delaware, Delaware Criminal Justice Communications System (DELJIS) Training, and expert animal handling training. All full-time officers have also completed the four-week Delaware State Constable Academy and are certified as state constables. Additionally, DAS provides supplemental training, such as animal CPR training, community policing techniques for animal control, and communications/ dispatch training.

**Lost and Found Pet Registry**

DAS operates the first statewide Lost and Found Pet Registry, enabling owners to easily find lost pets retrieved by officers or local shelters, and allowing owners of lost pets to post alerts. Residents can view the registry, or post found animals at [www.AnimalServices.delaware.gov](http://www.AnimalServices.delaware.gov). All stray animals rescued by our team are posted on the web site immediately upon transfer to shelter.

## Delaware Animal Services

Delaware Animal Services is a section of the Office of Animal Welfare that promotes and works to ensure the health and safety of animals, people and the community. Our lost and found service gives the public a centralized resource for reuniting people with their lost pets.



Visit the **NEW** Delaware  
Lost & Found Pet Registry

[www.AnimalServices.delaware.gov](http://www.AnimalServices.delaware.gov)

All animals rescued by Animal Welfare Officers are posted to the new Lost and Found Pet Registry.  
The public can visit the registry to look for a lost pet or post a lost or found pet notification.

# DELAWARE DOG LICENSES 2016

## Individual Dog License Requirements:

- All dogs 6 months of age or older must be licensed.
- Licenses are issued for the calendar year, January 1 through December 31 and can be purchased for one, two, or three year periods.
- Proof of current rabies vaccination is required at the time the license is issued.
- Fee waived for seeing eye, guide or lead dogs, or dogs who have former US Military service.

## License Fees:

- Spayed or Neutered Dog:  
1-year \$10      2-year \$20      3-year \$30
- Unaltered Dog:  
1-year \$15      2-year \$30      3-year \$45

## How to Purchase:

Online: credit card purchases can be made online at [www.Petdata.com/Delaware](http://www.Petdata.com/Delaware)

By Mail: Call 1-877-730-6347 to have an application mailed to you, or visit [www.Petdata.com/Delaware](http://www.Petdata.com/Delaware) to download an application.

## In Person:

Currently available in New Castle County only at locations below. Businesses interested in being a dog license partner are urged to call 302-255-4626.

Brandywine Valley SPCA (a surcharge per license applies)  
600 South Street  
New Castle, DE 19720  
<http://bvspca.org>

Delaware Humane Association (a surcharge per license applies)  
701 A Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801  
<http://dehumane.org>

New London Veterinary (a surcharge per license applies)  
437 New London Road  
Newark, DE 19711  
<http://newlondonvet.com/>

New Castle County Government Center (no surcharge)  
87 Read's Way  
New Castle, DE 19720

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SPAY & NEUTER

FOR PETS OF  
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ASSISTANCE

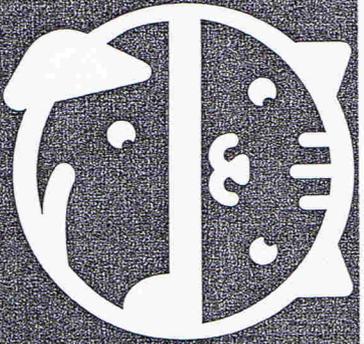
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## WHAT IS THE \$20 SPAY & NEUTER PROGRAM?

The program is brought to you by the Delaware Office of Animal Welfare.

Services are provided by licensed veterinarians.

Eligible people may have up to three pets spayed or neutered each state fiscal year for \$20 each. A free rabies shot is included.

This program helps us ensure that every cat and dog is wanted and safe.

### *About Spay and Neuter*

**Spay** means the removal of the ovaries and uterus from a female animal. **Neuter** means the removal of the testicles from a male animal.

Once an animal is spayed or neutered, that animal can't reproduce.

Spay and neuter has many benefits for



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